

## **Alexander City Council Minutes**

### **January 7, 2025**

Mayor Schear opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Council Persons Present: Christian Larsen, Roy Arends, Courtney Noelting, Brad Peterson, and Kim Larsen.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Noelting to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Larsen. Approved unanimously.

Minutes of December meeting – Motion by Arends to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson. Approved unanimously.

Motion by K Larsen to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noelting. Approved unanimously.

January Expenditures – Alliant Energy (nat gas/electric) \$1,378.82; Clear Lake Sanitary (water testing) \$44.00; Hawkins, Inc. (additives) \$455.62; IPERS (pensions) \$324.37; Router12 (phone/internet) \$80.00; S&H Environmental (Water Super/supplies) \$850.00; Treas St IA (WET) \$146.84 (WH) \$30.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,006.28; Wright County Landfill (Q3FY25) \$1,093.75; Aimee Frohling (clerk salary/mileage) \$877.56; Christian Larsen (Maint/Wat Ass./Roads) \$865.76; Thomas Schear (Mayor/mileage) \$70.78.

December Receipts – Property Taxes \$2,378.93; LOST \$1,310.00; Road Use Taxes \$1,418.32; Utility Accounts \$3,121.53.

Public Input – none.

Library Report – Director is doing online workshops for CE credits. Working on fundraiser project for Spring, as well as Easter and Annual Breakfast. Thinking of having a chili cookoff.

Mayor Shear opened the public hearing for Ordinances 25-01 & 25-02 for Codification and Water Rates. No Public Input, Mayor Shear closes the public hearing and opens the regular meeting of the Council.

Ordinance 25-01 Codification – Motion by Arends to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Larsen. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote. Motion by K Larsen to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noelting. Approved.

Ordinance 25-02 Water rates and Reconnect Fees – Motion by C Larsen to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noelting.

Approved unanimously upon roll call vote. Motion by Arends to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Larsen. Approved.

Resolution 25-01 Mileage Rate – Motion by Arends to approve, motion dies for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mileage rate to stay at 67 cents per mile.

Resolution 25-02 Depositories – Motion by K Larsen to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noelting. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Resolution 25-03 Payroll – Motion by Arends to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noelting. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Backwash water – no update

Nuisances – Car was towed last month, letters have not been sent yet from last meeting, those vehicles still in place, will send out this month to add overflowing dumpster at the apartments. Discussed what to do about a resident who has broken water pipes and non-working meter, access to the basement is unsafe with a wall to the entrance caved in. Will instruct Water Superintendent to shut the water off as an emergency to protect the water system and notify the home owner that water will not be turned on until safe entrance can be made to install a water meter at the customers expense.

Water System Updates – none, can remove from the agenda for now.

Park relocation – Several inquiries from interested parties to buy the old park. Will put it out for sealed bids with an allowance to come to the bid opening and raise their bid, with the City holding the right to reject any and all bids. Motion by Arends to hold the bid opening at the March meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noelting. Approved.

Septic – Dan Tilkes suggested to a council member that there may be enough room for the Library and Post Office to share a septic tank.

Building permits – none.

Adjourned.

Next regular council meeting – February 4, 2025, 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee J Frohling – City Clerk

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(Mayor Signature)