

Town of Alexandria

April 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and board of Alderman of the town of Alexandria met for the monthly meeting April 22, 2025 at 7 p.m. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Alexandria Town Hall, DeKalb County, Tennessee.

The board members in attendance were Mayor Beth Tripp, Jeff Ford, Jonathon Tripp, Sherry Tubbs and Luke Prichard. Members not in attendance were Bobby Simpson.

Prayer and Pledge were led by Jeff Ford.

Water and sewer report was presented by Rich Potter. Mr. Potter stated that the second pump at the Sykes pump station is up and running. Mr. Potter stated he will have to pull a pump off of High street; the pump has slowed down about 60 gallons a minute. Mr. Potter stated the sewer plant needs to be wasted. The sludge has settled in the clear water and it releases nitrogen into the water. "The nitrate count is 13,000; the limit is 9,000 so we have exceeded the limit and that worries me" Mr. Potter has not pumped because the digester was not working. The digester is working now. Mr. Potter stated he has put in a water line on Shady Lane for a new home. Mr. Potter stated there is a slight problem with the booster station, the generator is tripping out and browning the water. Alderman Tripp asked Mr. Potter "Where are we on the digital read meters?" Mr. Potter stated that the order for the digital meters took place while he was not under contract with the town of Alexandria. The orders for the digital meters were 1150. Mr. Potter stated we are missing eight (8) 1 inch meters, one (1) 2 inch zone meter and one hundred twenty one (121) 5/8 inch meters. Mr. Potter stated that the old meters are being sold to Dowelltown/Liberty for \$10,000.00 that will be put back into the water fund. Mr. Potter stated he has purchased new flooring, painted the walls, added a stainless steel sink, replaced shelves and countertops in the sewer plant.

The police report was presented by Chief Vincent Turocy. (Attached) Chief Turocy stated he has set up a new Facebook page for the police department to inform residents of police events. Chief Turocy has scheduled three (3) operations for May 2025. A Hands Free Saturation, Seatbelt Saturation and Speed Saturation.

Chief Turocy presented the board with needing the CAD software installed on the three laptops that were approved for the police department by the previous chief. The total cost if the CAD software is \$4,594.50. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the CAD software by Jonathon Tripp. Motion was 2nd by Sherry Tubbs. MOTION PASSED with no vote from Luke Prichard.

The fire report was presented by Chief John Partridge. (Attached) Chief Partridge recognized one of his firefighters, Josh Woodford , for completing nearly 100 hours of training. Mr. Woodford will complete his live fire training this coming weekend.

The finance report was presented by Rhonda Conatser. Mrs. Conatser stated she has been working with MTAS on the yearly budget. A workshop was set for the department heads to discuss the budget on April 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The mayor report was presented by Mayor Beth Tripp. A date was set for May 31, 2025 at 7 p.m. for the community movie night at the DeKalb Fairgrounds.

The first reading of the zoning change request was read. Sunny Patel is requesting a zoning change for the property he purchased across the street from Sunoco gas station from residential to commercial.

A motion was made by Jonathon Tripp to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion was 2nd by Sherry Tubbs.

Mayor Tripp opened the floor for resident input. Jeremy Prince of 101 Shady Lane spoke on the minimum charge for water bills being too high. Mr. Prince stated he was gone for two weeks and paid a minimum bill of \$61.15. No other resident input was heard.

A motion was made by Jonathon Tripp to adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Sherry Tubbs. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor _____

Attested _____

Recorder _____

