



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2023

Mayor Andy Schabell called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Joe Anderson	Present	Tom Baldrige	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Kyle Sparks	Present
Robert Strong	Present	Susan Vanlandingham	Present

Also: Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk
Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.

David Plummer, City Administrator
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
JoAnn Hackworth, City Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 1, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Regular Meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS – None

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

RES 2023-01 – Kentucky Deferred Comp Plans: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, permitting the City of Alexandria to participate in retirement plans offered by Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority for the benefit of eligible employees.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Duncan preformed the ceremonial swearing in for the office of council and Mayor.

Mr. Duncan then read through the Municipal Orders.

MUN. ORDER #2023-01 – Derek Moore to Planning & Zoning (4-year term)
MUN. ORDER #2023-02 – Delbert Combs to Board of Ethics (3-year term)
MUN. ORDER #2023-03 – Brett Ruschman (alternate) to Board of Ethics (1-year term)
MUN. ORDER #2023-04 – Daniel Phirman to Park & Rec (4-year term)
MUN. ORDER #2023-05 – Rick Carr to Park & Rec (4-year term)
MUN. ORDER #2023-06 – Linda Vogelpohl to Code Enforcement (3-year term)
MUN. ORDER #2023-07 – Joe Schwarber to Property Maintenance (3-year term)
MUN. ORDER #2023-08 – Dave Downing (alternate) to Board of Ethics (1-year term)

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2023-01 through 2023-08, seconded by Tom Baldrige. Mayor Schabell thanked everyone who serves on the boards and commissions; without the people, the city would not run. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

MUN. ORDER #2023-09 – Surplus Property: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria declaring surplus property and authorizing disposal of such property by sale or donation.

Mr. Duncan went through the items to be surplus and the method of disposal. Mr. DeJaco met with the Mayor of Buchhorn and explained everything they had was wiped out by the floods so they currently have nothing. Councilman Anderson asked if the Police Department had any vehicles

they could spare and Chief Cooper explained they are in no position to be giving away vehicles at the moment.

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2023-09, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator: See attached reports. The Zoning Administrator position has been posted and there is one interview set up. They are also looking at some short-term options if someone cannot be hired prior to Ms. Hofstetter's last day in office. Mr. Plummer also pointed out CT Consultants will now be providing a monthly report on the projects they are working on for the city.

Police Department: Chief Cooper thanked everyone for participating in the Toy Drive and Angel Tree program. He received an email about the Opioid settlement disbursement that will be paid out over the next five (5) years. He is also looking at programs and resources the money can be spent on as the requirements are very specific. The department is also accepting applications for a lateral officer.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Beautification Committee – Susan Vanlandingham: Ms. Vanlandingham announced the winner of the 2022 Winter/Christmas Beautification Award, Steven and Pamela Tester of 10 Elmwood Ct. They were not able to attend the meeting, but she will drop off the award and yard sign.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

New Council Committee: Councilwoman Vanlandingham explained and presented information on the new Future Planning Committee to council prior to the selection of committees. Mr. Plummer provided a memo (see attached) to council. This committee will require some homework and possible meetings outside of council with other boards.

Council Committees: Mayor Schabell explained the process of selecting the committees by seniority and they would select the chair position and then select the committees they want to sit on.

Finance:	Chair – Graus	Baldrige	Anderson
Bs. Retention & Development:	Chair – Sparks	Graus	Vanlandingham
Public Works:	Chair – Baldrige	Sparks	Strong
Safety:	Chair – Anderson	Baldrige	Strong
Future Planning:	Chair – Vanlandingham	Graus	Sparks
Personnel:	Chair – Strong	Anderson	Vanlandingham

HB 8: Mr. Plummer reported the sales tax portion of House Bill 8 has gone into effect and now the city is having to charge sales tax on community center rentals & walker memberships.

OLD BUSINESS

City Sign: Councilman Sparks asked for an update on electric to the sign. Mr. DeJaco reported the engineer for Duke failed to submit a permit on their end, but is hoping he will know something in the next few weeks.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: The next Public Works meeting will be February 2 at 6:00 p.m. He thanked Mr. Plummer for the report and those who serve on boards. He visited the new Cold Spring building and they have a lot of great stuff but he realized the city may not be able to fit everything they want at the new site once the building and parking lot are put in. He encouraged others on council to go and visit the Cold Spring site.

There was discussion in regards to why the gas prices are higher in Alexandria than other places in Northern Kentucky. He visited Falmouth and Florence and both locations had cheaper gas prices. He asked if there was anything the city could do or speak with about this issue. Mayor Schabell explained the higher gas prices are not due to the city imposing a tax on gas and he invited gas stations to come to a meeting and explain why the prices are higher in Alexandria.

Joe Anderson: He asked if there was going to be a report in regards to the new shelter at the park. Mr. Plummer referenced the report from CT Consultants and added the Park Board is looking at a pre-engineered design and the most recent conversation has been about the procurement process and what options are available. The exact style is still being decided. Councilman Anderson asked where the companies were located for the pre-engineered shelters. He went on to say he doesn't understand why the city would not use a local lumber yard for the materials and does not agree with shipping in the materials from out of state. Mr. Plummer can pass along his concerns as the board is still in the exploratory stage. Mayor Schabell went on to explain they will do all they can to hire local but also reiterated the terms of the grant are very specific and must be followed. Councilman Anderson asked for comments from the rest of council. A few members spoke about the pre-engineered designs as being of high quality and being designed so they can be installed easily. Councilman Graus recommended he attend a Park & Recreation meeting to express his concerns to the board in charge of making the recommendation. It was also shared the companies being looked at also provide the seating as part of the shelter. Councilwoman Vanlandingham believes it should go both ways, of allowing local contractors to bid, but also know that some of the companies who specialize in this may come with a lower bid. There was a brief conversation about the seating for the shelter.

He asked about the number of road patches on US 27 from about 709 down to Gold Star and wondered what can be done to fix the road. The road is maintained by the State and they would be responsible for correcting it. Councilman Strong pointed out the apartment project is not finished so there may be more adequate repairs once the project is completed.

Stacey Graus: He welcomed Councilman Strong to council. He also gave an update on the delay on Popeyes and Dunkin Donuts; they have had issues getting materials. They are slated to open sometime in March, staggering the openings.

Mayor Schabell: He is honored to have another 4-years as mayor of the city. He is looking forward to working with council and appreciates being surrounded by great people from staff to council. He thanked the Public Works department for all of their hard work during the last snow storm with the wide range of weather conditions and over the holidays. Councilman Anderson asked if there was special pay for those that went out over the holidays and believes they should receive bonus pay for all their hard work.

He also gave an update on some businesses around town. Cottingham Hardware was recognized by Senator Rand Paul on December 3, 2022 as the U.S. Senate Small Business of the Week. They have been in business since 1957, started by Tom & Betty Cottingham and is now run by their sons and brother, Tom, Mike and Joe.

BCM Auto is now open in their new location in the old Alexandria Car Wash. They are excited for the expansion and they are now offering UHaul services.

ORIGINAL

Tailored Catering owners are retiring and closing their doors after being in Alexandria for the last 5 or 6 years. He congratulated the owners on their retirement.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 26, 2023 for Healing Hope which is an outpatient mental health location. They are located at 8333 Alexandria Pike, in the building with the Alexandria Library.


FUTURE MEETINGS

COMMUNICATIONS


Event for Alexandria Residents: Councilman Anderson has been in contact with Mr. Plummer and Doug Carmack of the Alexandria Fair about possibly having an event there for Alexandria residents. Mr. Carmack was on board. There was a brief discussion about what kind of event they would host; the idea is to keep the first one simple to gauge interest. The City of Alexandria has not hosted a celebration or event in a long time so the type of event is very fluid at the moment. Council was in agreement the event is worth exploration.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 1/19/2023


Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 1-19-23

Stacy L. Aron, Mayor Pro Tem