



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of February 2, 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 Baldridge	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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Glenn Baldwin, Hunters Hill: Mr. Baldwin wanted to address council about the state of the road he lives on. He praised the city for their work and checking on things and patching holes, but the patches don't last and break apart. There was discussion about the 5-year street program and Hunters Hill is on the list, but Mr. Baldwin would like to see the street moved up on the plan. Mr. DeJaco has been in contact with the engineers to reevaluate the streets and the schedule. There was discussion on whether the problem is an underlying issue or just normal wear and tear. They also discussed the process for patching the holes and what is available. Mr. Anderson shared about patches on US 27 in Cold Spring that seems to be holding up that might be something to look into the material used.

Mayor Schabell stated the earliest anything could be done would be the fall as the money for the current budget year has already been allocated to streets. If it's just a section that needs to be replaced the city might be able to get to it sooner.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Mr. Duncan read the following, second reading:

ORD 2023-01 – An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending Section 72.12 of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances in order to amend the provisions pertaining to handicap parking for persons with disabilities.

This Ordinance establishes a written policy for residents to apply for a street handicap spot in front of their residence. Councilman Strong asked how the spot would be designated, spot painted on the street or a sign. Mr. Plummer explained that was left out of the Ordinance to allow Public Works to decide what would be best for the area. Councilwoman Vanlandingham had a few questions in regard to the review of the permits and renewal process. Once an application is received, the area will be reviewed to ensure the off-street parking space is warranted and the applicant would have to renew within 5 days of the anniversary, at no additional cost, to keep the spot. The city would also keep track of the open permits.

MOTION: Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2023-01, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter reported delinquent tax notices have gone out and the surplus item has sold and will be picked up by the seller in the coming days.

City Administrator: See attached report. Mr. Plummer reminded the council they will not have access to their email over the weekend as the systems are being updated. Current job openings have been posted for Code Enforcement and Administrative Clerk. Mr. Plummer would like to attend the Administrators conference in March. With Carol Hofstetter retiring, days have been filled with zoning questions, but it has been a good way to learn.

There was a brief discussion about the Code Enforcement job opening.

There was a discussion about a light at Washington and Orchard Ln, but it does not appear one has been installed. Chief Cooper will follow up with the Middle School.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: The committee met this evening and discussed enhancing the street sealing program. They will be updating the 5-year street program. The committee also discussed the city sign and are still waiting on Duke. Also discussed the current sidewalk and street program. Their next meeting will be March 2, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Safety – Joe Anderson: Next meeting will be February 16, 2023, at 6:30pm

Business Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: The committee is scheduled to meet on February 16, but Mr. Sparks will be out of town so he asked the other council members if anyone would be willing to switch dates with him. After some discussion Business Retention & Development traded dates with Safety, so their meeting will be March 16, 2023, at 6:30pm. Due to the switch both meetings will be special meetings.

Personnel – Robert Strong: He met with Mr. Plummer and Chief Cooper and discussed agenda items of things for the Police department to discuss on February 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Future Planning – Susan Vanlandingham: The committee met this evening and outlined their mission statement and goals. She will meet with Mr. Plummer to prioritize those goals and develop a road map of how to move forward. Their next meeting will be March 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Finance – Stacey Graus: Their next meeting will be March 16, 2023, at 6:00pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning & Zoning: Ms. Vanlandingham attended the meeting on Tuesday, and she gave the commission an overview of the new committee and invited them to join.

NEW BUSINESS

Facebook: Mr. Sparks spoke to a comment that came across the Facebook feed regarding high utility prices from SD1, Duke Energy and others. It was explained the city has no control over those prices and the prices are not higher due to any taxes imposed by the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Blue Roo Carwash: Mayor Schabell reported the city has received a signed contract from the owners of Blue Roo for the installation of the sound fence. A local fence company is ready to go,

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and the sound blocks will be ordered from Acoustiblok out of Florida. Councilman Anderson thanked everyone for their persistence and not backing down in order to get a solution in place.

Property at E. Main & Thatcher: Councilwoman Vanlandingham asked for a status update on the house at East Main and Thatcher. Mr. Plummer gave an overview of the process and stated the County has issued a building permit for the rebuild construction to begin. The permit is good for one year, so the city is in a holding pattern until then.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: He gave an overview of his time spent at the City Officials Academy in Lexington. It was very informative, and he highly recommended others to attend in the future. He also gave an overview of all the things KLC does for the city and on behalf of the city in Frankfort.

Mayor Schabell also shared about the City Officials Orientation that he and Councilman Strong attended and how informative that was even though it was only 3 hours. Mayor Schabell also shared he wished KLC would do more online training for those who may not be able to make the out-of-town events.

Joe Anderson: He asked for an update on the Duke Energy pole by the sign. Mr. Plummer has reached out to Duke Energy, and they are weighing their options but for now things will stay as is until a plan is in place.

Susan Vanlandingham: She would like to get a date on the books for the Open House if everyone is still on board. She would like to see it be held on a non-council night and invite the other boards and commissions so everyone can meet each other and allow the residents to meet everyone as well. She is thinking to have the event in the Spring. Ms. Tarter will work with Ms. Wagner to figure out some possible dates.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m. – Planning & Zoning
- Feb. 14, 7:00 p.m. – Board of Ethics

EXECUTIVE SESSION

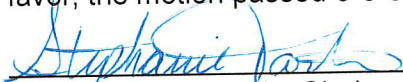
Mayor Schabell explained council had several items to discuss in executive session and stated no action would be taken as a result of the session.

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b)(c)(f), seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0 at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION: Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0 at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 2/16/23


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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