



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes of February 16, 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	Absent
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: February 2, 2023, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Tom Baldridge. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Shawn Hartman & Brady Buemi: Chief Cooper introduced the department's two newest hires. Mr. Hartman will be heading to the academy in March and Mr. Buemi is already in field training as a lateral hire. Mr. Duncan performed the swearing-in ceremony. Chief Cooper also reported they have another hire ready for the academy, but he is waiting for a start date.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

RES 2023-02: Amending interlocal agreement between the City of Alexandria, Kentucky and the Campbell County Fiscal Court to expand the services provided by the county to include base planning, zoning and flood planning coordination for and on behalf of the City of Alexandria.

Mayor Schabell gave an overview around the decision to move the planning and zoning services to Campbell County. They currently provide building inspections for the city and they have staff in place to do the job. He would like to try it for at least a year and then reevaluate. He went on to explain the city will still maintain a Planning and Zoning board and the City will still have control over the planning of the city. There was a question about when the agreement would take effect and it was explained the agreement still has to go before the Fiscal Court which will meet on February 27. It was asked if there would be someone from the county a resident could call and speak with when they have questions regarding zoning. Matt Elberfeld, County Administrator explained anyone can call the office and they will be directed to a planner who will be able to answer their questions. Mr. Elberfeld gave an overview of how the county assists the other cities in Campbell County. He went on to explain that from a planning perspective, especially along US 27 it is helpful to be reviewing projects for all cities along the US27 corridor.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-02, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Justing Otto, Economic Development: He reported the fiber project to all single-family homes in Campbell County is scheduled to be complete by mid-2023 with up to 1GB of service. The county also offers small to mid-size business incentive programs, from job development programs for businesses relocating to the area they get a 40% rebate on payroll tax to the county. They also have the property reassessment moratorium, as long as 51% of the building is used for commercial

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use, which basically means if a business purchases a building that is at least 25 years or older and make upgrades the assessment will be frozen at the lower amount for 5 years.

Matt Elberfeld, City Administrator: He gave an overview of the things happening in the county and things that would benefit the city. The SD1 project along the AA is scheduled to be completed by December 2023 which will bring sewer to 1,015 acres. SD1 has also been working on storm water overflow issues that cause flooding in Wilder and Silver Grove. The tanks fill up with water during heavy rain events and then slowly release the water as the sewer has capacity. The parks are being installed with free Wi-fi. AJ Jolly Park had a new boat ramp installed in the fall. They are also working on a renovation to the Animal Shelter. Also, KYTC will be working on design plans to add a turn lane turning right from 709 onto AA and then also adding a right turn lane from SB AA onto 709. The construction should begin summer 2024.

RES 2023-03: A resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, opposing the passage of Senate Bill 50 and House Bill 50 relating to partisan local elections.

Mr. Duncan explained the city currently has the option to make local elections partisan, but these state bills would make them mandatory. Mayor Schabell explained other local cities have adopted similar resolutions and he is opposed to the two bills. He went on to explain the city only had 5 people sign up to run and then had a few more as write-ins but he feels that adding an additional step of primary's would further deter people from running.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03, seconded by Tom Baldridge. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Mayor Schabell encouraged everyone to also contact the representatives.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator: Mr. Plummer is glad to have a plan in place to move forward with Planning & Zoning. He gave an update on the open position of Administrative Clerk and that interviews are being set up. A few applications have been received for the Code Enforcement position and there is still a notice in the paper. Contact has been made with Acoustiblok and things are moving forward.

Police Department: See attached report. Chief Cooper thanked the council for allowing the new officers to be at the meeting and he is excited to have the positions filled. He also mentioned the department will continue to handle code enforcement issues as best they can until the position is filled.

Public Works: See attached report.

Community Center: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: Their next meeting will be March 2, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Safety – Joe Anderson: The committee met and spoke about the speeding issues around town and ways to resolve those issues. The next meeting will be June 15, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Personnel – Robert Strong: The committee met and discussed adjusting the pay scale for new police recruits and office personnel. Mr. Plummer will formulate a letter to send to the Finance Committee for consideration. Next meeting will be June 15, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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Future Planning – Susan Vanlandingham: Their next meeting will be March 2, 2023, at 6:30pm.

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

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Board of Ethics: The board met and reviewed all of the Financial Interest Statements submitted by the boards and non-elected personnel. Mayor Schabell thanked them for their time.

NEW BUSINESS

Profit-n-Loss: See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS

Open House: Councilwoman Vanlandingham stated May 23, 2023 seems to be the best date for the community center and that date is free of boards and commission meetings. The goal of the open house is to have council, office personnel and boards and commissions have a meet and greet with not only each other, but the residents of Alexandria as well. If the event is pushed out to May, that allows more time for planning and organizing the event. There was discussion about things that could pull folks to the event, like food trucks, and door prizes.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: Councilman Baldridge thanked Mr. DeJaco and Chief Cooper for their work on addressing code issues in the city. He encouraged residents to call the office if they see issues that need to be addressed. He also asked about parking in Arcadia, specifically Talus Way and the issue his daughter is having with folks parking close to their driveway and blocking their trash cans to where Rumpke will not service the cans. There was further discussion about Rumpke, their cans, and when they are allowed to start work in the city.

Joe Anderson: Councilman Anderson asked for an update on the City Campus. Mr. Plummer gave an overview of where things are at the moment and reported he met with CT in January to review the plans on file and authorized them to move forward and there should be some movement in the next few months. Councilman Anderson asked about the size of the current lot and if that will be large enough to fit everything they want. Mr. Plummer reviewed all the items purposed for the site and confirmed the site is large enough to house all of that. There was also discussion about the sewage situation and what the city was going to do. Councilman Anderson also mentioned there may be property south of the new city campus that may be for sale.

He also asked about the park shelter; things are still the same with the procurement process still being held up at DLG. There have been two different renditions that have been given and then pulled back.

Councilman Anderson asked about the land the city owns and named off a few parcels that have been sitting and if the city should sell the properties so the city can make some money rather than letting them sit. Councilman Graus stated there is still a plan to develop the Grandview parcel into a parking lot due to the fact that when there is an event at the Community Park there is not enough parking on the current lots. Some of the events were mentioned when the lot was used for parking.

There was discussion about the property in Ridgewood and it was explained the lot has a pond for storm water run off retention purposes. There was discussion regarding what the original plan was for the property and the fact that it would not be a buildable lot.

Councilman Anderson also brought up the KOI parking lot the city has been renting for the last several years for public parking. He stated he has driven past the lot over the last few months and there is a blue truck with a for sale on it. He asked if the contract can be looked at to either not resign or to get out of early. Councilman Graus explained the lease agreement was a result of business owners in the area complaining about not having places for their customers to park and since the city has no control over the road way that runs through the area, the lease agreement with KOI for the parking lot was the best solution. He did recognize there has not been a lot of business in recent years and the contract can be revisited, but he cautioned that if the city gives up that lot, there is no guarantee it could be obtained again. Councilman Graus suggested having the Future Planning Committee take up the conversation. Councilman Anderson mentioned several locations of parking lots located at perspective businesses. Councilwoman Vanlandingham mentioned a meeting she had with a business in Old Towne and they are looking for additional parking options. There are several new businesses, and they are attempting to revitalize the Light up Alexandria event and/or the Alexandria Business Association. She mentioned some of their ideas of events. The parking lot may have been before it's time, but council did what they thought to be best when they were approached by the businesses requesting more parking. Councilman Anderson believes it is an unneeded expense.

Stacey Graus: Councilman Graus expressed his gratitude for the work of the county and the news of the right in/right out at AA and 709.

FUTURE MEETINGS


- Feb. 20 – City Offices will be closed
- Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m. – Planning & Zoning

COMMUNICATIONS

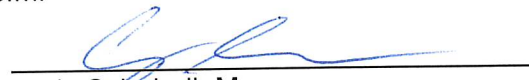
- Letter from City of Buckhorn from Mayor Turner
- Alexandria Community Park was stocked with 1500 trout on February 9, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 3-2-23


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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