



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of April 20, 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  
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief  
David Plummer, City Administrator

Mike Duncan, City Attorney  
Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.  
JoAnn Hackworth, City Treasurer

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**Passing of Roger Steffen** – Mayor Schabell expressed heartfelt gratitude for the many years Roger served the city, as Mayor, Councilman, City Clerk, etc and all that he did in the community; he was an ambassador for Alexandria. There was a moment of silence to remember Roger.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 6, 2023, Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Tom Baldridge. The motion passed 5-0-1, Stacey Graus abstained.

### **UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**Dennis Deaton:** He addressed the council about the changes to the Community Park and not being asked back to work at the park. He read a letter from Doug DeJaco letting him know he would not be asked back to work and then read a letter from Mayor Rachford praising him for his work in 2017. He would like an explanation as to why he was not asked for an interview. Mayor Schabell gave an explanation about the direction for the seasonal staff at the park and the direction of the Public Works department to take over more of the maintenance work at the park. He expressed his apologies for not handling the situation better.

**Julie, Independence:** Addressed council about how Alexandria is the talk of other areas, and the city can do better.

### **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS**

*Mr. Duncan read the following:*

*Second Reading:*

**ORD 2023-04:** An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending section 37.02 of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances, Ordinance 2022-02, and the City's Personnel and Pay Classification Plan, by amending the salary ranges for city employees in the document entitled City of Alexandria, Job Descriptions, Classifications and Salary Ranges for City Employees.

**MOTION:** Kyle Sparks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-04, Susan Vanlandingham shared some feedback from citizens that was positive and in support of the Ordinance. Susan Vanlandingham seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:** Ms. Tarter reminded the council to bring in their Code of Ordinance books so they can be updated with the latest supplement. She also reported she will be out of town attending the Clerks Spring Conference in Owensboro, KY.

**City Administrator:** Mr. Plummer reported he attended the OKI & KYTC meeting where they presented a list of projects and their rankings. The list then goes to the Legislature and Governor for approval. He reported there are 3 projects in the Alexandria area: truck climbing hill by Walmart, 709/US27/AA turn lanes and a 536 expansion. Council members were encouraged to push those projects when having conversations with those in Frankfort. He also reported there will be a new business opening in May in the Jolly Center near AutoZone where residents can ship packages; he will be working with them to get a ribbon cutting ceremony planned.

**Police Department:** See attached report. Chief Cooper reported they will have a couple of new hires starting over the next several weeks. The new vehicles have been outfitted and are on the road. The Drug take back will happen this weekend, no liquids. He also reminded residents golf carts are not allowed on the streets nor are 4-wheelers. The Police Department will donate helmets for the bikes for the raffle at the open house.

**Public Works:** See attached report. Mr. Dejacó reported a 5<sup>th</sup> employee was hired and he will start on Monday.

**Community Center:** See attached report.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**Public Works – Tom Baldrige:** Next meeting will be May 4 at 6:00pm. Streets are currently being repaved.

**Safety – Joe Anderson:** Next meeting will be June 15 at 6:30pm.

**Business Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks:** Next meeting will be May 4 at 6:30pm

**Personnel – Robert Strong:** Next meeting will be June 15 at 6:00pm.

**Future Planning – Susan Vanlandingham:** Next meeting will be June 1 at 6:30pm.

**Finance Committee – Stacey Graus:** The committee met this evening and approved the budget for the 2023/2024 FY. He praised JoAnn Hackworth and David Plummer for the great job they did and bringing them a balanced budget. He believes they could have a first reading of the budget at the May 4 meeting. Next meeting will be May 18 at 6:00pm.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS** - None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Profit & Loss Report:** See attached report. Mayor Schabell pointed out the

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Blue Roo Noise Barrier:** Councilman Sparks asked for an update on the sound barrier for Blue Roo. Mayor Schabell reported he signed a check for the sound barrier material and R&M Fencing will install the fence on May 15.

**City Social:** Councilwoman Vanlandingham reported she has received 5 more donations for the raffle and Jon Jon will be the DJ for the event. She also reported some of the boards and commissions are stepping up to donate items to the 12 and under raffle.



**City Sign:** Mr. DeJaco reported the invoice has been paid for the work and then construction should begin after Duke receives the payment. The city cut a check for \$26,000 for electric which will provide electric for the whole campus.

## COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

**Joe Anderson:** He spoke to the 536 expansion, the design plans that have been in the works for some time and the potential to connect down to Route 8. He believes this expansion would be great for the residents as it would open access to good paying jobs over in the Florence area and make them more accessible. He would like to write a letter of support to the state, Mr. Plummer offered to draft such a letter.

**Kyle Sparks:** He shared that Covid is going back around and there is a new variant.

**Robert Strong:** He announced this weekend Southern States will celebrate 100 years in business and 75 years in business here in the city.

**Susan Vanlandingham:** She shared a flyer for Alexandria Tire Center with guest Shelly Funke-Frommeyer on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Alexandria Tire Center will also host a fundraiser for Local 219 Ladies Auxiliary with the Cruise-In May 20.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 3, 7:00pm – Park & Recreation

## COMMUNICATIONS

- DEA Drug Take Back – April 22, 10am-2pm at the Community Center
- Campbell County Spring Cleanup – April 28 & 29 from 8:00am-5:00pm
- Shred Day – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm at 2805 Alexandria Way, Highland Heights
- Arbor Day Tree Giveaway – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am at Alexandria Community Park
- Campbell County Farm & Expo – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm at Alexandria Fair Grounds
- Mayor Schabell read a letter from a resident in support of the pay scale increase.
- Mayor Schabell read a letter from Alexandria First Assembly of God who gives out something each Easter to Council.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Kyle Sparks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

  
Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 5/4/2023

  
Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 5/4/2023