



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of May 18, 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	Absent

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 4, 2023, Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** Tom Baldridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Joe Anderson. The motion passed 4-0-0.

### **SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**American Legion Local 219 Ladies Auxiliary:** Tammy Moore gave an overview of the Simon Gosney Auxiliary Ladies 219; they meet the third Tuesday of every month at the VFW 3025 Post. They support veterans and veterans' groups monetarily or via volunteer support. They raise money through their various fundraisers like the Cruise-In on May 20, 2023. They are accepting new members and donations.

### **UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**Priscilla Brownfield, Main Street Bored Game Cafe:** Ms. Priscilla addressed Council about the lighting on Main Street and Washington. Students from Bishop Brossart and St. Mary's frequent her Café and in the winter the street lighting is inadequate. She asked about public parking and asked for better signage for the Free Public Parking. There was discussion regarding use and current signage. Ms. Priscilla would like to see park benches and more trash cans in Olde Towne. She spoke with Councilwoman Vanlandingham about this since the Community Park is overloaded with benches. She would like to have a block party once or twice a year for the local businesses. She has been in contact with some other business owners, and they are on board with the idea. Ribbon Cutting will be Saturday May 27 at 10:00am, she has been open for about a year. Her café is a pay to play, and her specialty is soup, salad and sandwiches. Starting in June she will do grill outs on the weekends.

**Mary Talbot, 51 Michele Ln, Ft. Thomas:** Ms. Talbot addressed council regarding the use of the Alexandria Police Department at the Bridge Church. She stated she was a member of the Bridge Church and on Feb 6, 2023, received a letter from the church asking her to no longer attend. She laid out other information regarding the situation from open records requests to meetings with Chief Cooper and City Attorney Mike Duncan. She went on to state it took several attempts to get all the records she requested and only until Mr. Duncan became involved. She referenced several letters and emails she received and stated there were inconsistencies. She believes the Police Department is being misused and could be problematic.

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

**Resolution 2023-05:** Contains list of city-maintained roads and list of those within the city but not maintained by the city. Mr. Duncan explained this is in relation to the Municipal Road Aid Fund and establishes the amount of street mileage the city maintains.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

**Executive Order 2023-03:** An Executive Order of the Mayor of the City of Alexandria rescinding Executive Order #2020-02.

Mayor Schabell explained the reason he waited so long to rescind the state of emergency was to ensure the city would not lose out on any Federal or State funding related to COVID-19.

**Kids to Parks Day Proclamation:** Proclaiming May 20, 2023, as Kids to Parks Day in the City of Alexandria.

Mayor Schabell went on to say this is something the city does every year and this year it will be a Mini Tough Mudder in partnership with Thriveology.

**Public Works Week Proclamation, May 21-27:** Proclaiming May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week in the City of Alexandria.

Councilman Graus introduced Ordinance 2023-05, explaining they met and discussed the budget, it is balanced and on the conservative side.

*Mike Duncan read the following, 1<sup>st</sup> reading:*

**Ordinance 2023-05:** An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, by estimating revenues and resources, and appropriating funds for the operation of the city government.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:** Ms. Tarter reminded Council Members about the Memorial Day parade and asked Council to let her know of their participation.

**City Administrator:** Mr. Plummer pointed out the Code Enforcement report is included in the packet; the current format can be changed if needed. In his work with Mr. Liles there could be ordinance change recommendations for the Council to review. Popeyes and Dunkin Donuts finally have a hard date for their grand openings, the soft openings are still being planned. Popeyes will open July 27 and Dunkin' Donuts will be August 1.

**Police Department:** Chief Cooper reported they are still accepting applications for the SRO position through next Friday.

**Public Works:** Repair work will start next week on Arcadia Blvd from Streamside Dr up to the second clubhouse. Duke had to change the location of another pole and will require them to reroute the conduit and that work should start next week.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement:** See attached report.

**Community Center:** Read letter for Arbor Day; see attached report.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**Public Works – Tom Baldrige:** Thanked the Public Works dept for all they do. Next meeting will be June 1 at 6:00pm.

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



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

**Finance Committee – Stacey Graus:** Next meeting will be August 17 at 6:00pm. Mr. Graus gave an overview of the proposals for banking services and will go with 5/3 Bank. They offered a greater return on city funds and will be a beneficial boost to the budget.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Profit & Loss Report:** See attached report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS**

**Tom Baldrige:** Popeyes and Dunkin' are looking good, he likes the signage and believes this is a plus for the city. He also wished his daughter a Happy Birthday.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Kids Tough Mudder, May 20, 9:00-12:00pm – Alexandria Community Park
- American Legion Cruise In, May 20, 4:00-7:00pm – Alexandria Tire Pro
- City Social, May 23, 6:00-8:00pm – Calvin A. Perry Community Center
- Memorial Day Parade, May 28, 2:00pm – CC Middle School to VFW Post
- Memorial Day, May 29 – City Offices closed
- Fishing Derby, June 3, 10:00-12:00pm – Alexandria Community Park
- Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour, July 15, 9:00-3:00pm – More info, visit [campbellcountyconservation.org](http://campbellcountyconservation.org) or 859-635-9587

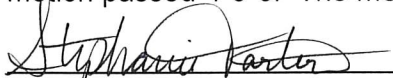
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Tom Baldrige made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(b), seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0. Executive Session began at 7:59pm.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-0. Returned to Regular Session at 8:21 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

  
Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 6/1/2023

  
Andy Schabell, Mayor

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