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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of June 1, 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  
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 18, 2023, Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Tom Baldridge. The motion passed 5-0-1, Kyle Sparks abstaining.

### **SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**St. Mary's & CCHS Robotics Team:** Mayor Schabell presented the St. Mary's and Campbell County High School Robotics teams with proclamations of gratitude for their hard work and representing the city and the state on a national stage. Coach Rowe gave an overview of the teams, the hard working, smart kids who worked well together as a team which led to their success.

### **UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**Christie & Chuck Kammerer, Hometown Shipping:** They have been open about a month and have already received a lot of support from the community. They are committed to service and pledge to do their very best to provide the community with a shipping resource of excellence. Delivered with kindness and competency. They will have a ribbon cutting on Wednesday June 7, 2023, at 4:00pm. Mr. Kammerer thanked the council for all the support.

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

*Mike Duncan read the following, 2<sup>nd</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.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-05, seconded by Tom Baldridge. Mr. Graus stated this was the easiest budget due to the hard work of Ms. Hackworth and Mr. Plummer. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**Resolution 2023-06:** A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute and enter into an amended interlocal agreement in order to join and participate as a member of the Kenton County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.), Inc. organization, and for the Chief of Police to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution.

Chief Cooper explained the city has hosted a regional S.W.A.T. program for many years, but in recent years with budget cuts and consolidation the number of members on the team has dwindled so low it is no longer safe if an issue arises. The Kenton County team has been in place for a long

time and is utilized by many other cities in the area. Alexandria officers could be part of the team if they pass the qualifications test. It will cost the department \$4000 to join the team which is what is budgeted for the current S.W.A.T. team. Some of the cost will be offset by providing some equipment. There was discussion regarding response time to an incident, if APD has to have an officer on the team in order to participate. Chief Cooper will sit on the board and will control any scene in the city.

**MOTION:** Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-06, seconded by Tom Baldridge. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:** Ms. Tarter reported she would not be at the next meeting and Ms. Snyder, Administrative Clerk would be filling in.

**City Administrator:** See attached report. Mr. Baldridge asked about the city campus steering committee and who was on the team.

**Police Department:** They are still taking applications for the SRO position. He will miss the next two meetings and will have one of his Lieutenants attend the meetings. School has been out for 12 days and already have juvenile activity for the summer.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**Public Works – Tom Baldridge:** The committee met this evening, the Arcadia street repair is completed. The city applied for an OKI sidewalk grant; they are hoping to have street program bids in by next meeting. The goal is to have street repairs back on a fall cycle. The city sign is still delayed but making progress. Next meeting will be July 6 at 6:00pm.

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

**Business Retention – Kyle Sparks:** Next meeting will be July 20 at 6:30pm. He was glad to hear from Mr. & Mrs. Kammerer that the process to open a business was easy and thanked those who make that possible.

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

**Future Planning – Susan Vanlandingham:** The committee met this evening and continued the discussion regarding vacant properties for development and zoning. Next meeting will be July 6 at 6:30pm.

**Finance Committee – Stacey Graus:** Next meeting will be August 17 at 6:00pm.

### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS** - None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Municipal Road Aid Funds Use Public Comment:** It was explained, due to change in legislation last year, the city no longer must hold a public hearing for the municipal road aid funds, but rather must have it listed as an agenda item in order to give the public an opportunity to voice their opinion on how the road aid funds should be used.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS**



**Tom Baldridge:** Mr. Baldridge reported he would not be at the June 15 meeting, he also thanked Philip Liles, Code Enforcement Officer, for his speedy response to issues around town. He also gave praise to the PD and their quick response to an issue in Arcadia.

**Joe Anderson:** Mr. Anderson shared he brought up the gross receipts tax at the last Finance Committee meeting as he believed it was too high. After looking into it a little further he believes the rate is fair for the businesses.

**Robert Strong:** Mr. Strong attended the ribbon cutting on Saturday for Main Street Bored Game Café. This is his third in Alexandria and they are all owned by women.

**Susan Vanlandingham:** Ms. Vanlandingham thanked everyone who attended the City Social and the Memorial Day parade.

**Stacey Graus:** Mr. Graus will be out for the next meeting on June 15.

**Andy Schabell:** Mayor Schabell thanked Councilwoman Vanlandingham for her work on the City Social, the turnout was better than expected, and would like to continue the tradition. He thanked everyone for the parade and thanked the police department for a seamless parade with road closures.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

- June 6, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- June 7, 7:00pm – Park & Rec
- June 8, 7:00pm – Code Enforcement

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Fishing Derby, June 3, 10:00-12:00pm – Alexandria Community Park

Mayor Schabell read a report (see attached) from Recreation Director Kim Wagner about the Kids to Parks Day, Mini Mudder.

- Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour, July 15, 9:00-3:00pm – More info, visit [campbellcountyconservation.org](http://campbellcountyconservation.org) or 859-635-9587

Councilman Anderson inquired about the bank and whether the city could add the other two for other services. Mr. Plummer gave an update on where things stand and that there have been some changes and the city will be going with WesBanco. They can look at options on how to utilize the other two banks to maximize the city's return on funds.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Tom Baldridge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 7/6/2023

  
Andy Schabell, Mayor

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