



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of August 3, 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 Baldrige	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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 6, 2023, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. The motion passed 6-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS – None

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Mike Duncan read the following, 2nd reading:

Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending section 136.03 of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances in order to amend the provisions therein pertaining to curfew for minors.

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-06, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor the motion passed 6-0-0.

Municipal Order 2023-11: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria declaring surplus property and authorizing disposal of Police Department vehicle by insurance company.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2023-11, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter reported the Alexandria Fair Parade will be August 30 and she will submit the application for the City to participate and will check on the August 17 to figure out the number of participants. She also reported the city is working on getting online payments set up and hoping everything will be up and running in time for property tax season, but other things like, community center rentals, park shelter rentals, permits, etc can be paid online as well. It was also reported the city is looking to purchase tablets to supply to council so future packets will be electronic. Mayor Schabell was in favor of the tablet idea even though he prefers paper to take notes.

City Administrator: See attached report. Mr. Plummer reported he and Councilman Strong have met with and reviewed the development plans from CT and are ready for the design development phase for the new city campus and will bring that information before the steering committee and then finally present to all of council.

He has been working with TC Energy regarding the fence issues and everything seems to be worked out. The fence company will install at end of August/September weather permitting and

then the Acoustiblok will be installed after that. He also reported in the last month the city earned \$30,000 of savings with the new bank.

Councilman Baldrige asked about the Dollar General variance request, and it was explained the Planning Commission made some requests and now the developer is considering pulling their variance request so they do not have to comply with the additional requests.

Police Department: See attached reports. Chief Cooper reported, effective July 1 all SWAT services have moved to the Northern Kentucky Regional SWAT team. One Alexandria officer is on the team and Chief Cooper is still writing up the transfer of equipment. The department is still looking to hire an SRO officer. Mayor Schabell reported the difficulty in hiring an SRO is a statewide problem. The SRO is a contract position only during the school year and then off for the summer. Councilman Baldrige asked about STOP signs and the fact that most people ignore them. Cooper shared that if there is a repeat offender on a street the Police can and will pay them a visit to have a conversation with them and they will also monitor the problem areas that are brought to their attention. There was a brief discussion regarding drivers blowing through stop lights, residents were encouraged to pause at a light before proceeding.

Public Works: See attached report. Mr. DeJaco reported he conducted interviews this week and will likely make an offer.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: See attached report.

Community Center: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works – Tom Baldrige: The committee met this evening and discussed the dam and how the city may need to spend the funds this year. There was discussion regarding the lane behind Popeyes & Dunkin and who is responsible for fixing the pavement. Street program bid was also discussed. Next meeting will be September 7 at 6:00pm.

Safety – Joe Anderson: Next meeting will be September 7 at 6:30pm.

Business Retention – Kyle Sparks: Next meeting will be September 21 at 6:30pm.

Personnel – Robert Strong: Next meeting will be September 21 at 6:00pm.

Future Planning – Susan Vanlandingham: Next meeting will be October 5 at 6:30pm.

Finance Committee – Stacey Graus: He will not be at the next meeting but would like to discuss funding for the new city campus. He suggested cancelling the August 17 meeting and meet on October 19. Everyone agreed; the next meeting will be October 19 at 6:00pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Street Program: Councilman Baldrige read the streets to be paved; Apple Blossom, Stonegate, Clearmeadow, Hunters Hill, Gilbert Ridge, Lake Park & Shadow Wood Ct. The engineer's estimate was \$513,400; the city received two bids, Eaton Asphalt & Paving for \$538,756.25 and Riegler Blacktop for \$490,900.00. The committee was of the opinion to go with the Riegler Blacktop bid. Councilman Baldrige noted that Stonegate, Clearmeadow, Hunters Hill,

Lake Park and Shadow Wood have an early completion incentive of \$6,000, to have roads paved by November 12, 2023.

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to accept the bid from Riegler Blacktop with the early completion incentive, seconded by Stacey Graus. Mayor added the Water district wants to put a new line in on Apple Blossom so paving will be done in the spring. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS – None

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: Mr. Baldridge referenced an email the council received (see attached) opposing heavier trucks. Congress is proposing an increase in the weight limit from 80,000lbs to 91,000lbs. All of the council was opposed to the increase.

Kyle Sparks: Mr. Sparks shared the city has had a couple of ribbon cutting ceremonies over the last few weeks, welcoming Popeyes and Dunkin' Donuts to Alexandria.

Robert Strong: Mr. Strong shared school is getting ready to start and encouraged residents to watch for kids.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- August 8, 7:00pm – Ethics; has been cancelled
- August 15, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning

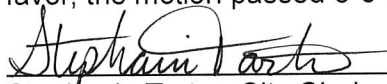
COMMUNICATIONS

- Every Monday & Wednesday, 12:45pm-2:45 – Pickleball, Calvin A. Perry Community Center (must have a membership)
- August 12, 10:00am-1:00pm – Dog Days at the Park
- August 15 & 29, 7:00pm – Free Yoga in the Park
- August 16 – Campbell County Schools back in session
- August 17, 9:00am-2:00pm – St. Elizabeth Cardiovascular Screening, Calvin A. Perry Community Center
- August 25, Dusk – Movie at the Park, more info to come
- August 10-12 – Waste Tire Collection, 1175 Racetrack Rd
- August 11-12 – St. Mary Festival

Councilman Anderson asked if there was a fee for the Cardiovascular Screening; it is free to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 8-17-2023


Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 8/17/23