



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### Meeting Minutes of September 7, 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	Absent

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: August 17, 2023, Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Tom Baldrige. The motion passed 5-0-0.

### **SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**JC Morgan, Campbell County Library Director:** Mr. Morgan gave an overview of how the library has been doing since the pandemic. He shared their circulation is about 75% of what it was in 2019 and their DVD circulation is at about 50%. He mentioned they provide eBooks and audio books, but the cost to obtain them is 6 to 7 times more than to obtain in on Amazon. They are working on legislation that allows libraries to obtain the product for the same cost as everyone else.

They have hosted about 3000 events with over 80,000 people in attendance. They have a book bus that visits a variety of places monthly in addition to all their other services. They also have a partnership with Imagination Library started by Dolly Parton. He said their hours have recently changed to have more opening hours and they have added more at the Alexandria branch. Their program "Drop your Draws" is taking place now and it collects new underwear, socks, shirts that are given to the Family Resource Centers at the local schools.

Council asked about the property they own down by Main Street Baptist Church; they still own it and would love to build eventually but it is cost prohibitive to build at this time.

### **UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

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

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

**Ordinance 2023-07:** An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, providing for the assessment of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria and levying an ad valorem tax of \$0.140 on each one hundred (\$100.00) of assessed valuation (\$1.40 per thousand) of real property in the city for the 2023 assessment tax year and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-07, seconded by Kyle Sparks. Councilman Baldrige spoke about the rate and how the city needs the funds to cover road paving, to keep police and city personnel and to cover the cost of the dam repairs. Mayor Schabell also shared the cost of everything is going up and everyone on council is also subject to the same rate. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

*Mr. Duncan also read, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:*

**Ordinance 2023-08:** An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending section 150.07 of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the 2021 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, thereby replacing the 2000 version.

**MOTION:** Kyle Sparks made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-08, seconded by Tom Baldridge. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**Resolution 2023-07:** A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, declaring September 2023 as "City Government Month".

Ms. Tarter shared this is a way for the council to engage students who otherwise would not be able to visit schools to talk about what takes place in local government.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-07, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:** Ms. Tarter shared the administrative staff will start the work on preparing and sending out tax bills over the next week now that the tax rate has been set. The online payment portal will also be up and running on the website in time for tax season.

**City Administrator:** See attached reports. The work has started at Blue Roo on putting up the fence and then the Public Works department will install the sound block. The Public Work's department has also worked hard this week to remove the old shelter to prep the area for the new shelter to be installed; installation of the new shelter should begin September 18. Mayor Schabell explained the area is blocked and construction should be finished sometime in October. Mr. Plummer also shared the auditors are currently in the office conducting their yearly audit.

**Police Department:** Chief Cooper shared the new recruit has been hired and will start November 1; they have also made an offer to an SRO; all of the SWAT equipment has been transferred. The Police department is thankful to everyone for behaving at the parade and the fair. Chief Cooper shared "Coffee with a Cop" will be on October 10 at Brass Key Coffee. He shared about getting new vehicles and that Ford will not make any for 2024, instead will wait until later next year for 2025. Chief Cooper alluded to the fact there are 2023 orders that have not yet been fulfilled and that is the reason for the pause. Council asked if they could order from somewhere else; only Chevy, Dodge and Ford make police vehicles. Mayor Schabell explained they may not be able to wait on Ford to place an order due to multiple different reasons so they will need to asses whether they are okay with different looking vehicles in their fleet.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**Public Works – Tom Baldridge:** They met this evening and discussed the street program. They had a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and Hunters Hill, Clearmeadow, Stonegate, Lake Park Dr & Shadow Wood will all be repaved this year. They also discussed speed tables in Arcadia because of excessive speeding and the repairs to the Park Dam. He is also going to speak with someone from the church to discuss the parking lot issue in and around Popeyes. Next meeting will be October 5 at 6:00pm.

**Safety – Joe Anderson:** They met tonight and spoke about community crime trends; Chief Cooper spoke to their activity over the past year and the types of calls they have received. The officers remain busy and try to address the issues. The committee spoke about speed calming



devices and developing a procedure. It was noted there has been more of a presence on 27 in the morning at school time. Next meeting will be November 16 at 6:30pm.

**Business Retention – Kyle Sparks:** Next meeting will be September 21 at 6:30pm. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony for Dollhouse Beauty Salon on Friday.

**Personnel – Robert Strong:** Next meeting will be September 21 at 6:00pm. They will discuss the pay scales for the Public Works Department.

**Finance Committee – Stacey Graus:** Next meeting will be October 19 at 6:00pm.

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

### NEW BUSINESS

**Set Halloween Dates:** They discussed dates and options and set Halloween Trick-or-Treating for October 31 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

### COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

**Tom Baldrige:** He reported the city now has Pickleball courts at the Community Center, they are temporary, but it is running 4 times a week at the community center. There was some discussion regarding the Middle School entrance and timeline for completion.

**Joe Anderson:** He shared about a local business that did a good job on some work in his home.

**Kyle Sparks:** He shared about the folks he gets to work with at the city from the department heads to fellow council members and how everyone is open to ideas and discussion.

**Andy Schabell:** He shared he will be out of town for the September 21 meeting.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

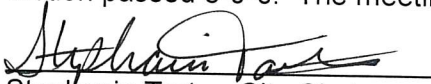
- September 13, 7:30pm – Bd. of Adjustments
- September 19, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning

### COMMUNICATIONS


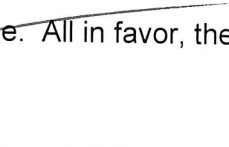
- September 8, 5-7 – Dollhouse Beauty Salon Ribbon Cutting
- September 8, Dusk – Movie in the Park, "Little Mermaid"
- September 12, 7:00pm – Free Yoga in the Park
- September 28, 5:30pm-7:30pm – "City Government Month" event, Main Street Bored Game Café

### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Kyle Sparks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

  
Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 9-21-2023

  
Andy Schabell, Mayor  Stacey Graus, Mayor Pro Tem  
Date: 9-21-23