



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2023

Mayor protem Stacey Graus 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	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: September 7, 2023, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023, Regular Meeting, with an amendment to his comment regarding the tax increase to cover road paving, to keep police and city personnel and to cover the cost of the dam repairs, seconded by Robert Strong. The motion passed 5-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Jenni McBride & Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer: Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer shared one of the candidates running for Kentucky Governor will be at the Wilder city building on Monday, October 2 at 5:30pm. She then presented a Senate Citation and shared that Jenni McBride's action have a ripple effect on the other counties that she serves. Shelley shared some of the things Mrs. McBride has done throughout the years and throughout the community in Campbell County and the surrounding area. Mrs. McBride shared that she helps others even when she does not always have what is needed and the community shows up.

Sg. Nathan Nogueras: Chief Cooper read a letter of accommodation for Sg. Nathan Nogueras for his valorous act in performing CPR resulting in saving the patient's life. Sg. Nogueras was presented with the "Excellence in Service" award. The woman and her family attended the meeting as well. Sg. Nogueras expressed his gratitude for the team effort put forth to save Erin's life.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Dave Moehring and Dave Bohnen, Blue Roo Car Wash: The folks from the Arcadia Patio Homes are thankful for the hard work the city put in to develop a solution for the noise issue affecting the residents. The solution has been beneficial, and they are thankful the city saw the project to completion. Dave Moehring spoke with the neighbors on the other streets, and they also appreciate the effort of the city and notice a decrease in the sound. Mr. Moehring would like to see comparison readings of the decibels from before the sound wall to after the wall and wonders if another layer would help the problem even more.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Mike Duncan read the following, 1st reading:

Ordinance 2023-09: An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending sections of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances in order to adopt revisions pertaining to the enforcement of violations of city ordinances.

Mr. Duncan explained the Ordinance cleans up some minor typos and inconsistencies among different Ordinances regarding nuisance and enforcement in the Code of Ordinances.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter reported the tax bills have gone out and residents should have received those. She encouraged residents to contact the office if they have not yet received their tax bill. There was also an update on the online payment portal; they ran into a slight issue and is being fixed.

City Administrator: He reported the fence and sound barrier have been installed at Blue Roo, he does have concern with adding any additional weight to the fence. The contractors are working on the new park shelter near the playground.

Police Department: See attached report. They have 3 new vehicles for the year and are being outfitted. He reported the data collector has been moved to a new area at the request of council. Their annual "Coffee with a Cop" event is October 10, 8:30-10:00.

Public Works: See attached report. He offered a correction; the contractors have not yet started on the park shelter but hope to get started on Friday.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: See attached report. Councilman Baldrige likes the report and the follow up that happens. Councilman Graus explained things are not changing with the way things are done, but now they have more information regarding what is taking place.

Community Center: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works – Tom Baldrige: Next meeting will be October 5 at 6:00pm.

Safety – Joe Anderson: Next meeting will be November 16 at 6:30pm.

Business Retention – Kyle Sparks: The committee met this evening, and their main topic was changing language in the ordinance to help Farmer's Markets from being tacked with an extra fee.

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

Personnel – Robert Strong: Personnel was cancelled due to quorum and their next meeting will be November 16 at 6:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Profit & Loss: No one had any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Bridge Pothole: Councilman Baldrige spoke with someone from the Bridge Church, and they will move the pothole up on the list to be fixed.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Kyle Sparks: He shared Covid is coming back around and encouraged folks to stay healthy.

Stacey Graus: He expressed frustration regarding Rumpke coming into his subdivision at 5:30am and the city does take that seriously and will be addressing it with Rumpke. He also spoke about the inconsistency of the delivery of the Enquirer paper. Councilman Sparks has also seen some issues with the Rumpke service where there is trash left on the streets due to faulty equipment. Overall Rumpke does a good job and the number of times they are entering subdivisions too early has decreased over the years. It was suggested to have the Rumpke rep at a council meeting and maybe speak with the GM of Rumpke.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- October 3, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- October 4, 7:00pm – Park & Recreation

COMMUNICATIONS

- September 23 – Story Walk in the Park; “The Leaf Thief”


Ms. Tarter gave an update stating the Story Walk would not start on September 23 due to the book not arriving on time but would hopefully be ready to go by the following weekend.

- September 26, 7:00pm – Yoga in the Park
- September 28, 5:30pm-7:30pm – City Government Month Event, Main Street Bored Game & Café
- October 10, 8:30am-10:30am – Coffee with a Cop, Brass Key Coffee

Mr. Patel, at the request of Councilman Anderson, shared his family own several Dairy Queen locations around the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati area, and they would like to bring a location to Alexandria, KY. They are still looking at properties but had originally looked at one of the lots in front of the Elevation Apartments. Mr. Graus explained the zoning for that area is a PUD and there were specific requirements set forth, but it doesn't mean they do not want a Dairy Queen for the city. It was explained there are likely other properties that are a better fit and Mr. Patel was encouraged to work with the city to find that spot.

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 7:40 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 10-5-23


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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