



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes of October 5, 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	Absent
Robert Strong	Present	Susan Vanlandingham	Present

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

Greg Hallau, Police Lieutenant
 David Plummer, City Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 21, 2023, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Jack Walters, Serendipity for the Home: Mr. Walters thanked council for the event at Main Street Bored Games Café and found it helpful to communicate with the small businesses in the downtown area. Some of the things discussed at the meeting was more lighting in the downtown area, more spots to stop and rest, painting the lines on the street for parking and more trash cans. He also shared that there are some old buildings that have lights but they are not working, it is a safety hazard. There was some discussion regarding who would be responsible for the lighting along the state-maintained road of East Main. Mayor Schabell said the city can investigate the lights and into adding more lighting into the downtown area. Councilman Baldrige encouraged him to attend the next Business Retention & Development committee. Councilman Graus encouraged him to reach out to the Eagle Scouts to build benches and it was also suggested to work with the Park and Recreation Board for memorial benches.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Mike Duncan read the following, 2nd 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 noted there were a couple of slight revisions from the first reading of the Ordinance.

MOTION: Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-09 with amendments, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Mike Duncan then read the following, 1st reading:

Ordinance 2023-10: An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending Section 111.02 of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances in order to revise the provisions pertaining to Itinerant merchants.

Mike Duncan explained the reason for the changes is for folks who sell at farmer's markets to be able to sell their goods once per week as long as they have an occupational license with the city.

Ordinance 2023-11: An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending section 37.02 of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances and the City's Personnel and Pay Classification Plan by amending the salary ranges for City Public Works employees.

Exhibit A shows the amendments to the pay scales for PW. Mr. Plummer explained they also did this for the Police Department. It was asked if pay was compared to other cities in the area and it was pointed out the bar graph contains that information.

Executive Order 2023-06: An Executive Order of the Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky promulgating revisions to the Personnel Policy for the City of Alexandria pertaining to employee training in the Employee Handbook.

Council has until the next council meeting on October 19, 2023, to refuse the changes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter reported they are busy collecting property tax bills and to date have collected around \$400,000. She also pointed out residents can pay their property taxes online as well if they are not able to make it into the office or don't want to mail in a check.

City Administrator: See attached report. He reported the grant that was submitted to install a sidewalk from Thatcher down to Stillwater looks like it might be approved. He gave a brief review of the KLC Conference and encouraged council to attend in the future.

Police Department: Coffee with a Cop at Brass Key on Tuesday,

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: The committee met this evening and discussed the GIS street mapping where the streets can be scaled from 1-100 to help with the future street program. The 2023/2024 overlays will begin at the end of October and crack sealing will start next week. The Park Dam is finally moving forward. Next meeting will be November 2 at 6:00pm.

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

Personnel – Robert Strong: Next meeting will be November 16 at 6:00pm.

Future Planning – Susan Vanlandingham: Met this evening and discussed the Economic Development plan and Brownfield Development and whether that applies to things in the city. Next meeting will be November 2 at 6:30pm.

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

Planning & Zoning: Approved a rezone change for a property on Meyer/Orlando behind Heineke Veterinary Hospital from residential to highway commercial.

Park & Recreation: The shelter is up but a couple of issues need to be fixed.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Set Halloween Beautification Award Dates: The proposed dates are as follows

Accept Nominations: 10/12-10/20

Voting: 10/21-10/30

Announce: 11/2 meeting
Present at 11/2 or 11/16 meeting

Mayor Schabell would like to see the city show off previous winners if they are still putting up displays even though they can't be nominated again.

Halloween Hours: October 31 from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: Mr. Baldrige gave an update on the large pothole behind Popeyes; he spoke with the church, and they are aware of the issue and working on a solution. Mr. Baldrige has passed along the information to Mr. Plummer for follow-up.

Susan Vanlandingham: The Wool Fest is this weekend and she encouraged residents to check it out. It's also Festival time for churches and she encouraged folks to get out and support them.

Andy Schabell: Mayor Schabell thanked Councilman Graus for stepping in during his absence; he was sad he missed all the good stuff. He also noted he was encouraged by all the folks who made it out to the City Government month event.

FUTURE MEETINGS

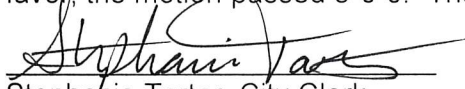
- October 10, 7:00pm – Board of Ethics, cancelled
- October 11, 7:30pm – Board of Adjustments, Special meeting
- October 17, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning

COMMUNICATIONS

- October 6 & 7, 8:00am-5:00pm – Campbell County Cleanup, various locations, Campbell County residents only
- October 10, 8:30am-10:30am – Coffee with a Cop, Brass Key Coffee
- October 28, 10:00am-12:00pm – Drug Take Back Day, Community Center
- October 28, 7:30pm-9:00pm – Haunted Walk, Alexandria Community Park
- November 4, 9:00am-2:00pm – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Thomas More Stadium
- November 5, 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:30pm-4:00pm – Hoxworth Blood Drive, Community Center

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 10-19-2023


Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 10-19-2023