



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of November 2, 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 (arrived @7:29)	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: October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Fall/Halloween Beautification Award Winners – Kelsey & Kevin Partin & Noble Ferrell:

Councilwoman Vanlandingham presented the award to the winners. Mrs. Partin shared about her love for Halloween; her son talked her into decorating this year even though she was dealing with depression. They will leave the decorations up through the weekend. All her decorations are handmade and they put a lot of love into the decorations.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS – None

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Mike Duncan read the following, 2nd reading:

Ordinance 2023-12: An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission to approve a zoning map amendment for the Heineke-Woeste real estate located off Meyer Road, behind 7711 Alexandria Pike and adjoining 5 Orlando Drive, from Residential One-D (R-1D) Zone to Highway Commercial (HC) Zone, in order to allow for future expansion of employee parking and storage for Heineke Veterinary Hospital pursuant to the generalized site plan provided by the applicant.

Councilwoman Vanlandingham shared her concerns were regarding the wording of the original ordinance changing the zone to Highway Commercial without any plan for the use.

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter shared there is still \$77,000 in unpaid property taxes, they are now considered delinquent. There was a brief conversation regarding online payments and the processing fees associated with the service.

City Administrator: See attached report. Mr. Plummer said he will be sending them two proposals, one for the CT Consultants to be the architects for the new city building and the other for RSA Advisors for the financial side of the building project. These proposals will be considered at the November 16 meeting. He also reported the Alexandria Community Park Lake has some

harmful algae blooms that can be dangerous if you drink or touch the water. It also puts off a noxious smell and the city is advising folks not to fish and to not allow pets to drink the water. The Department of Water will monitor and do more testing of the water. Mr. DeJaco explained the algae bloom and how it came to be at the park.

Police Department: Chief Cooper shared the results from the Drug Takeback event, they collected 108 pounds of prescription medications, which was the second largest collection in the county.

Committee Schedules: Mayor Schabell asked everyone for their thoughts on the committee schedules that were sent out. Councilwoman Vanlandingham prefers the hour-long meetings.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: He reported the first phase of paving should be completed on Friday. Next meeting will be December 7 at 6:00pm. Mayor Schabell reported, someone on Facebook, thanked the city for the road repair in front of their house.

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

Business Retention – Kyle Sparks: Next meeting will be December 7 at 6:30pm.

Personnel – Robert Strong: Next meeting will be November 16 at 6:00pm. He asked folks to pass along any items they would like to discuss.

Future Planning – Susan Vanlandingham: The committee met this evening and had a realtor come and speak. He provided insight into what their clients are looking for and gave suggestions on how the city can bring in businesses considering the current trends.

Finance Committee – Stacey Graus: Next meeting will be in 2024.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Park & Rec: Mayor Schabell gave an overview of the meeting; they discussed the algae bloom, the shelter and the park equipment that needs to be removed. Equipment will have to be removed but replacement equipment will cost \$80,000 - \$100,000.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: He has noticed leaves being pushed into the street throughout the city, there is an ordinance that states residents cannot push yard waste into the street and it does carry a fine.

Kyle Sparks: He has noticed on Facebook people always say there is nothing for kids to do, but wonders what exactly they are looking for because there are lots of sports things to do and several parks. He cast a 20-mile net and there are things for kids to do that may not be interested in sports. He would like to hear from folks on what it is they are wanting for their kids to do.

Robert Strong: He shared what he hears from residents is they would like a splash park and there is one in Wilder, KY and there are other things for them to do as well.

Andy Schabell: He encouraged residents to go out and vote on Tuesday and be heard.

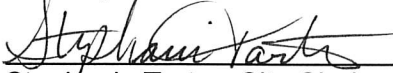
COMMUNICATIONS

He read the update regarding the Haunted Walk and the winners for the scenes, see attached.

- 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
- November 10 – City Offices Closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 11-16-2023


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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