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#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024

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 Baldridge

Present

Stacey Graus

Present Absent

Kyle Sparks

Absent

Robert Strong

Susan Vanlandingham

Present

Also:

Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk Mike Duncan, City Attorney

Lucas Cooper, Police Chief

David Plummer, City Administrator

Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 1, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

#### **UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

Terry Conely, VFW: Mr. Conely advised that the VFW hall here in Alexandria is now smoke free. On March 29, 2024, at 12:00pm there will be a memorial service to dedicate the Vietnam Veterans Monument at Tower Park. There are bricks still available for purchase for this memorial. Mr. Conely presented an award to Mayor Schabell for attending Wreaths Across America.

Mayor Schabell thanked Mr. Conely for being a frequent attender to the council meetings.

# ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

City Clerk: Stephanie Tarter reported to Council that Classic Printing was used for post cards for the business of the month program, those have hit the post office. Business should be expecting them in the mail soon.

City Administrator: David Plummer spoke briefly to the rumors of the merger of the Alexandria Fire Department and Southern Campbell County Fire Department. The boards voted at their January meeting to approve the merger and it will go before the Campbell County Fiscal Court at their March meeting and then it will be final. Mr. Plummer would like to have the chiefs at the March meeting. Stacey Graus believes residents will be concerned about response time and the cost. Mayor Schabell explained that the city has no control over the fire department and the decisions they make.

Police Department: See attached reports.

Public Works: See attached reports.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: See attached reports. Mayor Schabell reported that Mr. Phil Liles stays busy and is staying on top of things.

Community Center: See attached reports.

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#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Public Works – Tom Baldridge:** They had an informal meeting and reviewed a new street mapping program that gave each of the streets a rating and they looked at the streets for the next 5 years. It's a very detailed report and was very impressive. Next meeting will be March 21, 2024, at 6:00pm.

**Safety – Joe Anderson:** He shared their discussion of the intersection of US 27 and Washington Street. Chief Cooper gave an overview of the recommendations the city will be sending to the state. Next meeting will be May 16, 2024.

Finance - Stacey Graus: Next meeting will be March 7, 2024, at 6:00pm.

#### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

Mayor Schabell gave an overview of the boards that met this week and their meetings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Profit & Loss Report:** There was a brief conversation regarding the investment accounts and how they are on the upswing. Mr. Graus gave a brief update, stating there has been steady growth over the past 6 months. Mayor Schabell asked if anyone had any questions, there were none.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Playground Equipment Update:** Mr. Plummer gave an overview of the history of the playground equipment at the park and the removal of a piece. He explained that the city is part of KPC but has also put it out to bid. The Park Board did look at similar equipment installed by the company DWA, and they liked their work. The city will have to make a budget amendment as the cost is steep. Mr. Graus wanted to know about the warranty on the equipment, and the longevity of the company. There was a conversation regarding the Park Board and whether they have looked at other places where this company has installed the same equipment and how it looks after 5 years.

# **COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS**

**Tom Baldridge:** Mr. Baldridge commended the officers for sitting in the school zone and pulling over those that are speeding. He also encouraged folks to slow down in school zone areas.

**Andy Schabell:** He is busy over the next few weeks with Scout meetings and a trip to Frankfort, KY.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- February 20, 7:00pm Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- March 5, 7:00pm Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- March 6, 7:00pm Park & Recreation

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Campbell County Trash Voucher Program, limited to 2 a program year, July 1-June 30, visit campbellcountyky.gov for more information.
- February 19 City Offices closed for President's Day
- March 16, 9:00am-2:00pm Spring Craft Show, Calvin A. Perry Community Center, \$2

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Baldridge. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 3/7/2024

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