



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of July 18, 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	Absent
Stacey Graus	Absent	Kyle Sparks	Present
Robert Strong	Present	Patrick Blair	Present

Also: Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk
Mike Duncan, City Attorney
David Plummer, City Administrator

Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 20, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter reported Megan Snyder has been at training this week, working towards her Kentucky Certified Municipal Clerks certification. The city has received the registration form for the Fair Parade which will be on Wednesday, August 28. She also introduced Kelly Perry who was hired to fill the open City Treasurer position. Ms. Perry started at the end of June and is in the training process.

City Administrator: Mr. Plummer gave a brief update on where things are with the City Campus. There will be equipment on site to bore holes for the geothermal system to test the soil further down. The architect and the construction manager will be at the next meeting to give an overview of the design phase and will be able to give some insight into certain decisions that have been made along the way. The contractors at the park are hard at work, they have installed the new access road, they abandoned the old spillway and are installing the new spillway. Mr. DeJaco has been checking on the progress regularly and they should be finished by early August. Mr. Plummer also reported there have been lots of water line breaks recently but the Water District has been working to fix them.

Police Department: See attached reports. They are accepting applications for police officers.

Public Works: See attached reports. The dam project is moving right along.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: See attached reports.

Community Center: See attached reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Safety – Joe Anderson: Next meeting will be September 19, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Bus. Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: Next meeting will be September 5, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Personnel – Robert Strong: The committee met this evening and discussed having someone from the committee to sit on interviews and disciplinary issues, they also discussed medicinal cannabis for employees and the city is a no tolerance city and how to blend those two realities together. They also discussed staff changes and openings. Next meeting will be November 21, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Future Planning – Patrick Blair: Next meeting will be August 1, 2024, at 6:00pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Profit and Loss Report: See attached report.

Cannabis Sales within City Limits: Mr. Plummer gave a power point presentation to council (see attached) explaining the three options available to council. They could pass an ordinance to allow cannabis sales or not allow it, they could pass a Resolution and send it to the citizens to vote on for the November 5 ballot. If the council chooses the ballot option, they have until August 13 to get that information to the County Clerk. There was a question regarding whether the city could allow one and exclude others, but it is all or nothing.

There was further explanation, if council decided to allow it and passed the Ordinance, they would also need to pass a Resolution that instructs Planning & Zoning to do text amendments to decided time, place & manner. It was mentioned, Alexandria is being looked at due to the number of vacant banks and having a vault to meet the high security requirement set by the State.

Council members in attendance decided to wait on deciding until all of the council could be present to vote on a decision.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Kyle Sparks: He commented regarding complaints on social media regarding the city's Code Enforcement and how the city is too hard, and he would like to see folks be better neighbors and he commented how the city does not fine many folks but does ask for them to clean things up.

Robert Strong: He reported on the Rumpke cans on Persimmon Grove and the situation has been fixed. He gave an update regarding Heineke Vet Hospital who is the Amplify Alexandria Business spotlight for the month of July. He gave an overview of their history and their expansion and how they received Best Vet in NKY two years in a row.

Mayor Andy Schabell: Spare-Time had their soft opening today and wishes them luck.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- July 25, 7:00pm – Property Maintenance Board of Appeals

COMMUNICATIONS

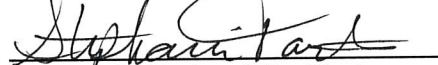
- July 20, 9:00am – 3:00pm – Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour
- July 23, 7:00pm – Free Yoga at the Park, Alexandria Community Park, rain cancels
- July 24, 10:00am-11:00am – CC Library Book Bus on Tour: Incredible Insects, Alexandria Community Park

- August 24, 10:00am-1:00pm – Dog Days, Alexandria Community Park

Joe Anderson asked about the tents set up outside of the businesses on E. Main and Washington and wondered if it was another street fair. They are bringing inventory out to the sidewalk to attract new customers.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 8/1/24


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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