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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes of October 3, 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:

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| Joe Anderson | Absent | Tom Baldrige | Present |
| Stacey Graus | Present | 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: September 19, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Jack Walters, Serendipity for the Home: He thanked council and the city for their support and help in planning the spring event on Washington. He shared information regarding the Alexandria on Main Fall Festival event on October 26 from 12:00pm-5:00pm. They will shut down Washington and it will be family focused, and they currently have around 22 vendors. He is attempting to pull in vendors that have a large social media following to help bring in some other folks who may not be familiar to the area. They are accepting applications for more vendors, interested vendors can stop by the store or visit the Facebook page for the event.

Mr. Baldrige asked about the benches and lighting, Mr. Walters advised the lighting has improved but he still wants more trash cans and benches in the area.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

(Mike Duncan read the following.)

Ordinance 2024-10 (1st Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, placing and implementing a moratorium on the acceptance, processing, approval and/or issuance of any new approvals, permits or licenses, including but not limited to occupational licenses, for any development, construction, business, shop or establishment which deals in the sale, purchase or provision of Vape or Cannabis products or equipment and accessories or alcoholic beverages, for other than those which have been approved on or before October 1, 2024, for a period of six (6) months.

Mr. Duncan explained Planning & Zoning is currently in the process of reviewing and updating zoning regulations regarding these items. This proposed Ordinance is to put a moratorium in for six months to give the city a chance to finish that review and submit any ordinance that would need to be adopted. There was a question regarding whether they are considering restricting the number of businesses, but the board will focus on time, place and manner for each of the types of businesses.

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They had conversation regarding the medical cannabis and how many citizens may not be clear on what they are voting on. They do not get to vote on whether medical cannabis is allowed within the city, but rather whether medical cannabis businesses are allowed to operate within the city limits.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter advised she has started working on the meeting schedule for 2025, looking for feedback from council. Halloween fall nominations will be accepted starting, Thursday, October 10, stay tuned to Facebook for more information and the link. It was also mentioned, tax payments have been rolling in and about 12% of total taxes has been collected so far. Tax bills are due October 31.

City Administrator: See attached report. They are reviewing the ability to move Tribute Park to the new site. Civil plans for the new building will be submitted tomorrow, with that the design development cost estimates should be updated by Wednesday. Should receive the first GMP amendment soon.

Police Department: Coffee with a Cop event is Tuesday, October 8 and Drug Take Back will be October 26. Chief Cooper thanked everyone for coming out to the parade.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: Next meeting will be October 17, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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

Personnel – Robert Strong: Next meeting will be November 21, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Future Planning – Patrick Blair: They met this evening and discussed the visual architecture for the city. Next meeting will be in 2025.

Finance – Stacey Graus: Will need to move the meeting from October 17 to October 21 but it is not set in stone.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

P&Z: The Commission met Tuesday and discussed the regulations regarding cannabis.

Park & Rec: They are looking at doing a community survey to get a feel from the residents. They are moving forward with the Pickleball courts, and those will not be completed until spring or summer of 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Amplify Alexandria: Octobers winner of Amplify Alexandria is Baby Bliss Beginnings LLC, located at 8361 E Main Street in the Old Town District. Baby Bliss is owned by Jennifer Watkins. Jennifer is a BSN, RN & LBCLL, she has 14 years' experience as an RN in labor and delivery. She offers the following customized services, including a variety of lactation consultations, childbirth education classes, newborn care classes, infant safety, CPT classes and prenatal and postpartum support.

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Her goal is to support and empower new parents throughout their exciting and challenging new adventures. In addition, Baby Bliss offers a photography studio specializing in photos of early pregnancy, skin-to-skin photos of mom and baby. Also offering her studio for family photos, engagement photos, graduation, and professional headshots, Christmas and other seasonal backgrounds are available. If you are expecting, give Jennifer a shot. Check out her website at Baby Bliss Beginnings LLC for her contact information.

October 17 meeting: Mayor Schabell pointed out there will be many people who will be absent from the meeting due to fall break, and he would like to cancel those meetings for the night and pick things back up on November 7 meetings. Everyone agreed to cancel the scheduled meetings for the evening of October 17.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: Mr. Baldrige pointed out there is a light being installed in Cold Spring at the Baptist Church, but Alexandria has many things waiting to be done. Stacey Graus suggested speaking with the state representatives to help move things along.

Robert Strong: Mr. Strong shared about the Friday Night Lights initiative to highlight the different high school football teams in the area and all of City Council is invited to come to the BBHS game this Friday night.

Stacey Graus: He asked for a follow-up to the institutional companies purchasing homes, Mike Duncan is looking into it but is not at a point to make a recommendation. Mr. Sparks in on board with putting something in place.

Mayor Schabell: He shared a story of a couple of boys who came to a council meeting in 2013 requesting a skate park, Mayor Schabell said he would keep on it. The City of Ft. Thomas was selling their skatepark equipment and Alexandria won the bid at \$1025.00 on the skate park equipment worth \$30,000.00. Currently, they are still figuring out where to put it and where to store it in the meantime.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- October 8, 7:00pm – Board of Ethics
- October 9, 7:00pm – Board of Adjustments
- October 15, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning- Possibility of being cancelled due to fall break.

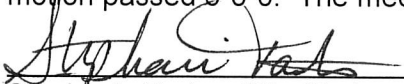
COMMUNICATIONS

- October 8, 8:30am-10:30am – Coffee with a Cop at Brass Key Coffee Shop.
- October 8, 7:00pm – Candle-lit Yoga at the Park, Alexandria Community Park
- October 10-18 – Halloween Beautification Nominations
- October 11 & 12, 8:00am-5:00pm – Campbell County Cleanup, various locations
- October 19-31 – Halloween Beautification Voting
- October 26, 10:00am-2:00pm – DEA National Drug Takeback, Calvin A. Perry Community Center
- October 26, 7:30pm-9:30pm – Haunted Walk, Alexandria Community Park, \$2 entry fee

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 11-7-2024


Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 11-17-2024