



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of November 7, 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	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: October 3, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Fall/Halloween Beautification Award Winner – Grant Mergenthal: He shared that he drew out his idea and then made it a reality. He thanked everyone who voted for him, and thankful for being here. Mayor Andy Schabell then presented him with the award for “Best Fall/Halloween Yard” award.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Jack Walters, Serendipity for the Home: Mr. Walters thanked the council for their support of their fall event, it was a success. He shared they will have another event, Alexandria on Main Christmas Festival on December 7, 2024, with carolers, petting zoo, and a live nativity scene. They will be requesting to shut down Washington Street for safety reasons, but they will set up the vendors a bit differently than the fall event. He did ask to have support from the city with Allie the Elf and post the event on the city sign. There is a vender application fee, and they have a website available.

He spoke about parking in front of the shop and that there are multiple businesses vying for the same three parking spaces. He asked if there could be more parking options in the area. He shared the visibility is still limited and would like to have more lighting now that it is getting darker. He was advised that we will keep working on getting these improvements taken care of.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

(Mike Duncan read the following.)

Ordinance 2024-10 (2nd 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.

ORIGINAL

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-10, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter mentioned city taxes were due October 31, and to give the city a call if you're not sure if your taxes have been paid, there is roughly \$89,000 still outstanding. Council members should have received an invitation to the ribbon cutting ceremony on November 16th at 10am for Route 27 Antique Mall. Be sure to stay tuned for information about the Christmas Beautification Award Dates.

City Administrator: See attached report. GMP #1 came in and they have already received bids for the work and a local company won the bid, Bray, and they came in \$25,000 under budget. Third party inspector for the project must be done and cannot be completed by the construction manager. RFP should go out this week. Kelly Perry and David have been working on a way to save money on the sales tax and will present that process to the building team next week. The city has received interior design ideas, and he will send that over to council so they can all see them and give any feedback.

The park board reviewed the plans for the Pickleball courts, and they have a few questions regarding stormwater, and they are hoping to have it out to bid in January and start the project in March.

Police Department: Drug Take Back event in Alexandria collected 63lbs and the grand total was 1100lbs collected in Northern Kentucky. Also reminded everyone that it is getting darker out earlier and to be mindful of people out walking around.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: Next meeting will be a special meeting on November 8, 2024, at 3:00pm

Bus. Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: Next meeting will be in 2025.

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

Future Planning – Patrick Blair: Next meeting will be in 2025.

Finance – Stacey Graus: Next meeting will be a special meeting on December 5, 2024, at 6:00pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Park & Rec: Karen Minshall, Chairman, shared regarding a young lady who is working on her girl scout project to paint a mural and she is looking to paint a mural either at the park or somewhere off Main Street. Karen asked her a few questions regarding who will take care of the painting, if it was graffiti or if it starts to peel. The young lady is working with Artworks' out of Cincinnati, and they would help with the upkeep. Council asked what would be painted and who would decide on the design. They were advised that Kim Wagner and herself would be the ones who would decide.

ORIGINAL

P&Z: Cindy Minter from Campbell County Planning & Zoning floated some ideas around for the Commission to look over.

NEW BUSINESS

Amplify Alexandria: The November winner is Litton Insurance Services, LLC, owner Earl Litton has been working in insurance since 1972 and his daughter joined him about 10 years ago. You can look at his website littoninsuranceservices.com, email him littonins@gmail.com or give him a call at 859-817-9726.

2025 Meeting Schedule: Ms. Tarter presented the 1st draft for the proposed meeting schedule.

Mayor Schabell asked everyone to consider the January 2, 2025, meeting and December 19, 2024, meeting on whether to have those meetings or not.

Haunted Walk Report: See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: Gave congrats to Chief Cooper's wife for being elected to Silver Grove council. He attended the Fall Festival and enjoyed it, and he offered some feedback for the next event, so it is not so cramped.

Kyle Sparks: He congratulated those who were reelected and newly elected. He shared that in the 6 years he has served on council anyone who attended a council meeting and shared a concern, everyone took a thoughtful approach to the issue and worked to find a solution.

Robert Strong: He thanked the citizens for getting out and voting.

Patrick Blair: He commended the community and the poll workers and their hard work, and for getting out and voting.

Stacey Graus: There are a lot of exciting things happening in Alexandria and fun events taking place.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- November 13, 7:00pm – Board of Adjustments
- November 19, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning

COMMUNICATIONS


- November-December – Cam Cares, drop off new underwear or socks to any Campbell County Library Location
- November 11 – Veterans Day, City Offices Closed
- November 12-27 – StoryWalk at Community Park, "Gratitude is My Superpower"
- November 19, 7:00pm – Free "Gratitude" Yoga, Calvin A. Perry Center. Bring a mat, water and a canned good to donate
- November 26, 1:00pm – Groundbreaking Ceremony for New City Campus

ORIGINAL

- November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving, City Offices Closed

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 11/21/24


Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 11/21/2024