



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2025

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 lead by Cub Scout Pack 563. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Tom Baldridge	Present	Patrick Blair	Present
Shane Collins	Present	Stacey Graus	Present
Michael McGrath	Present	Robert Strong	Present

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

Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.
Kelly Perry, City Treasurer

CEREMONIAL SWEARING-IN:

Mike Duncan completed the ceremonial swearing-in of all the elected officials.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Louis Vogelpohl – Recognition of Service: Mayor Andy Schabell thanked and presented Mr. Vogelpohl with a recognition of service plaque for all his years on the Board of Adjustments.

Betty Dammert – Recognition of Service: Mayor Andy Schabell thanked and presented Mrs. Dammert with a recognition of service plaque for all her years on the Code Enforcement Board.

Christmas/Winter Beautification Award Winner – Campbell County Historical Society: Mark Thomas shared gratitude for the voting. He stated it has grown from 14 trees their first year to 67 in 2024. The trees represented many residents of Alexandria from veterans to teachers, to young adults. They expanded to the City of Wilder this past year, with 30 trees.

Proclamation 2025-01: Mayor Schabell read the Proclamation for the VFW. Jared Bongle, Post Commander shared a few words of wanting to be part of the community and hopes to continue that partnership in the future. Mr. Bongle shared that Campbell Media has a program where Veterans can share their stories and they do all the editing, and it can be for personal or public use.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 19, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS - None

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

(Mike Duncan read the following.)

Municipal Order 2025-01: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria re-appointing and approving Julia McCray to a full three (3) year term on the Campbell County Cable Board to expire on June 30, 2027, or as soon as her successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

ORIGINAL

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2025-01, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Executive Order 2025-01: An Executive Order of the Mayor of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, promulgating revisions to the personnel policy for the City of Alexandria pertaining to per diem pay, cell phone policy, critical incident, vacation leave and emergency hours in the employee handbook.

Mayor Schabell shared, these changes were reviewed and approved by the Personnel committee.

Ordinance 2024-11 (2nd Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, adopting amendments to Title XI of the City's Code of Ordinances in order to regulate the operation of medical cannabis businesses in the city.

Mr. Graus asked if the regulations are similar to other cities who also have a cannabis business going into their city to have consistency, he was advised they are similar to those in Florence, KY.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Ordinance 2025-01 (1st Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky. Approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission, in order to adopt text amendments to the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance in order to provide time, place and manner regulations for the location and operation of medical cannabis businesses in the city.

Mr. Duncan gave a brief background as to how the Ordinance came about and the work put in by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator: Mr. Plummer gave an update on the city campus building; the land disturbance permit came through, there is a construction trailer on site, and they were just approved for a Duke Energy "grant".

Police Department: See attached report.

Public Works: See attached report. They have been busy, and the salt has been restocked. Mayor Schabell appreciated all the hard work put in by the department. Mr. Graus was appreciative and impressed by the work put in by everyone, city, state and county. Mayor Schabell asked residents to be patient and vigilant as kids are back in school and having to walk on the streets and buses do not have space to turn around. Mr. McGrath asked how the equipment held up and if there were any major issues. He was advised everything held up and there are a few minor things to repair.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: See attached report.

Community Center: See attached report.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning and Zoning: Met this past Tuesday evening.

Park & Recreation: Met this past Wednesday evening.

Board of Adjustments: Met this past Wednesday evening.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Schabell gave an overview of the meetings of the board regarding Advanced Auto. Mr. Plummer explained the board did reduce the fine, on the condition the owners clean up the lot and is complaint with the HC zone regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Committee Selection: Mayor Schabell explained the process and the order in which they will choose.

Finance:	Chair – Graus	Baldrige	Strong
Public Works:	Chair – Baldrige	Collins	Blair
Personnel:	Chair – Strong	Blair	Graus
Future Planning:	Chair – Blair	McGrath	Collins
Bs. Retention & Development:	Chair – McGrath	Strong	Graus
Safety:	Chair – Collins	Baldrige	McGrath

Amplify Alexandria: Mayor Schabell explained the program. Michael McGrath is the owner, and he shared the history of the business and how he purchased it 3 years ago. They serve all three Northern Kentucky counties, but they are based in Alexandria. He shared what all they provide and that if someone goes through their 6-hour course most Insurance companies will give a 10% discount on the policy.

Profit & Loss: See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS

2025 Meeting Schedule: Council agreed with the calendar.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: Feels there is new energy with the VFW members. Thanked the Public Works department for all their hard work on the snow. Mr. Baldrige asked if the Campbell County Superintendent could attend a future meeting.

Robert Strong: He would like to have a planning committee for the new memorial at the new city campus.

Patrick Blair: He thanked Mr. Baldrige and Mayor Schabell for recommending the city officials academy and he has learned a lot.

Stacey Graus: Welcomed Shane and Michael to council and looking forward to their perspective.

Mayor Schabell: Looking forward to working with everyone and the city is growing, and he is surrounded by hard-working people and by the next election there will be a new city building.

FUTURE MEETINGS

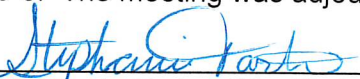
- January 21, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- January 23, 7:00pm – Property Maintenance Board of Appeals
- February 4, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- February 5, 7:00pm – Park & Recreation

COMMUNICATIONS

- January 18, 10-12:15, 1:30-4:00pm – Hoxworth Blood Drive, Community Center
- January 21 & 28, 7:00pm – Free Yoga, bring mat and water bottle
- Now – February 1 – Campbell County Holiday Lights Recycling, drop off old lights, various locations


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Patrick Blair. Mayor Schabell thanked Cub Scout Pack 563 for staying for the whole meeting. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 2/6/2025



Andy Schabell, Mayor

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