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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020

Mayor 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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| Stacey Graus Present | Susan Vanlandingham Present |
| Bob Simon Absent     | Sue Neltner Present         |
| Kyle Sparks Present  | Tom Baldrige Present        |

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk                      Mike Duncan, City Attorney  
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief                              Carol Hofstetter, Zoning Administrator

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 2, 2020

**MOTION:** Sue Neltner made a motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2020, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

### SCHEDULED VISITORS & GUESTS

**Robert Viox, Four Mile Pig** – Mr. Viox thanked council for the opportunity to express his appreciation for the city helping him grow his business. Four Mile Pig had been at the Alexandria Brewing Company for the first couple of years. Business was good but they were “tucked” in the back end of the brewery. Then COVID hit and they were forced to work outside. Business was still good, but he realized the food truck was not going to work in the parking lot during the Winter. He has leased the building at 7962 Alexandria Pike for his restaurant. The new kitchen and drive-thru window should be completed by their planned opening on August 3<sup>rd</sup> with limited seating inside. For now, there is a tent in the parking lot that seats about 35 and he is selling food from his truck. Anyone can order on-line at [www.fourmilepig.com](http://www.fourmilepig.com). Once the building is completed, call-in orders can be picked up at the drive-thru. They are very excited and have been staying busy at the new location. ABC still plans to use his catering services when they have different events at the brewery. His team consists of Chef Scott Scardino, Manager Ian Gumm, and his partner/wife Tammy. He again thanked the city for helping him and supporting his business.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – None

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Discussion/Action on Land Purchase by the City of Alexandria:**

Mayor Schabell explained the city has entered into a contract to purchase 9.9 acres of land along US27. This is a big thing for the city and there are hopes for a city campus consisting of a new city building, recreation center, a park and maybe a dog park. This will provide a nice place for our residents and more space for city employees, as we are outgrowing this building.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the contract to purchase the Schneider property at 8822 Constable Drive, seconded by Sue Neltner.

Mr. Graus stated this is a city “campus”, not just a city building. We are a growing city and will continue to grow. We are looking to have a cohesive building with everyone working under the same roof, and it will also provide amenities to the people that live in the city. People may question why we are doing this now, in the midst of a pandemic, but this was a great opportunity

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that presented itself, and he appreciates the Schneider family giving us the opportunity. The city has managed their funds in such a way that allows this purchase, while still meeting the needs of the community.

In purchasing this land, Mr. Sparks hopes that it doesn't sit for a long period of time without some type of construction going on, whether it's a park, dog park, etc. He asked what was the next step and whether we on track to have some type of construction after the first of the year. Mayor Schabell explained the next step is to meet with CT Consultants, which will be on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, to discuss future planning, grading and the timeline. Mayor Schabell also thanked Mrs. Enzweiler for working with the city to purchase this nice piece of property. The plan is to name the playground "Schneider Playground" to continue their legacy.

The Motion was then brought up for a vote. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. Mayor Schabell will sign the contract this evening.

**July 2020 P&L:** See attached.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Police Department:** Chief Cooper explained the PD has entered into an expanded partnership with Campbell County Schools and will be putting a full-time school resource officer at Campbell Ridge Elementary School beginning this school year. Applications for this position will be accepted until July 24<sup>th</sup>. The requirement is for someone who is a retired police officer, certified through the State of Kentucky and who is retired through the Kentucky Retirement System. Dr. Rust is very grateful for the city allowing this to happen.

Also, this week began the Summer Enforcement Grant that the city received from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety. There will be more police visible on the city streets doing traffic safety. As always, please slow down and obey all traffic laws.

**Public Works:** See attached. Street paving should begin soon.

**Zoning Administrator:** See attached, along with a detailed report from the Code Enforcement Officer which council had requested. Mr. Graus commented on the amount of activity on the report. Mr. Sparks asked if there is a link council can go to for this information. Chief Cooper explained Officer Davenport uses the same reporting CAD software as the other police officers, which does not have good outsourcing information. He created an Excel spreadsheet with the requested information. The plan is for the Code Enforcement Officer to take 5-10 minutes at the end of each shift and enter his activity onto this spreadsheet.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**Bs. Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks:** It was good to have Four Mile Pig in tonight, and he is looking forward to that new business opening. He hopes Robert does well in that area. He is looking forward to other things coming along and to the city's land purchase. Even during the pandemic, there are good things happening in the city.

Mayor Schabell added that Harbor Freight will be going in next to Burkes and will be a welcome addition to the city.

**Personnel – Tom Baldrige:** The next meeting will be August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

**Planning & Zoning:** The consultant the city had hired to assist with the Comprehensive Plan update will be at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to discuss the next steps.

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## OLD BUSINESS

**COVID-19 Update:** Mayor Schabell reported the office is still closed to the public but work is continuing as usual. Please call the city with any questions. The playground opened July 6<sup>th</sup>, along with most cities' playgrounds in Campbell County, but our restrooms remain closed.

The city is functioning at 100%, just doing it differently, making the best of a bad situation.

**Golf Carts in Communities under 20 mph:** Mr. Sparks would like to explore permitting the use of golf carts in certain subdivisions. Ms. Vanlandingham stated this was brought up at a safety meeting some time last year, and the committee did look at the issue for permits and where it would be acceptable. All were in agreement that because of the complaints they get for speeding in subdivisions, if you put a golf cart in the mix, it would be a compound situation. Chief Cooper explained this would not be a very safe situation, particularly in Arcadia. The line of sight is poor in areas of Arcadia, especially around the pool house, where there would probably be the most golf cart activity. This was the concern when it was discussed at the safety committee meeting. Golf carts are considered a moving vehicle with the same regulations as cars and drivers should have a valid driver's license and can be cited for moving violations. According to KRS, one cannot operate a golf cart on city streets unless the city has passed an ordinance to permit it in that area. The City of Ft. Thomas had just passed a golf cart ordinance, so there is no history yet of how it is working.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Susan Vanlandingham:** The Alexandria Fair Parade has been cancelled, but there is no decision yet on the Fair.

**Sue Neltner:** The Wool Fest has also been cancelled. She asked for everyone to please throw your masks, gloves and wipes in the trash instead of leaving them lay for others to pick up.

**Tom Baldrige:** He thanked Chief Cooper for the code enforcement report. He also asked for an explanation on what a school resource officer does. Chief Cooper explained the duties of an SRO, which include bus monitoring, assisting administrators with legal matters, assisting with an unruly student, creating a good relationship with the kids, and an providing an added sense of security for the school. It is not the SRO's job to carry out school discipline.

**Mayor Schabell:** He is staying busy with the purchase of the property, moving forward with code enforcement issues, participating in weekly calls with other mayors.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- July 21, 7:00 p.m. – P & Z Meeting
- July 23, 7:00 p.m. – Property Maintenance

## COMMUNICATIONS

There may be at least two council members not available for the August 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting, so Mayor Schabell asked everyone else if they would let him know as soon as possible if they would not be able to attend. If need be, we could possibly have a virtual meeting.

Mayor Schabell had been meeting with the school board regarding the reopening this coming year. They have pushed back the opening until August 24<sup>th</sup>, and one of the board members mentioned they are prepared to go back into full NTI not if, but when this happens. He warned council they should also be prepared to go back to virtual meetings should that time come.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

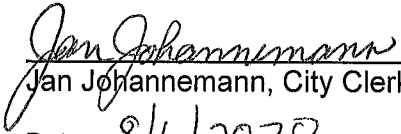
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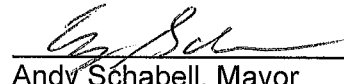
**MOTION:** Tom Baldrige made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. Executive Session began at 7:42 p.m.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to return to Regular Session at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

  
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Jan Johannemann, City Clerk  
Date: 8/6/2020

  
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Andy Schabell, Mayor  
Date: 8/6/2020