



ORIGINAL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of January 5, 2017

The Mayor called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council Members answering roll call:

Bob Simon	Present	Sue Neltner	Absent
Stacey Graus	Present	Sandy Decker	Present
Scott Fleckinger	Present	Andy Schabell	Present
Also: Jan Johannemann	Asst. City Clerk	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
Mike Ward	Police Chief		

Sandy Decker read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 1, 2016

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS: None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following:

First Reading:

ORD2017-01: Amending Section 94.03(b) of the City Code of Ordinances in order to modify the requirements for membership on the City's Park & Recreation Board.

Mr. Duncan explained the current ordinance states every member of the board must be a City resident. This revision would allow for one member to be a non-resident if they have special skills and experience that would assist in carrying out the mission of the board. This ordinance will also change and correct the compensation for members of the board to match the other boards.

MUN ORD2017-01: Reappointing Fred Hollmann for a four-year term on the Park & Recreation Board to expire on 12/31/2020.

Mr. Duncan explained this is the individual who is no longer a city resident, but who the Mayor would like to re-appoint. After discussion, council agreed to wait to approve this Municipal Order after the second reading and adoption of Ord#2017-01, at the January 19th meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Community Center Report: See report attached. Mr. Schabell would like to also see the expenses to run the facility in order to have the whole picture.

Public Works Committee: Bob Simon – They met tonight to discuss the sidewalk repair program. There is money in the current budget for this and Precision Concrete offered a discount to start the project this month.

Park & Recreation Board: They met last night and are working on their five-year plan – purchasing and planting some trees by the maintenance building using the grant money; moving the basketball courts closer to the parking lot; possibly begin work on the parking lot on Grandview by demolishing the house and cutting down the tree; and replace the garage roof.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss TIF District – All council members were given information on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Mayor Rachford explained what it is and how it can apply to the City. An area that needs infrastructure work can be designated as a TIF area, and then a tax revenue base line is established. As the area develops, a portion of the increase in tax revenue is dedicated to creating the infrastructure as an incentive for economic development. There are areas in Alexandria that could benefit from this. Also, there is an opportunity to work with Cold Spring and Campbell County to share the costs for the legal fees, etc. to designate a larger TIF area for a sewer line. Mr. Schabell asked if there could potentially be problems with the sewer line since Cold Spring is not a part of SD1. The Mayor didn't think so, but told Mr. Schabell to ask Seth Cutter and Matt Elberfeld, who will be at the next council meeting to answer any questions from council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gross Receipts Tax – This tax was effective January 1, 2017. There have been a few questions that were referred to the county.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Roger Steffen Resignation – Roger is retiring and the Community Center is actively looking for a replacement. If anyone is interested, applications are available on the website or at the City Building. Interviews will begin ASAP.
- Mayor Rachford encouraged residents to get their vehicles off the streets during snow storms to facilitate plowing.

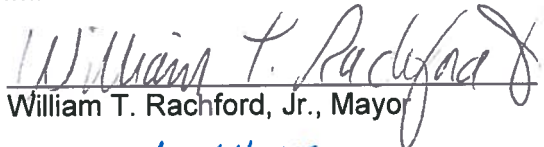
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Sandy Decker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 1-19-2017



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 1-24-17

Approved: *January 19, 2017*