



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of February 2, 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	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Sandy Decker	Present
Scott Fleckinger	Present	Andy Schabell	Present
Also: Karen Barto	City Clerk/Treas.	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
Mike Ward	Police Chief	Sgt. Natalie Selby	PD

ORIGINAL

Bob Simon read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 19, 2017

MOTION: Sandy Decker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-2 with Mr. Simon and Mr. Fleckinger abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS

1. Shannon Natale, Girl Scout Leader, Troop #1984 – Three girls from this troop have been working on their Bronze Award, the highest award for a junior girl scout. They volunteered over 20 hours to raise money to buy supplies for comfort bags (coloring book, pencils, story book, stuffed animal, flashlight), and blankets. They were here tonight to donate 24 comfort bags and 12 blankets to the Alexandria PD. This project was inspired by an incident that occurred when police came to the home of one of the girls' family for an emergency. Her brother was given a stuffed animal by a police officer to comfort him after he became very upset. Ms. Natale thanked the PD for working with them on this project.

2. Sgt. Natalie Selby, Alexandria PD – Sgt. Selby is in charge of the Volunteers and Police Services Program (VIPS). There are 20 volunteers who logged a total of 3,125 hours in 2016 assisting with traffic accidents and other things. She presented awards to Dennis Newberry-290.5 hrs; Harold Hornsby-312 hrs; Sandy Decker; Charlie Crowe-314 hrs; Jerry Bowman-332 hrs; Rick Montgomery-342 hrs; and Michele Turner-359 hrs. Congratulations VIPS.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Chief Ward thanked Sgt. Selby for working with the VIPS program.

Chief reported the nasal spray Narcan had been distributed to officers to carry in their vehicles. A few weeks ago, they administered a dose to a 26-year-old man at UDF that had overdosed. It was enough to keep him alive until the life squad arrived.

The Alexandria PD and Kelly Pompilio have had success with the Angel Program. Chief Ward thanked council for adding the PD Social Worker position.

Sue Neltner passed on info about a new program out of Indiana called The Bridge. She encouraged Chief Ward to look into this.

Chief Ward reported they have noticed that addicts who are on Vivitrol, a drug that blocks nerve receptors to opiates, are turning back to meth and cocaine to seek that high. Now they are seeing a resurgence of methamphetamine uses.

Chief Ward also reported Part-Time Officer Neal Gilreath resigned last week so he is working on getting that position filled.

Beautification Committee - Sue Neltner – They met tonight and decided not to do an official Alexandria Clean-Up Day in the Spring. They will instead encourage citizens to clean up their neighborhoods on April 1st. Something more formal might be planned for October.

Public Works Committee: Bob Simon – They met tonight to discuss 2017-18 road projects so they can be ahead of schedule to get them out for bid.

Annexation Committee: Stacey Graus – A meeting is scheduled for March, but Mr. Graus will be out of town at that time and there is nothing to discuss, so he will cancel that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Stacey Graus noticed 3 broken-down vehicles on the side of the AA Highway. Some of these vehicles will sit for a week at a time and could potentially cause an accident. Chief Ward said the State isn't going to remove them, but the Alexandria PD can tag them and then have them moved. He will also bring this up at the Chief's meeting next Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Rachford addressed the East Main Street parking issue from the last meeting. He had promised Mr. Zetterberg a report within two weeks. Research was done to alleviate the problems and Mr. Zetterberg was sent a letter. A driveway cut into his property is possible after an engineering study is completed and sent to the State, along with an application asking for a curb cut. Mayor Rachford assured him the City would back him in his efforts to get off-street parking. The Mayor also met with business owner next door. The City has decided the parking signs will stay but restricted parking will be from Monday through Friday only. He thanked Carol Hofstetter and Mike Duncan for their help with this issue.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 2-16-17



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 2/16/17

Approved: *February 16, 2017*