



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of February 16, 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	Sam Trapp	Public Works Supt.

ORIGINAL

Sue Neltner read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2, 2017

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2017 meeting, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS – None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Council: Karen Barto brought up the possible use of electronic devices instead of paper copies for packets during their term of office. The tablets cost about \$170 each. After a brief discussion of the pros and cons, she asked everyone to think about it and we will discuss at the next Council meeting.

Public Works Department: See report attached.

Zoning Department: Mr. Graus commented on the parking lot disrepair (potholes) in the Alexandria Village Green Shopping Center. The Mayor says it comes down to who is responsible for a particular area. Carol has a handle on who owns what section of property in the shopping center to contact them when there is an issue, so she is on top of this issue. See report attached.

Personnel Committee – Andy Schabell: They met tonight to discuss the Personnel Handbook and contracting with KLC to update it. The cost is reasonable - \$3,600, and the committee recommends going forward. They also hope to obtain a grant for \$1,800 to reduce the cost.

Also discussed was a new position of Public Works Foreman for the next fiscal year. The committee did vote to recommend this to council.

The committee also recommended hiring a full-time officer instead of a part-time officer in order to fill a gap left by the resignation of a part-time police officer. With the growth in Arcadia and other areas, it is time for more manpower.

Chief Ward asked for council's approval to start the recruitment process for a lateral position. Mr. Duncan said if the money is in the budget for this change, no action is needed. For budget purposes, Ms. Barto asked if Council will support to keep the new full-time person in the new fiscal year. Mr. Fleckinger said it depends if the budget can be balanced.

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

Beautification Committee: Sue Neltner – April 1st was declared “Alexandria Clean-Up-Your-Neighborhood Day”. Full bags of trash can be dropped off at the Campbell County Police Department.

Safety Committee: Sandy Decker – They met tonight to discuss bringing pay rates up to par so the PD doesn’t become a “stepping stone” for other departments. They also discussed the full-time police position, and measures to slow down the traffic in the Arcadia subdivision.

Chief Ward addressed Mr. Smith’s concerns and request for stop signs in Arcadia. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration does not recommend stop signs to control speed. Stop signs control the flow of traffic at an intersection. He has ordered a Stealth Stat device that will produce traffic data statistics (average speed, etc.) to determine the next step. He has also looked into some traffic calming measures instead of speed humps.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is researching ways to slow down traffic and then incorporating these into their subdivision regulations.

Council also discussed reducing the speed limit in Arcadia from 20 to 15. Chief Ward said if the speed limit is lowered to 15, it will only create more complaints that it’s not being enforced. Also, the State does not recognize posted speed limits below 25 mph so if there is a contested ticket, it could be dismissed.

Annexation Committee: Stacey Graus – The March 16th meeting will be canceled.

NEW BUSINESS

Investigating Additional Lighting on US27 in the Middle School Area – Mayor Rachford met with City Engineers at night to view street lighting on US27 between Poplar Ridge and Willow Street. Replacing lights with LED’s would cost about \$1,000 per bulb. Additional lights on poles cost \$1,500 to \$2,000 per light. The City Engineer will make a recommendation and the Mayor is looking into a grant to help fund this. He will update council when he knows more.

Chief Ward asked council to declare the old 1990 International SWAT truck as surplus property as it is not worth keeping. He hopes to get enough cash from this sale to purchase a used box truck for transporting SWAT equipment. They are not permitted to sell the International truck for anything more than scrap because of a restriction put on when it was given to the department. Mr. Duncan will check the statute to see if it needs to go out to bid to scrap it.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion that the City declare the 1990 International SWAT truck surplus property, and that it should be determined whether it needs to be put out to bid, and that the sale is with the stipulation that it be scrapped and not sold for re-use in its current form. The motion was seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Ms. Neltner asked who carries the liability insurance on the vehicles that are being shared with other departments. Chief Ward said the City does, and if another city uses the vehicle, they are responsible for any fuel and the repairs on it while in their use.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Campbell County Spring Clean-Up: March 31 & April 1 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Additional information is on the city's website.
- Alexandria Sewing Circle: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Annex Building from 10:00 – 2:00. Bring sewing machines, knitting, crochet, crafts and share ideas and enjoy the company.

Mr. Duncan just heard that Alexandria was awarded a \$35,000 trail grant for the Alexandria Community Park trail restoration. Mayor Rachford said this is a matching grant and there were plans to spend this money, but this is a grant for future spending, not for something that was already completed. They had hoped to use this to help defray the cost incurred for the trail.

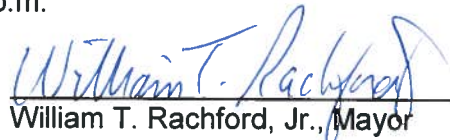
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 3-2-2017



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 3-2-2017

Approved: *March 2, 2017*