



ORIGINAL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of October 6, 2016

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	Absent	Andy Schabell	Present

Also:	Karen Barto	City Clerk/Treas.	Dan Hunt	City Attorney
	Sam Trapp	Public Works Supt.		

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 15, 2016**

**MOTION:** Sue Neltner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, motion passed 5-0-0.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:**

1) **Nathan Atkinson, 770 Vista View Dr.** – He asked about the possibility of adding a park in the northern part of Alexandria on about 2-3 acres behind Peggy Ann Lane. The property is owed by Donny Heeb and it would be a very good spot to benefit for the residents of Poplar Ridge and surrounding areas.

Also, he will soon be moving into the Eagle Ridge Subdivision and asked when street signs and speed limit signs would be installed.

Mr. Graus is not opposed improvements and adding parks, but there is a cost for acquisition, developing, ground work, playground equipment, bathrooms and added maintenance/upkeep. The first step would be to approach the owner before doing anything else. Also, the property is outside city limits and would have to be annexed. Grants might be available, and Ms. Neltner is willing to work on them. Mayor Rachford will see about how much it might cost, and determine if spending the money makes sense in lieu of other demands for the budget.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

*Mr. Hunt read the following Second Readings:*

**ORD2016-11:** Repealing Ordinance 2016-07, and Section 116.02 of the City Code of Ordinances, and amending Section 117.03 of the City Code of Ordinances in order to amend and modify the City’s occupational license fee and occupational license tax ordinances.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-11, seconded by Sandy Decker. There was discussion about how much revenue it would bring in, and that the rate was reduced from the amount that was originally set, making it less of a burden on businesses. Mayor Rachford explained the sole purpose of this ordinance was to more equitably treat the taxation of businesses within the city, going into effect January 1, 2017. The motion was brought up for a vote and passed 4-1-0 with Ms. Neltner voting no.

**ORD2016-12:** Amending Ordinance 2015-02, the city’s budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 by amending the budget for expenditures not provided for in the 2015-2016 budget according to the attached Exhibit A in order to end the fiscal year in balance.

Ms. Barto pointed out there were errors in the totals on the exhibit to the ordinance – P. 1 under Police; P. 2 Community Center – the top lines on each were not added into the total. Mr. Hunt said the revised total is \$242,275.

**MOTION:** Bob Simon made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-12, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**City Clerk:** The audit went very well. The preliminary discussion with the auditors showed everything is fine. They are close to presenting to Council, but normally it is presented to the Finance Committee in detail first. Since there is no scheduled Committee meeting, Ms. Barto would like to meet with the Mayor and the Finance Committee Chair to go over the detailed draft before presenting it to Council. Then, Stephanie Allgeyer could present an abbreviated version to Council. Mayor Rachford agreed.

Also, city property taxes are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Postmarks are not accepted.

**Public Works Committee (Bob Simon):** They met tonight and several residents from Carriage Park Subdivision were present to express concerns about their streets and the City's plans for an overlay on the street. The Committee agreed to meet again to discuss options and get back to the residents.

**Park & Recreation Board:** At Wednesday's meeting, the Recreation Director, suggested the old sponsor sign at the park be replaced with the same type of material as the other signage. Mayor Rachford should know the status of the new sign by the next meeting.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** They met Tuesday and are reviewing the Highway Commercial zone in Zoning Ordinance, to make a few changes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Re-cap of Heroes Day, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – It was a great success. Several fire and EMS departments had their equipment, as well as the SWAT Team, Boone County Rescue, National Guard, and US Air Care were there. Woodmen Life served about 850 hot dogs. Thanks to all the volunteers and the Campbell County School System. This event benefited the Cops & Kids Program, and so far, approximately \$3,200 has been raised. Woodmen Life has a website "Red Basket" available if anyone would still like to donate.
- October 21 & 22 Campbell County Cleanup
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Tax Bills due
- October 31<sup>st</sup>, Trick or Treat Hours 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Precision Concrete Cutting is doing an assessment of the City's sidewalks - if anyone sees someone spray painting numbers on the sidewalks. Ms. Neltner knows the city is not responsible for maintenance of the sidewalks along US27, but the grass is overgrown in the cracks and along the sides. Mayor Rachford said the City can get rid of the grass.
- Cincinnati Bell is in the City installing fiber optic service.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate issues involving the city, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b), seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the Mayor signing a lease to rent property from KOI for a municipal parking lot, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.


Andy Schabell thanked Stacey for his work on this.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 10/21/16

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 10/21/16

Approved: *October 20, 2016*