



ORIGINAL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of September 15, 2016

The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members answering roll call:

	Bob Simon	Present	Sue Neltner	Absent
	Stacey Graus	Present	Sandy Decker	Present
	Scott Fleckinger	Absent	Andy Schabell	Present
Also:	Karen Barto	City Clerk/Treas	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
	Mike Ward	Police Chief	Sam Trapp	Public Works Supt.
	Kim Wagner	Recreation Director		

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 18, 2016

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2016 meeting, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

1) **Kim Wagner, Alexandria Recreation Director** – Kim reported on what has happened at the Community Center and the Alexandria Park, as well as planned future events. See the city website for the schedule. She invited the community to e-mail or call her with ideas.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan - First Readings of the following:

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.

Mr. Duncan explained Ordinance 2016-07 was adopted earlier this year which modified our ordinance in order to initiate a gross receipts tax. That ordinance raised the business license fee from \$75 to \$100 and had a rather complicated calculation of gross receipts tax. Campbell County enforces the occupational license ordinance and saw some problems. After meeting with the County, the Committee came up with an updated format, which includes the gross receipts tax of 0.875%, and a minimum of \$100.

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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: The auditors will be here next week.

Police Department: Chief Ward and the PD social worker have been working on an opiate outreach initiative – “ACTS” (Alexandria Addictive Community Training and Support). Crime-related activity in the city and elsewhere is primarily opiate-based. Of the 213 overdoses in Boone, Kenton and Campbell County in August, 103 of them were in Campbell County. Chief Ward distributed a draft report for council to review. Certain areas of the country have created an “Angel Program” where volunteers walk addicts through the recovery process. Some programs have more of an educational and support element, and the Alexandria PD is going to

create something to work for the city. A different approach is needed for the drug problem because just enforcement is not working.

Because the police know and are in contact with the addicts in the area, the PD is trying to reach out to these people, their families, and the community. They are going with a three-prong approach – enforcement, education, and treatment. Kelly is working with local churches, other groups, and St. Elizabeth to get volunteers and training.

Ms. Neltner asked if the needle exchange is helping. Chief Ward said no city in Boone, Kenton or Campbell County is doing it.

This new program is a work in progress and he encouraged council to contact him with any questions or suggestions.

Also, the MRAP vehicle is parked outside if anyone wants to see it after the meeting. This is an armored vehicle the PD obtained from the Army, as a "swift assist victim extraction" vehicle. In a hostage shooting scenario like the recent Orlando night club incident, ordinary life squads are not bullet-proof or equipped like this vehicle for getting people safely out of a building. The vehicle is on loan from the Federal Government, and there was no cost to the city except for liability insurance. Chief Ward said they also recently took possession of a Humvee with 9,000 miles that will replace the old SWAT bus that is becoming too costly to repair.

Community Center: See Activity Report attached.

Public Works: Sam Trapp said Precision Concrete Cutting is working in the City for the next two weeks doing sidewalk assessments and marking sections with paint. The goal is to get the sidewalks into ADA compliance. The actual work will be done later.

Zoning Administrator: See report attached. Mayor Rachford explained grass clippings cannot be blown onto the street because the grass will clog up storm sewers. Anyone seen doing this will get a visit from the code enforcement officer.

Personnel Committee (Andy Schabell): They met tonight to discuss the FLSA (Federal overtime rate requirements and regulations) and how to track. The next meeting is October 20th.

Beautification Committee (Sue Neltner): Fall clean-up will be late September/mid-October.

Public Works Committee (Bob Simon): There was a Special Meeting tonight to discuss the 2016 street bid project for overlays on Saddle Ridge, Maple Valley, Carriage Park and the south end of Constable. Bluegrass Paving had the low bid out of five, with a bid of \$238,626.66.

MOTION: Andy Schabell made a motion to approve the bid of \$238,626.66 from Bluegrass Paving for the 2016 Alexandria Street Program, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trick or Treat Hours – October 31st is on a Monday this year and typically the hours are set for 6:00-8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to set Trick or Treat for Monday, October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- October 2nd from 12:30–4:30 is Hero's Day at the Campbell County Middle School Parking Lot – There will be fire trucks, police cruisers, military equipment, and helicopters, SWAT and K-9 demonstrations, music and free food provided by Woodmen Life. Rain date is November 6th.
- There have been several questions recently about the mailings from the sewer and water line warranty company so Mayor Rachford wanted to review the program again. The City has sponsored this program and teamed up with the National League of Cities and a warranty company. Every house in the city will get one letter on the water line program with a follow-up letter 2 weeks later. Then, six months later there will be the same process for the sewer line program. The letter does have the city logo is signed by the Mayor. It is strictly voluntary and covers the water/sewer lines from the street to homeowner's property, with a maximum limit of up to \$4,000 per episode. The city is merely a vehicle to communicate the program to its citizens.
- The 9/11 service was held last Sunday and Mayor Rachford thanked everyone who participated including Woodmen Life, VFW, local police and fire, Sam Trapp and Kim Wagner.
- The Kentucky RX card was sent out with each tax bill, which is a prescription discount card. In some instances, it can save money running prescriptions through this card instead of insurance.


ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 10/7/16



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 10/7/16

Approved: **October 6, 2016**