



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of March 1, 2018**

Mayor Rachford called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Stacey Graus	Present	Susan Vanlandingham	Absent
Bob Simon	Present	Scott Fleckinger	Present
Sue Neltner	Present	Andy Schabell	Present

Also: Karen Barto, City Clerk/Treas.
 Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt. Mike Duncan, City Attorney
 Mike Ward, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 15, 2018

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2018, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-2 with Mr. Graus and Ms. Neltner abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS

1. HB Deatherage, Founder/CEO of Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame

Mayor Rachford presented Mr. Deatherage with Alexandria **PRO2018-01**, honoring and supporting the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. Mr. Deatherage recognized several KY Hall of Fame Veteran members present at this meeting: Chuck Korzenborn, Ron Allari, William Rachford, Mark See, Mike Ward, James Hales (Dec'd.), and Steve Weber. The purpose of this organization is not to recognize a person for their military service, but for what they have done post-military. Mr. Deatherage then read his Proclamation to make Alexandria a Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame City and presented the Mayor with three signs for placement throughout the City. A three-minute video was shown, which will be placed on the City's web and Facebook page.

This past week, the Community Center was opened as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter for those displaced due to flooding. Up to 45 people used this facility as their temporary home. Many individuals and businesses donated items, food, etc. and the Red Cross was very appreciative. At least one VIP was present 24 hours a day for entire event.

Alexandria's VIPS in Schools Program is the first of this kind in Kentucky, working in the Campbell County elementary schools. The Mayor has gotten very good feedback on this program.

2. Sgt. Natalie Selby – Alexandria PD/VIPS Program

Natalie is in charge of the Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) program, where there are currently 26 volunteers. This past week, the VIPS worked around the clock at the Community Center, helping the Red Cross, providing security for our buildings, and being a listening ear for those at the shelter.

Each year, Alexandria awards these volunteers for their hard work and dedication. The following VIPS were recognized for their hours of service in 2017, and were presented with the Alexandria PD Eagle Award of Excellence:

Jerry Bowman	218 hours	Harold Hornsby	237 hours
Sandy Decker	262 hours	Denny Newberry	309 hours
Rick Montgomery	309 hours	Charlie Grow	344 hours

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

MUN. ORD. #2018-11: Appointing and approving Jeffrey Wagner as an alternate member of the Alexandria Board of Ethics for a full three-year term expiring 12/31/2020.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve MO #2018-11, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk – Karen Barto: Her office has been gearing up for insurance renewal, reviewing the Personnel Policy, and working on the City's budget.

Police Department – Chief Mike Ward: Chief Ward said Sgt. Selby did a great job coordinating the VIPS and Red Cross last week. The support from the community was unbelievable. Since the contract was signed with Emergency Management 8 years ago, this was the first time the Community Center had been used as a shelter. Things went very well. He is planning a debriefing meeting to see what can be done better the next time.

Chief Ward also reported they are meeting to review radios for the new radio system. Once a decision is made on which vendor has the best and most affordable solution, he will bring this information to council. Things will be moving quickly in the next few months, and the new system should be ready by the end of November, 2018. In the next few months, about 4,000 radios in three counties will have to be purchased, delivered, programmed, tested, and issued.

Ms. Neltner asked about the equipment the PD currently has. Chief Ward explained how the current technology the PD have works now, versus what the new equipment will handle. The new system will allow the PD to talk to the firemen and medics on a scene on the same radio system. It will also operate with Hamilton, Clermont, SW Dearborn Counties.

Kelly Pompilio had worked with the City of Erlanger in hiring their police social worker, Becky Straus, from Alexandria. Becky interned with Kelly while working toward her Masters. He thanked council for their support as it seems to be making a positive impact in our community.

Personnel Committee – Andy Schabell: They met tonight and completed their initial review of the Personnel Policy with changes. Once the policy is in a final draft form, it will be brought back for approval.

Public Works Committee – Bob Simon: They met tonight to discuss the street program, which will be put out for bid soon.

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Activities for youth in Alexandria (Mindy Baird)** - Since the last council meeting Mayor Rachford has met with several individuals, including the YMCA, to see what possibilities, and whether there are things the City could potentially do (activities) at the Community Center and/or Park. A survey will be created to get feedback.

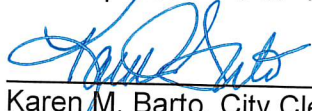
COMMUNICATIONS

- The lake at the Alexandria Community Park will be re-stocked with 1,400 catfish on March 7th, and then with trout later in the month.
- March 17, 9:00 – 2:00: Craft Fair at the Community Center.

- April 5th Council Meeting – Presentation by Sarah White on a Drug Take-Back Program
- April 19th Council Meeting – Dr. Rust, Superintendent of Campbell County Schools will speak
- May 3rd Council Meeting –Town Hall Meeting at the Community Center
- May 17th – Ethics Training immediately following Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 4-5-18

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Approved: April 5, 2018