CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of November 17, 2011

The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Mayor William T. Rachford, Jr. present and the following members answering roll call:

Council Members:
Barbara Weber Present
Stacey Graus Present
Joe Anderson Present
Bob Simon Present
Dave Hart Present
Scott Fleckinger Present

Also present:
Karen Barto City Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Duncan City Attorney
Mike Ward Police Chief
John Jewell P&Z
Karen Minshall Park & Rec.
Gail Jewell Ethics Board
Ellis Lang Ethics Board

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Stacey Graus read the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 3, 2011

MOTION: Dave Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, with Scott Fleckinger abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Stephanie Allgeyer, VonLehman & Co. – They performed the audit for the year ending June 30, 2011 and she was present to go over some of the highlights of the Financial Report and to answer any questions that council may have. She thanked council for giving them the opportunity to perform the audit, and that it was a pleasure to work with the management. Joe Anderson asked for clarification of some of the items regarding corrected and uncorrected misstatements listed on page 2. Ms. Allgeyer did explain these.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to accept the Audit from VonLehman, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. Barb Weber felt that one sentence on page 6 summarized it all by stating that “the city remains in a solid financial position even though there continues to be extremely difficult economic times.” The motion was then brought up for a vote. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None
Police Department: Progress

Public Works: See report attached. Mayor Rachford added that there is construction on Hunters Hill and Clearmeadow that is being done by the Sanitation District.
Zoning: See report attached. If there are questions, please check with Carol Hofstetter.

Fire Department: Chief Pohlman reported the new squad should be delivered soon, replacing a 1994 model with high mileage. Thanks to everyone who attended the Turkey Raffle. It was a success with over 300 dinners served. Chief Pohlman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and added that shortly after Thanksgiving he is expecting a call from Santa about riding on the fire truck through Alexandria. Watch their sign for a date and time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety Committee: Barb Weber reported on the Safety Committee Meeting earlier this evening. Development of a procedure for installation of a speed calming device was discussed, and they are looking at possible alternatives that are less expensive in material, man hours, and less damage to the streets.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Typically the second meeting in December is canceled (December 15th) and Mayor Rachford said he is not planning to meet then unless there is some business to be conducted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Shelter operations and emergency management training is scheduled for December 13, 2011.
- Lunch with Santa is on Saturday, December 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Volunteers are needed. Call the City Clerk's Office to volunteer.
- Happy Thanksgiving. Please take a few moments to be thankful for what God has given you.
- Crooner's Christmas Concert by Todd Schafer is Sunday, November 27th at 3:00 p.m.

Joe Anderson said there will be a Christmas display at Southern Lanes on weekends beginning November 25th until December 18th. If interested in sponsoring a Christmas tree for $25, contact Don Hilker. He challenged City Council to personally sponsor a Christmas tree. Also, Saturday, November 26 is Small Business Day, so please patronize the small businesses in Alexandria.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb Weber. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 12/06/2011

Approved: 12/01/2011

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 12/02/2011