



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of February 16, 2012**

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

Council Members:

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

Also present:

Karen Barto	City Clerk	Gail Jewell	Ethics Board
Mike Ward	Police Chief	Ellis Lang	Ethics Board
Mike Duncan	City Attorney	Ron Johnson	P&Z

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Scott Fleckinger read the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 2, 2012

MOTION: Dave Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012 meeting with corrections (Scott Fleckinger was absent, and the vote count should be 5-0-0 instead of 6-0-0), seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1 with Scott Fleckinger abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

- 1) **William Turner, Director, Office of Emergency Management:** He had a copy of the state-wide Mutual Aid Agreement that was signed on January 5th. He appreciates that the city is so proactive in working on issues relating to emergency management and public safety.
- 2) **J. C. Morgan, Director, Campbell County Public Library:** He wanted to talk about the proposed new branch of the library that would be built in the southern part of the county. After a series of public meetings, he found that there were a lot of people who were supportive of building this library. He gave some statistics about how useful libraries have been to the community and the services they provide, and asked for the support of Mayor and council for the new library.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan then read the following:

MUNICIPAL ORDER #2012-01: A Municipal Order appointing and approving Stephen Hamberg to fill the unexpired term of Karen Minshall as a member of the City of Alexandria Park & Recreation Board.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve Municipal Order #2012-01, seconded by Barb Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Department: Chief Ward received notification from the National Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation that Jim Sticklen's name is going to be added to the wall in Washington, D.C. on May 15th.

George Schreiner, Mayor Rachford, and Chief Ward will represent the City. Jim Sticklen's name will also be added to the Wall of Fallen Officers in Richmond, Kentucky, and during Police Memorial Week his name will be added to the Northern Kentucky Memorial Wall in Covington. Contact Chief Ward if you are interested in attending any of these. Barbara Weber would like to see something at the Tribute Park to memorialize Officer Sticklen locally.

Public Works: Report attached. Mayor Rachford said due to the mild winter, we have not used much salt, and Sam Trapp has worked with the salt vendor to store our unused salt at their warehouse until it will be needed, thus eliminating a storage issue.

Zoning: See report attached.

Public Works Committee: Dave Hart had nothing to report, but did say that he may have a name for the Beautification Committee to contact about what trees will grow in the area across the street.

Barb Weber wanted to know if a light could be installed by the steps near the overflow parking lot across the street from the City Building since this is being used frequently. Stacey suggested painting a crosswalk on the street and/or adding signage. Since Rt. 10 is a state road, Chief Ward will contact the State Highway Department to get this taken care of.

Beautification Committee: Bob Simon reported they were awarded the \$500 grant from the Campbell County Conservation District. He will pick up the check at Campbell County High School on March 15th. He is also working on the second grant application, which could be as much as \$1,200.

Safety Committee: Barb Weber said that since the weather has been so warm, it has brought out the vendors/solicitors earlier than normal. The city does have a No Knock Ordinance that will keep these individuals away from your door. Call the City Clerk's Office to obtain an application.

Personnel Committee: Joe Anderson said there was a meeting before council this evening. The next meeting will be April 19th.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Anderson wanted to know why the fence and backstop were removed from the front ball field. The Mayor explained that the ball field has been in bad shape for a long time, and has significant drainage problems. Eventually, it will be converted to additional parking which is needed; however, funds for this project are not yet available.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Rachford received a letter from Kentucky League of Cities regarding a \$1,853.87 safety grant awarded to the City for the purchase of our defibrillators and the snow traction shoe treds for the PD and PW.

Campbell County Clean Up days are March 30, 31, and April 1 at the Campbell County Transportation Department, Pendery Park, and the Campbell County Police Department.

Shred Day is on April 28 at the Disabled American Vet Headquarters in Cold Spring. Please call 859-547-1802 for questions.

On February 24 from 2:00-3:00, Senator Rand Paul will be at the Community Center holding a town hall meeting. If you are interested in asking a question, this is your opportunity to do that.

Mayor Rachford then recognized Brian Painter, Campbell County Fiscal Court. Mr. Painter thanked the Council for the hard work they do. There is a group forming he is calling the Friends of A. J. Jolly Park who want to again make the park a great place to visit. He listed several things that are happening at the park and what is planned for the future. Alexandria will also benefit by these changes.

Commissioner Painter thanked Mayor Rachford for speaking with the Legislative Caucus of Northern Kentucky on the rising cost of the pension funds, which affects not only the city but the county as well. If anyone would like to talk to him about any issues, please call.

Mayor Rachford said he and Barb Weber traveled to Frankfort and met with Representative Fischer to talk about pension funds. Rep. Fischer is working on a bill regarding this.

Ellis Lang mentioned that last week his daughter was approached by a black man who came into her church looking for assistance, and she didn't know who to call. Ms. Weber said she also had a call from someone who wanted to know who to call. Chief Ward said they should just call 911 and not spend the time looking up the non-emergency number. The same person answers both numbers and if they are busy with an emergency, they will just put you on hold.

ADJOURNMENT:

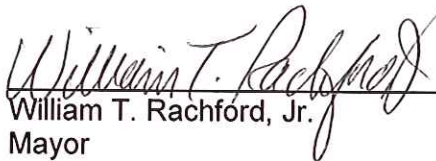
MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 3-2-2012

Approved: 3-1-2012



William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 3/2/2012