



CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of April 18, 2013

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

Council Members:

Barbara Weber	Present	Bob Simon	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Scott Fleckinger	Present
Joe Anderson	Present	Andy Schabell	Present

Also present:

Karen Barto	City Clerk/Treasurer	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
Mike Ward	Police Chief	Sam Trapp	Public Works Supt.
Jeff Pohlmann	Fire Chief	Todd Schafer	Comm. Ctr. Mgr.
John Jewell	P&Z Chairman		

Scott Fleckinger read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Joe Anderson asked everyone for prayers for the people in the Boston bombing and the Texas explosion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 4, 2013**

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:**

**Todd Schafer, Community Center Manager:** Todd reported on the Community Center activity for the calendar year 2012. All council members received a copy of this report. (see attached) He has also prepared a 52-page report that shows weekly activity at the Community Center in 2012. Mayor Rachford thanked Todd for his report and he is pleased with the use we are getting out of it.

**Kyle Bittner, 130 Lake Park Drive:** He addressed an issue of speeding and child safety on his street. They contacted the city 1-1/2 years ago about speeding and asked if they could get speed humps for their street. After e-mailing the police chief, they were told a study would be done and the speed humps were expensive. He has not seen any increased police presence or evidence a study was done. Lake Park is a long street and cars frequently drive too fast. There is a blind spot where you can't see over a rise in the road. If someone is going too fast, it leaves little time to react. He recently read Alexandria was discussing speed humps and safety. He wanted to know if the old speed humps that are not going to be installed on Constable Drive could be put on Lake Park.

Ms. Weber, Safety Committee chair, stated the article was from the recent committee meeting. They were trying to come up with a reasonable alternative to temporary speed humps to present to council for a final decision. They want to discontinue the use of the old speed humps being used now. They were state-of-the-art at the time, but now they don't work. They tear up the street and are expensive to install. Council has already passed language regarding criteria to determine which streets should have speed humps installed and she encouraged Mr. Bittner to get the information from the City Clerk's office.

Mike Ward added that Lake Park was one of the streets talked about at the Safety Committee meeting that should have speed humps. There are certain things the residents of a street need to do to petition for speed humps and Mr. Bittner should get that packet. In the meantime, Ms. Weber suggested that Mr. Bittner get the license plate numbers, dates and times of speeding vehicles through his neighborhood and then report it to the police. Chief Ward said sometimes all it takes is a warning from a police officer to slow someone down.

**Robert Mardis, 128 Lake Park Drive:** He wondered why we needed a speed hump on Constable next to the Campbell County police station. Chief Ward said their presence doesn't help. They installed the humps on Constable for the safety of the walkers, bikers, runners and others who use that road because there have been quite a few close calls.

**Sue Patton, Carriage Park Drive:** Why are there three speed humps within one block on Panorama, and why is there one by the stop sign? She does not like them. Chief Ward said if they install a permanent one, they plan to remove the stop signs, which were put up to slow traffic down but didn't. When the PD did a study before the speed humps were installed, they found the residents were running the stop sign and driving in excess of 20 mph. Once the humps were installed, the complaints from Panorama residents went down to almost nothing.

Ms. Weber said the policy states if 67% of the residents on the street do not want the speed humps, then they can sign a petition against having them.

### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

*Mr. Duncan read the following:*

*First Reading:*

**ORD2013-07:** Amending Section 155.10 of the Alexandria Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the Kentucky Standards of Safety, and to designate the Fire Chief of the Alexandria Fire District to operate a fire inspection program in the city.

*Second Reading:*

**ORD2013-04:** Approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission, pursuant to KRS 100.209, to establish zoning for that part of the Tollgate property that is not already within the city limits.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2013-04, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor the motion passed 6-0-0.

**ORD2013-05:** Annexing the Tollgate property that is not already within the city limits of the City of Alexandria.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2013-05, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**ORD2013-06:** Approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission to approve a zoning map amendment for approximately 4.817 +/- acres of the Tollgate property.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2013-05, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**City Clerk:** None

**Police Department:** None

**Public Works:** See report attached. The Mayor said bids for resurfacing the city's parking lot were opened last Friday, April 12. The winning bid was for \$39,250 from Paul Michaels & Sons. Joe Anderson asked for clarification for the "bidder disqualification". Sam Trapp explained this bidder did not submit all of the paperwork and documentation to qualify them as a competitive bidder.

**Zoning Administrator:** See report attached.

**Fire Department:** None

**Beautification Committee:** Andy Schabell reported the Campbell County Extension Service awarded the city a \$1,000 grant to be used on Washington Street for mulch and rose bushes. Also, they recently trimmed the rose bushes and pulled weeds on Washington Street. The next meeting will be May 2<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss trees for the Tribute Park.

**Finance Committee:** There was a meeting tonight and the committee reviewed the first draft of the budget for next fiscal year. The next scheduled meeting will be May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 but there may be one before then.

**Safety Committee:** Barb Weber said there is now a safety light at the walkway across the street for the overflow parking lot. She thanked Sam for his help in getting this installed.

The committee recommended discontinuing the installation of the old speed humps because of their destructive nature. The Safety Committee, PD and the Public Works Department are currently discussing the size and actual numbers of permanent speed humps we will need.

Also, a large number of homes do not have house numbers visible from the street and is a safety issue. The Fire and Police cannot always find someone in a timely manner if they don't see a house number, so please be sure your number can be seen from the street in the case of an emergency.

Ms. Weber asked Council's opinion regarding the committee's suggestion on speed humps. The temporary humps will have to be used again this year, but money will be put in next year's budget to start installation of permanent speed humps. Chief Ward also stated that if residents are insistent on speed humps but the City does not feel that the street meets the criteria, the residents can pay for a majority of the cost to have them installed.

Council did agree to move forward with discussion of the use of permanent speed humps and what design would be used.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Advanced Automotive Update:** The owner appeared in court and is due back in court again next week to report on his progress.

**8339 E. Main Street Update:** The owner is in the process in demolishing the building and wants to rebuild. They had hoped to have a new building completed by this Fall, but the Mayor isn't sure that will happen.

**103 Southbrook:** There is now a safety fence around the property and warning signs have been put up. A criminal complaint has been drafted and a charge will be sent to the property owner.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Joe Anderson asked if anyone thought of having an Alexandria golf outing and donate funds to a charity. Mr. Duncan said it would be okay for a city to have it, but he would have to work closely with them. The Mayor said it would need a chairperson.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Arbor Day, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Free Trees from 10:00-Noon at the Alexandria Community Park Small Shelter


**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
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Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 5-7-13

Approved: 05-02-2013

  
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William T. Rachford, Jr.  
Mayor

Date: 5/6/2013