



ORIGINAL

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of January 16, 2014**

The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Rachford was present with the following members answering roll call:

**Council Members:**

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

**Also present:**

Susie Clark	Administrative Clerk	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
Sam Trapp	Public Works Supt.	Mike Ward	Police Chief
Dave Hart	P&Z Chair	Ron Johnson	P & Z Member

Joe Anderson read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2, 2013**

**MOTION:** Andy Schabell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2013 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1 with Stacey Graus abstaining.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:**

- 1. Chris Mardis, 128 Lake Park Drive; Rex Herald, 678 Mallard Drive, Ronnie Bickers, 15 Glenridge Dr.:** They are all interested in getting a skate park in Alexandria.

Ronnie Bickers is here to support Chris Mardis. He is 20 years old and has been skateboarding since the sixth grade. He was bullied in school and skateboarding was an escape. He believes a skate park in Alexandria would help a lot of kids and make a big difference. He now owns a clothing company and is willing to have shirts designed and printed to help raise money for a skate park.

Chris Mardis came to a council meeting last year asking for the Mayor and Council's support. He has a Face Book page, "Alexandria, Ky Needs a Skate Park" and he has appeared on Fox 19, will be on the Good Morning Show, and has over 2,000 "Likes" on his Face Book page. He spoke with several companies asking for their support and researched the cost of portable ramps. Last year there was no financial backing or location picked out, but he thinks the basketball court at the Alexandria Community Park would be a good spot. Fresh Park Skate Ramps has a portable skate park in a box that can be erected and taken apart in about 10-20 minutes and could be stored in the storage building at the park. It takes up about half of a basketball court. He gave the specific dimensions of the ramps, etc. and the cost is \$9,400. He believes they could raise the money.

Andy Schabell called Pam Proctor to ask about Park & Rec's plans for the basketball court. They planned to rip up the court, plant trees and relocate the basketball court to the front of the park. Mr. Schabell pointed out Chris' idea is not the same as the large and expensive one in Florence. They may be able to get some professional skaters to put up money for the park, but there is still upkeep and insurance, and someone to build/tear down if it isn't permanent.

Mayor Rachford was impressed with the time and research Chris did. He asked for information that could be shared with the Park & Rec Board to see if it could be incorporated into their plan.

Chris asked for permission to have a fund raiser at the park. Mayor Rachford said yes, but there are some other decisions and research to be done before then. Ms. Weber is also concerned about liability insurance.

2. **Joe Revel, 8 Bittersweet Dr.:** What is happening with the Old Media Log on Main Street that is such an eyesore? When is it going to be finished?

Joe Anderson talked to Carol Hofstetter. The permit expires February 18<sup>th</sup>, and it may look like nothing is being done, but the owner has been digging out the foundation in the basement. Mr. Anderson suggested re-writing the ordinance to cut down the length of time for a permit to one year. Currently, you have six months to start a demolition and then 18 months to complete it. Stacey Graus asked if the city was obligated to renew a permit if it expires. Mr. Duncan said it is not mandatory to issue an extension. Mr. Graus pointed out if time runs out before completion and we don't grant an extension, then the city would have to get a condemnation order, demolish the property, put a lien against the property, etc. The city has options, but there is an expense to the city. Mr. Revel said it just makes the city look bad.

Ms. Weber also thought the time frame should be looked at. Two years is a long time and there is no urgency in getting it done. Mayor Rachford was just as frustrated as Mr. Revel. He asked Mr. Duncan to give the City options and recourse if the deadline is not met. Mr. Duncan will research this and let council know. There may be a state statute involved.

### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

*Second Readings:*

**ORD2014-01:** Approving the recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission to adopt a text amendment to the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance in order to adopt regulations for Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC).

Mr. Duncan explained this ordinance amends the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new zoning classification.

Mr. Graus asked if there is a plan for widening the Connector Road, and whether there have been discussions with the State regarding traffic flow. Jay Bayer, Civil Engineer for the project, stated based on a Traffic Impact Study that was done and submitted to both the City and the Highway Department, there was no need for improvements at this time. Mr. Graus thinks there needs to be a turn lane headed south from AA to the Connector Road, especially with the expected increase in traffic from this project and the Arcadia Development. He was hoping the State would be more interested in the *future* needs when planning improvements. Mr. Bayer promised they will strongly support the City to try to get improvements made in the area.

**MOTION:** Bob Simon made a motion to adopt ORD2014-01, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

**ORD2014-02:** Approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission to approve a zoning map amendment for the Baptist Convalescent Inc.'s real estate at 132 East Alexandria Pike, consisting of 10.708 +/- acres of property located at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of East Alexandria Pike/US27/AA Highway Connector Road (KY 709) with the AA Highway (Rt. 9) from County Highway Commercial and Rural Residential Estate zones to the City's new Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) zone, subject to the submitted Development Plan.

**MOTION:** Andy Schabell made a motion to adopt ORD2014-02, seconded by Barb Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**City Clerk:** None

**Police Department:** None

**Public Works:** See report attached. Mayor Rachford commended the department for keeping the streets cleaned and safe during the bad weather. He has not heard any complaints.

**Zoning:** See report attached.

**Beautification Committee:** The first meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Public Works Committee:** Met tonight to discuss the road projects for this year.

**Safety Committee:** A meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Committee:** A meeting is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Stacey Graus said whenever there is snow and/or ice on Riley Road, it gets more dangerous. The guardrails seem to be deteriorating on the hillside, and he wanted to see if the State would look at improvements. Chief Ward said he has been frustrated with District 6's handling of some issues in the past, but will ask them about the guardrail.

Mayor Rachford asked Chief Ward and Sam Trapp to come up with suggestions to submit to the State Highway Department. Chief Ward said the only way he has gotten any progress from the Highway Department in a timely manner was when local legislators push the issues for us. Joe Anderson suggested bringing this up at the City Night in Frankfort in February. Chief Ward said the local Highway Department on US 27 has been great to work with, but sometimes the city's priorities are not the state's priorities. The best way to get anywhere is to get the local politicians involved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Congressman Thomas Massie is coming to Miss Shirley's Bakery at 2:00 on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

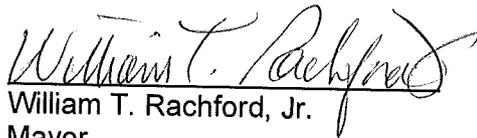
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 2-7-14



William T. Rachford, Jr.  
Mayor

Date: 2-7-14

Approved: February 6, 2014