



ORIGINAL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of April 2, 2015

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:

	Bob Simon	Present	Sue Neltner	Present
	Stacey Graus	Present	Andy Schabell	Present
	Sandy Decker	Absent	Scott Fleckinger	Present
Also:	Karen Barto	City Clerk/Treas.	Mike Ward	Police Chief
	Mike Duncan	City Attorney	Sam Trapp	Pub. Works Supt.

Sue Neltner read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 19, 2015:

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

March 19, 2015:

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 Town Hall Meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

1) Mike Chambers, USP/National League of Cities/Resident Warranty Program – Mr. Chambers explained the program. They offer a warranty to transfer the risk from the homeowner to his company should anything happen to their sewer or water lines. The warranty will cover everything from a simple clean-out of tree roots to a full replacement of a sewer or water line. His company will handle the marketing, customer service, and/or claims, at no cost for the City to participate. Residents will receive an education letter twice a year, and it will say "National League of Cities and the City of Alexandria", making residents aware of the issues, and offer a way to protect them. A number of local cities are currently participating.

Ms. Neltner asked what the resident's cost would be. The water line warranty is \$5.75 per month; the sewer line is \$7.75 per month, with a 10% discount for each if paid by the year. Mr. Graus asked whether the age of the line came into play, to which Mr. Chambers said no. He added there is a portion of the income from this revenue that could come back to the City if you chose to take it.

Mr. Chambers explained there are no annual caps, everything is based on 'per occurrence' with a maximum of \$8,000 (\$4,000 on line/\$4,000 on street) and \$4,000 for the water line and \$500 on sidewalk cutting, etc.

Mayor Rachford asked what his company needs from the City? He asks the City to review the letter that will go out as it names the Alexandria and has the logo on the letter.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to permit the mailing and allow the City's logo and name to support this program, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

2) **Rodney Coffey, Candidate for Lt. Governor of Kentucky** – He introduced himself and is running for Lt. Governor of Kentucky with Will T. Scott. He invited council to view the website: www.teamscoffey.com to view their platform.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following:

1st Reading:

ORD2015-01: Amending and repealing certain provisions of Ordinances 8-69 and 8-99 and Sections 91.50 and 91.51 of the City Code of Ordinances in order to revise city policy for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of public sidewalks located within the city right of ways.

Mr. Duncan explained this was an initiative from the Public Works Committee. Currently the ordinance states it is the duty of the person owning lots or real estate fronting and abutting any sidewalk in the City, to maintain it at their own expense. It is the initiative of the Committee for the City to take over the repair and replacement of the sidewalks. However, the property owner/tenant must still maintain the sidewalks, keeping them free from snow, ice, trash & debris, etc. The ordinance also states it is the Mayor's final call on how the City should maintain/repair/replace and whether or not the City would call on Public Works or a contractor to do the work.

RES2015-02: Granting a franchise for the operation of a cable television system within the confines of the City of Alexandria to Insight Kentucky Partners II LP.

Mr. Duncan has reviewed all the materials and viewed the video that was supplied and is satisfied all of the legal requirements have been met. Mr. Graus has also reviewed the materials and believes this is the best option available.

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to adopt Resolution #2015-02, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Ms. Barto is working on the budget which she will present at the Finance Committee meeting before the next council meeting. She is also working on the employee health benefit package.

Police Dept: Each councilmember has received a copy of the 2014 Annual Report. Chief Ward asked them to review and contact him with any questions.

Body-worn cameras were discussed at the recent Safety Committee, and nationwide they are gathering steam. Chief Ward believes as a city we should start thinking about this. Some cities require officers that come in contact with the public, to have the camera on at these times. They found that officers who wear the cameras had lower uses of force. If people knew they were being videotaped, they were better behaved and made less complaints against the officer. Alexandria has video equipment inside their vehicles, but it doesn't do what needs to be done. If the city does go with body-worn cameras they can eliminate the cruiser cameras which would save money. There are issues with video storage and open records requests for the videos. He is still looking at this idea and will probably be bringing it back to council for a decision at some point.

HB192, the heroin bill that was passed, allows law enforcement to have Narcan in cruisers. Chief Ward said the cost of the drug had increased dramatically, has been as high as \$126/dose, and it requires training. This is an expense he has not budgeted for. He presented the pros and cons of having Narcan in police vehicles, but it would be up to Council to decide whether they want the PD to carry the drug. He will keep everyone up to date with other information as he gets it.

Fire Department: None

Beautification Committee: Sue Neltner -Things are coming along well for the Alexandria Clean-Up Days. She will have a better handle next week. All residents are welcome to come and help. Please meet at the City Building on Saturday, April 18th at 10:00. Donations are appreciated.

Finance Committee: Scott Fleckinger- Next meeting is April 16th at 6:30 pm.

Public Works Committee: Bob Simon- They met tonight. Shaw and Sheridan reconstruction will go out for bid next week. It is due two weeks later so we'll know then what the cost will be.

Annexation Committee: Stacey Graus- The next meeting is in June.

Park & Rec: Playground equipment has been ordered. Public Works is gearing up for grass cutting, fertilizing, and general maintenance, and they also replaced a section of the walking path that was eroded. Ms. Neltner asked if something could be done with the steps that lead from the top part down to the swings. There is no handrail and the mulch/rock inside the frame is gone and it is dangerous. She asked if a handrail could be added in the center of the steps and mulch put back behind the wood. There is another set of steps going from the playground to the walking path that also needs maintenance. Stacey Graus asked if the nets on the basketball hoops could be replaced. Mr. Trapp will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- April 17, 18, 19 – Campbell County Clean Up
- April 18 – Alexandria City Clean-Up Day
- April 25 – Campbell County Shred Day at DAV Headquarters, Cold Spring. Individuals can take up to five boxes to shred.

ADJOURNMENT:

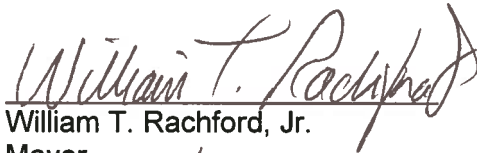
MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 4/16/15

Approved: 4/16/15



William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 4/16/15