



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of August 20, 2015**

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

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

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Andy Schabell read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving and reviewing public comment to take the sense of the public regarding the proposed use of Municipal Road Aid Funds.

Mayor Rachford opened the Public Hearing at 7:02. Mr. Duncan explained the public hearing is pursuant to KRS 174.100. The City receives municipal road aid funds from the state, and the statute requires the City hold a public hearing to get public comment on what should be done with these funds. There is a projected total of \$316,539.33 available for road projects for fiscal year 2015-16, which includes the previous year's carryover of \$155,949.33 and anticipated 2015 receipts of \$160,590.00.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Rachford closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Rachford called the City Council Meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 6, 2015

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS: None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following:

RES2015-02: Adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Road Aid Co-Op Program Contract between the Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

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

First Reading:

ORD2015-06: Amending Chapter 31 of the City Code of Ordinances by creating new Code Section 31.51 therein, in order to create the position of Recreation Director.

Mr. Duncan explained the underlined language in the ordinance is new language for the code. The Recreation Director would be a position subject to the authority of the Mayor.

Second Reading:

ORD2015-05: Providing for the assessment of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria and levying an ad valorem tax of \$0.175 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation (\$1.75 per \$1,000.00) of real property for the 2015 assessment tax year, and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-05, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Tax bills should be mailed in a week or two.

Police Dept.: Chief Ward said the old armored SWAT vehicle needs to be destroyed. When it was donated to the city in the 1990's, the agreement was that it could not be sold to anyone for use as another vehicle, but it must be scraped. The PD is part of a 1033 program and is in the process of looking for a replacement surplus military vehicle at no charge.

Public Works Dept.: See report attached.

Zoning Dept.: See report attached.

Mr. Duncan reported footers are being poured at the old Medialog Building. Mayor Rachford said the owners have told him contractors are lined up to start the rebuild.

Personnel Committee: Andy Schabell – There was a meeting tonight to discuss the position of Recreation Director. Also, they began reviewing the Personnel Policy for any needed changes.

Beautification Committee: Sue Neltner – The flower beds on Washington Street were cleaned out last week with help from the boy scouts and Mr. Schabell. It should now be ready for the Fair Parade.

P&Z Commission: They are in the process of reviewing their five-year Comprehensive Plan.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Alexandria Fire District – Tax Rate Information: In order to fulfill the requirements of House Bill 1, a report is to be given to the largest governing agency of the fire district, Chief Pohlman reported the current tax rate is \$.15 per \$100. This revenue comes from property vehicles and tangibles. There has not been an increase in the rate since 2005. Their workload has increased since 2005 along with their personnel, and they are unable to keep going without a tax increase to 16.6 cents. There will be a tax reading at the fire station before the Fire Board meeting on Tuesday, August 25th at 7:15 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- September 2, 6:45 pm: Alexandria Fair Parade
- September 2 – 7: Alexandria Fair (There will be a city council meeting on that Thursday)
- September 23 Campbell Co. Library, (Newport @10:00 am; Cold Spring @ 1:30 pm; Ft. Thomas @ 5:30 p.m.): Listening Sessions for input on the Library Board.
- September 26, Alexandria United Methodist – Operation Christmas Child organization meeting

Mayor Rachford said there has been some significant hail damage to homes and autos and there is a lot of solicitation going on throughout the city for roof inspections/repairs and auto repair. The City wants to make sure everyone doing business in the city is properly licensed. If a company knocks on your door, please ask to see their city license. Call the City Building with any questions. Mr. Schabell added that any resident can request to be put on Alexandria's No-Knock List.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

1) Tim Black, Benchmark Roofing, Blue Ash: He wanted to discuss the city's sign ordinance. There is no exception for yard signs advertising work done. They plan on doing 300-400 roofs over the next 3-4 months, and they were told they would be limited to 5 signs. He gave several reasons why he thought yard signs advertising roof repair are a good thing. Benchmark is a local company, and there

are several other companies that have come to this area from different parts of the state. The more local companies can advertise, the more money and warranties are kept local. He would like council to make exceptions to the sign regulations.

Mr. Duncan said offsite advertising is not allowed. Chief Ward explained there were problems in the past with companies NOT picking up their signs when the work is completed. The one thing the City does not want is to have 150 of the same signs in one subdivision. He cautioned council about making too many exceptions. There was much discussion regarding signs, the length of time they will be permitted, and charge.

2) Matt Heagerty, Patriot Roofing, Alexandria: He has talked to citizens and they do like having signs in their yard because they feel it stops most other companies from knocking on their doors. Patriot will comply with anything the City requires.

Mr. Black said they stopped going door-to-door since they found out they needed solicitors' permits. Applications for those permits will be turned in tomorrow.

It was suggested giving a 30-day temporary sign permit per address.

Mr. Black and Mr. Heagerty both said they would try to also use smaller window signs rather than using too many yard signs. Mr. Black said his company wants to be compliant with the city's regulations, but cautioned storm chaser companies come into an area after a bad hail storm and they break the rules. Mayor Rachford said all companies will be made to comply with the regulations. If they see something, please call the city to report them.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 9-3-15



William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 9-3-15

Approved: September 3rd, 2015

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