



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of August 6, 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:

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| Bob Simon | Present | Sue Neltner | Present |
| Stacey Graus | Present | Sandy Decker | Present |
| Scott Fleckinger | Present | Andy Schabell | Present |

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| Also: Karen Barto | City Clerk/Treas. | Mike Ward | Police Chief |
| Mike Duncan | City Attorney | Sam Trapp | Pub. Works Supt. |

ORIGINAL

The Mayor read the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 16, 2015

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2015 meeting, seconded by Sue Neltner. Stacey Graus made note of the incorrect date at the top of the minutes (should be July 16, not June). All in favor with changes included, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Mayor Rachford thanked Andy Schabell for standing in for him during his vacation.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

St. Mary Scout Troop 96 – Sue Neltner explained the troop has been helping her on beautification by planting flowers at the South Sign and pulling weeds on Washington Street. Ms. Neltner and the Mayor presented each scout with a Certificate of Appreciation.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following:

First Reading:

ORD2015-06: 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.

Mr. Duncan explained it is equal to the compensating tax rate, and is lower than last year's tax rate (\$0.179) because assessments are coming back up now. Compensating tax rate will generate the same amount of income as last year.

Mayor Rachford pointed out the average value of a home in Alexandria is \$160,000, so the average tax bill for a resident at this tax rate would be about \$280 per year, or \$23 per month.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Tax bills will be mailed out after the second reading and adoption of the ordinance. Also, the clerk's office is preparing for the audit, which is scheduled for September 8-11. Jan Johannemann has completed her next level of training and is now a Certified Municipal Clerk.

Police Dept: Progress

Beautification Committee: Sue Neltner – They will be cleaning up Washington Street next week (Monday, Tuesday and maybe Wednesday).

Public Works Committee: Bob Simon – They met tonight to discuss sidewalks throughout the City and the Shaw and Sheridan Street Project. This is moving along well despite the weather.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Simon asked about the progress of the old Medialog building. Mr. Simon stopped by the site and did not see a permit or any activity, and nothing has happened in the past 7 weeks. Mayor Rachford reported Carol Hofstetter spoke to the foundation contractor and they are scheduled to start tomorrow. Mr. Simon said he has heard this several times, he did not see any stakes or signs that they will be doing footings tomorrow. Also, the sidewalk in the front of the building is starting to be undermined, so the City might want to look at. Mayor Rachford will have Carol follow up with the contractor tomorrow.

COMMUNICATIONS:

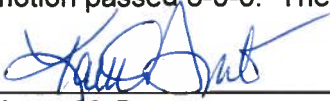
- Saturday, August 15th, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.: Festival on the Lake at A. J. Jolly Park.
- Wednesday, September 2: Alexandria Fair Parade
- Community Listening Sessions at the Campbell County Public Library hosted by the Campbell County Board of Directors: September 23, 10:00 a.m. (Newport); 1:30 p.m. (Cold Spring); 5:30 (Ft. Thomas) Libraries. For more information, call 859-781-6166. Information on the future direction of libraries.
- August 14-15: St. Mary Festival
- Stacey Graus said the Boy Scouts have been busy spreading a very large mound of mulch on the playground area of St. Mary's School.
- September 26th at the Alexandria United Methodist – Operation Christmas Child kick-off meeting.

Mayor Rachford noticed that a lot of people are cutting their grass and allowing their clippings to blow onto the streets. Please turn your lawn mower around and cut it in the other direction to refrain from doing this as it is unsightly and not good for the sewer systems.

School starts next Wednesday, so please be careful and watch for kids.

ADJOURNMENT:

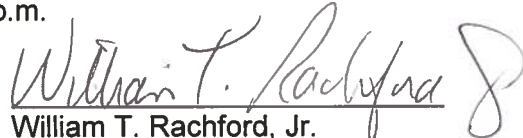
MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



 Karen M. Barto
 City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 8-21-15

Approved: 8-20-15



 William T. Rachford, Jr.
 Mayor

Date: 8-20-15