Mayor Rachford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., read the invocation, and led the pledge to the flag, with the following members answering roll call:

- Bob Simon: Absent
- Stacey Graus: Present
- Scott Fleckinger: Present
- Sue Neltner: Present
- Sandy Decker: Present
- Andy Schabell: Present
- Jan Johannemann: Asst. City Clerk
- Mike Duncan: City Attorney
- Mike Ward: Police Chief

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 19, 2015

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1 with Fleckinger abstaining.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:** None

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- **City Clerk:** Mayor Rachford noted the City was awarded a $3,000 liability safety grant award from KLC.

- **Police Department:** Chief Ward reported on December 16th, his department will be training with the Fire Department on active shooter situations where people are injured and the PD goes in with paramedics to get them out for quick medical attention. This goes along with their active shooter training.

- Also, with the change in the dynamics of the world, the police will have to modify the way they think, especially with the news from San Bernardino yesterday. Local departments are now discussing how to handle an active shooter scenario and what officers would be up against, along with the training, backup, and support that is needed to handle these types of situations.

- There was then discussion about how departments now plan for a minimal amount of support available for general calls while agencies are called in to deal with a major event. Chief Ward said the agencies don’t have what California called “tactical hands on deck alert”, which puts everybody on the street. Steps should be taken to better prepare, train and equip personnel for a situation like the one in California, and Chief Ward will keep everyone posted as to what is being done.

- **Public Works:** Shaw and Sheridan is about 95% completed. If the weather stays good, it should be wrapped up in about a week.

- **Personnel Committee:** Scott Fleckinger – Their next meeting will be January 21st.

- **Planning & Zoning Commission** –The Phase 1 Site Plan for The Seasons at Alexandria (the new Baptist Life Communities complex) was approved at Tuesday’s (12/1) meeting. They plan to break ground in the Spring, 2015 and estimate completion by the Summer, 2017. Phase 2 will follow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Cancellation of December 17 meeting:** Historically, there isn’t a second council meeting in December unless there is business to attend to. All agreed that the meeting will be canceled.
Two bids were received and opened yesterday for the waste and recycling contract renewal - Rumpke and Best Way. Each council member received copies of the pricing. Rumpke’s bid was lower than Best Way. There will be about a $10 per year increase over the prior contract. The contract is for three years, with two optional years at a slight increase for each year. Mr. Duncan explained several days before the end of the third year, a decision would be made to renew for the fourth year, etc.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the three-year contract with Rumpke, based on the bids submitted, seconded by Andy Schabell. Mr. Graus has been very pleased with Rumpke’s service in the past years, and Mayor Rachford added any issue with Rumpke had been dealt with and resolved immediately. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Graus wanted to know the policy for abandoned vehicles left on the side of the road, particularly if they’ve been there for quite a while. It can be a hazard at night. Chief Ward said an officer will place an orange sticker on the roadway side window, and after 24 hours if it’s still there, it is towed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- December 6, 2015 “Crooner Christmas” - at 3:00 at Community Center Tribute to Todd Schafer. There will be a plaque in remembrance of Todd that will be placed at the Community Center. Mayor Rachford read what was on that plaque.
- January 2, 2015 - Woodmen of the World Movie Night at the Community Center

Mr. Schabell asked if there was any other news yet about the Recreation Director. Mayor Rachford said the person will be starting on January 4th, but no other information can be made available yet as the person has not yet notified their current employer. He encouraged council to let him know of any input or suggestions they have for that position.

Mayor Rachford wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 1/7/2016

William T. Rachford, Jr  
Mayor

Date: 1/7/2016

Approved: January 7, 2016