



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of November 5, 2015**

Mayor Rachford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m, with the following 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/Treasurer	Mike Ward	Police Chief
Mike Duncan	City Attorney	Sam Trapp	Pub. Works Supt.

Sandy Decker read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2015

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS: None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Rachford explained the Executive Order about putting "In God We Trust" decals on our city vehicles, but doesn't want to act on it tonight. He doesn't want to get into an open discussion about it at this time, and asked council to anonymously let him know whether they are in favor or opposed to it. He would like to make a positive statement, but wants council's opinion.

Mr. Schabell asked if the decals would go on all city vehicles, including Public Works, and how much they would cost. The Mayor said Public Works vehicles would be included, and he doesn't know the cost, but Ass't Chief Joe Alexander is checking.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: City tax collection was successful.

Police Dept.: Chief Ward had expected Officer Paul Cox to be present, but he is out on a call. Hopefully, he will be available before the end of the meeting. The police were very visible on Halloween night, and there were no problems.

Community Center: The Mayor and City Clerk conducted interviews for the Recreation Director position. There were about 15 applications. A number of them were highly qualified. A second meeting is scheduled with one applicant tomorrow, so the position should be filled soon.

Beautification Committee: Sue Neltner - She met with two landscapers to get quotes to help maintain Washington Street and the Tribute Park. Also the "Color in the Communities" grant was awarded for \$900. This will be used to improve the north sign and other areas to add color.

Public Works Committee: Bob Simon - They met tonight about update on the Shaw/Sheridan project which should be completed in a couple of weeks. The next meeting will be January 7th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1783 Grandview Road Property –The City purchased the property in anticipation of creating additional parking for the Park. He anticipates demolition on the house will be done next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sue Neltner noticed the progress on the old Medialog building, but wanted to know if there is any other news. Mayor Rachford said just making progress.

Mayor Rachford recently talked with the pastor from The Bridge Community. They had hoped to have their first church service around Christmas, but they are not on target for that date.

The Mayor attended an unveiling ceremony for Baptist Life Community. They are planning a public groundbreaking and hope to start construction early next year. This should take about 18 months to complete, which is about a \$45,000,000 project.

Chief Ward then introduced the new police officer, Paul Cox.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Mayor said that Adyn Elliott, the boy who had brain cancer, passed away on October 24th. Adyn liked Christmas lights, and a friend of the family had contacted the City to request we get word out via Nixel and Facebook to ask residents to put up Christmas lights for Adyn. However, he passed away the next day. The Mayor was proud of how the City reacted and asked for prayers for the family. Chief Ward said the PD had over 28,000 hits on their Facebook page in a 24-hour period.

Mayor Rachford had written a letter to Fiscal Court, various Mayors, Superintendents and Board Members in Campbell County, regarding the poor test scores in the smaller school districts. He would like to put together a coalition to improve school scores.

Todd Schafer's family sent the Mayor a note, and he thought it should be directed to the city in general. The family was extremely pleased with the way Todd's final days were treated, and they could see why Todd wanted to stay here. There will be a plaque put in the Community Center to honor Todd.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 11-6-15



William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 11-6-15

Approved: **November 5, 2015**