CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of November 2, 2017

The Mayor called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the invocation read by Andy Schabell and his daughter, and the pledge to the flag led by Mayor Rachford and accompanied by Addison Stagner and Carly Haigis. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Stacey Graus  Present  Susan Vanlandingham  Present
Bob Simon  Present  Scott Fleckinger  Present
Sue Neltner  Absent  Andy Schabell  Present
Also:  Karen Barto  City Clerk/Treas.  Mike Duncan  City Attorney
Sam Trapp  Public Works Supt.  Joe Alexander  Asst. Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2017

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2017. Ms. Barto had made some corrections to the draft minutes after some typos were pointed out by council members. Mr. Graus amended his motion to include these corrections, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Simon abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS

1. Beautification Award – Mr. Schabell reported the Beautification Committee had a “best-decorated yard for Halloween” contest. Five people were nominated but two were outside city limits - Fred & Tracy Yockey on Martin Drive, and Tim & Carla Hildebrand on Grandview Road. Also nominated were Michael & Susan Pangallo on Ridgeway Crossing, Tammy & Ted Rebholz on Carriage Park, Brian & Melissa Dreyer, 112 Hunters Hill. Mr. Schabell and Ms. Vanlandingham presented the Beautification Award to the Dreyers.

2. Alexandria Girl Scout Troop #7332 – The girls are working on their “Inside Government” Badge. Girl Scout Leaders Gina Campbell and Nedra Stagner who introduced the girls in the troop and explained what projects they have been working on, including a Girl Scout Fall Fest to be held on Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 – 2:00 at Camp Whippoorwill. This is a recruitment event to help place girls looking to join girl scout troop. Mayor Rachford then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Troop #7332.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

MUN ORDER #2017-04: Appointing and approving Thomas Wheeler to fill the unexpired term of Steven Shinkle on the City of Alexandria Code Enforcement Board for the remainder of his full three-year term to expire on December 31, 2019, or as soon as his successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Municipal Order #2017-04, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

MUN ORDER #2017-05: Appointing and approving Stephanie McDole to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Wheeler as an alternate on the City of Alexandria Code Enforcement Board for the remainder of his full three-year term to expire on December 31, 2018, or as soon as her successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.
MOTION: Andy Schabell made a motion to adopt Municipal Order #2017-05, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Property taxes were due 10/31/17. Any unpaid tax bills are now delinquent, so call the clerk’s office to get the payoff amount.

Police Department: Chief Ward is out of town at a law enforcement meeting. Assistant Chief Alexander reported a traffic study was done on East Main Street at the intersection with Washington Street. The ‘Stalker’ was set up on October 12th through October 26th, and the report it generated was distributed to council members and is attached to the minutes. There were 75,180 vehicles counted in two weeks’ time, which is quite a lot for that size street. This averages out to about 5,360 cars per day, and the average speed for that section was about 25 mph.

Community Center – Mayor Rachford read a report from Kim Wagner summarizing the Haunted Walk. Over 1,000 people attended. The top three scene winners were all from Campbell County High School and they were: 3rd Place: Scene #3 - "The Asylum"; 2nd Place: Scene #5 - "The Clown Fun House"; and 1st Place: Scene #4 - "The Hospital".

Public Works – Sam Trapp reported long-time employee, Tom Schultz, retired this week. He had been with the City for a little over 20 years, and was a great asset. He will be missed and Sam wishes him the best.

Beautification Committee: Andy Schabell – Following up on the success of the Best Decorated Halloween Yard, the Committee will be doing the same for Christmas decorations. He is asking residents to submit nominations for best Christmas decorations by December 14th. E-mail Susan Vanlandingham, Sue Neltner or Andy Schabell or send the addresses to the city. They would like a good response for this award.

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

The Alexandria Fire Department is partnering with Channel 5 and the St. Vincent DePaul Society on a coat drive. Gently used coats can be placed in a barrel at the Alexandria Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 12/5/2017

Approved: November 16, 2017

William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 12/5/2017