



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of May 18, 2017

The Mayor called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge, with the following Council Members answering roll call:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2017

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Simon abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS

1. Officer Richard Northcutt – Chief Ward introduced new Alexandria Police Officer Richard Northcutt. He has been an officer for 12 at the Airport Police Department. Mike Duncan administered the Oath of Office to Officer Northcutt.

2. Susie Clark, 9492 Jerry Wright Court – Here to discuss the proposed ordinance to register chickens and rabbits. She spoke of the benefits of having chickens for eggs. If there was an issue with noise or odor caused by having chickens in a subdivision, it would be addressed under the nuisance ordinance. Also, Alexandria’s motto is “Where the city meets the country”, and she wants to keep that friendly feel with less government interference and opposes the ordinance.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

Second Reading:

ORD2017-03: Amending Chapter 90 of the City’s Code of Ordinances by creating new sections and establishing regulations for keeping and raising of rabbits and chickens, and other regulations for fowl, and subjecting violations of Chapter 90 to the City’s Code Enforcement program.

Mr. Graus explained this ordinance would require someone to obtain a permit (no fee involved) to have chickens. The ordinance allows roosters. A permit is needed only if there were more than ten chickens and only if the property owner is on less than two acres.

Ms. Decker is against this ordinance, stating we are the country, and if there is a complaint, it will be taken care of.

Mr. Graus explained the purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the sale of eggs for profit and to limit the number of chickens to 10, which is an arbitrary number (taken from another community’s ordinance). It’s just about how many would be too many before becoming a problem. There have been complaints and issues in some subdivisions that need to be addressed by code enforcement, and without an ordinance, they are powerless. Also, by registering, the city will know who has them and the enforcement officer can then check to make sure everything is okay. This ordinance is different from the nuisance ordinance. It will regulate a specific conduct that is easier for code enforcement to deal with. Mr. Graus is open to an amendment if council thinks the number should be changed. There was much discussion among council. Chief Ward stated if you are limiting only

chickens, rabbits, and other fowl, what happens when miniature horses or goats are brought into a subdivision? He suggested possibly modifying the ordinance to reflect "barnyard animals". Mr. Graus thinks this ordinance is a good step to give Code Enforcement some leverage to deal with any issue.

MOTION: Andy Schabell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-03, seconded by Stacey Graus. The motion was brought up for a vote: S. Graus – Yes; S. Decker – abstain; B. Simon – Yes; S. Fleckinger – Yes; A. Schabell – Yes. The motion passed 4-0-1.

Second Reading:

ORD2017-04: Adopting the annual budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government.

Mr. Schabell asked if there had been any significant changes since the first reading. Karen explained she had made a few minor changes because of projected figures versus actual figures, but nothing major.

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-04, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief Ward gave an update on the heroin issue. This region (Boone, Kenton, Campbell, and Hamilton Counties) saw 1,676 heroin overdoses in 2016. In the first five months of 2017 there were 979, and several in Alexandria. At one residence there was an excess of \$800 in Narcan used. He praised Kelly Pompilio for her outreach program, as she has now helped 9 people to be placed in treatment. Local strides are being made.

Public Works Department: See attached report. Sam reported the salt bids came in last week at about \$6/ton less than last year. We should be in good shape with salt for next year. About 99% of the streets are finished except for edge sealing. A speed hump was added to Constable Drive and there will be permanent signage and pavement markings put down in the next few days.

Zoning Department: See attached report.

Committee Reports: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Cluster Mailboxes: Mayor Rachford and Carol Hofstetter met with the local postmaster who provided a packet of information which the Mayor forwarded to all council members. Effective immediately, all new subdivisions will now have cluster mailboxes, installed by the builder or developer, and maintained by the HOA's in those developments. Any streets that currently do not have mailboxes will need to have cluster mailboxes. Existing mailboxes in existing subdivisions will not be affected at this time. The Mayor is not certain how this will affect the Eagle Ridge subdivision, as it is not completed yet. The completed homes all have individual mailboxes, but the original plans from the developer had cluster mailboxes.

Mr. Graus questioned how these mailboxes would be maintained in a subdivision if there is no homeowner's association. At this point, that is unclear. Mayor Rachford was also informed that cluster mailboxes will be required region-wide.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rachford addressed the water and sewer line warranty program. Another mailing was recently sent out to everyone in the city. The envelope and letter has the city logo and the letter is

signed by the Mayor. The City is just sponsoring the program which is offered by the National League of Cities and run by the Service Line Warranties of America. The insurance will cover up to \$4,000 per episode if the water line between your house and the street were to break. He has had some complaints from residents thinking this correspondence was misleading and did not understand why they were getting these notices. Service Line Warranties will be mailing these out for about 4 years, so if anyone does not want to receive them, they can call the phone number on the back of the letter to be removed from their mailing list.

Surplus Property: The surplused 2008 Dodge Charger police cruiser up for bid received just one bid for \$758.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to accept the bid for \$758 for the 2008 Dodge Charger, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Memorial Day Parade: Sunday, May 28th beginning at 2 p.m.
- Free Workouts with Anytime Fitness: Every Saturday in May at the Alexandria Community Park, 11:00-Noon
- Kids to Parks Day Self-Guided Scavenger Hunt: Saturday, May 20th at the Alexandria Community Park. E-mail pictures of your items to Kim Wagner to put on the website
- Fishing Derby: Saturday, June 3rd, 10:00 a.m.-Noon (time change). Kiwanis Club will provide lunch and water
- Last Day of School – Campbell County Schools: 5/22; St. Mary: 5/31; Bishop Brossart: 5/26. Please watch out for our kids this Summer.

Stacey Graus thanked the postal workers for their assistance in collecting the 2,008 pounds of canned goods for the Care Mission during the U.S.P.S. Canned Food Drive. They were very helpful, and a joy to talk to and work with.

RESIGNATION:

This is the last council meeting for Sandy Decker, who has resigned from council because of a move outside the City. Mayor Rachford presented Sandy with a plaque to recognize her years of service.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

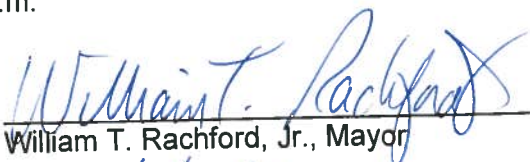


Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: _____

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Approved: June 1, 2017



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: _____

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