



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

Stacey Graus	Present	Susan Vanlandingham	Present
Bob Simon	Present	Scott Fleckinger	Present
Sue Neltner	Present	Andy Schabell	Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk
Lucas Cooper, Police Sergeant
Natalie Selby, Police Sergeant

Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 15, 2018

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, Scott Fleckinger abstained.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Gary Caudill, 15 Orlando Dr. – He has a situation due to the new construction at the Heineke Vet Clinic that seemed to be irrelevant to everyone. The plan calls for all of the storm water drainage to be diverted through his back yard. Mr. Caudill does not understand why they are allowed to do this. Mr. Graus stated a natural flow of water going onto his yard would be one thing, but if they are collecting water and dumping it into his yard there is a problem. Mr. Caudill said the water never drained there before and he doesn't understand why it is allowed to now.

He had pictures of his backyard before the work was started, and had been talking with several people about this issue since May and still had no answer. He did not attend the P&Z meeting when the Heineke plans were first approved because he didn't realize the entire project would be approved in one night. He had seen the plans because he has a concrete business and was going to bid on the project, but did not bid on it because he knew there would be an issue.

Mr. Caudill talked with Carol Hofstetter several times. Just today, he met with City Engineer, Robert Seitzinger, who noticed the issue right away and stated he would be contacting his boss and the civil engineer. Mr. Caudill said the civil engineer had blown him off several months ago when he tried to speak with him. He feels it is irresponsible for someone to think that they can dump all of their storm water into his back yard. No one seems to know what to do or who is responsible for resolving this issue.

Mr. Graus suggested Sam Trapp speak to the engineer to come up with a solution. Mr. Caudill had made a suggested remedy to fix the issue by allowing the water to drain into the street which is where it went before. The new construction has 10 6-ft. downspouts and no pervious material to catch the water, and everything is tied into a 12-inch culvert pipe that will spill into his back yard.

Mr. Caudill also mentioned the silt fencing has not been maintained and mud has run into his back yard. Mr. Simon said SD1 usually watched the silt fencing around projects, and also asked where the water runs after it passes through Mr. Caudill's property. Mr. Caudill said it runs into his neighbor's yard.

Mayor Rachford asked for copies of his pictures and will have Sam Trapp work with the City engineer to look into the issue.

ORIGINAL

Natalie Selby – 2018 Police Officer of the Year, Kentucky Women Law Enforcement Network – Mayor Rachford recognized Sgt. Natalie Selby, who was given this award about three weeks ago. Mayor Rachford read the bio that was written by Chief Ward for the awards ceremony (see attached). Sgt. Cooper said he has learned a lot from her in regards to Crisis Intervention Training, and her knowledge and passion on this topic have helped save lives and protect many officers over the years. Congratulations Natalie.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*Mr. Duncan read the following
First Reading:*

ORD #2018-09: An ordinance of the City of Alexandria adopting the 2019 S-19 Supplement to the Alexandria Code of Ordinances, as prepared by the American Legal Publishing Corporation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk – Jan Johannemann: Delinquent tax notices were mailed last week, and we are seeing some additional tax payments come in as a result.

Police Department: Sgt. Cooper reported the speed trailer has been ordered. Also, Sgt. Selby was selected to attend the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officer's Course, a 12-week course put on by SPI at the University of Louisville. The police department recently collected speed data on Summerlake Drive, just past Edgewater. Over the course of a week, just over 1,900 vehicles traveled through that area. The average speed was 19.6 mph. Only one vehicle registered speed in the 50's. This is pretty typical for a subdivision but was a bit higher than the last time they collected data in a different area of that subdivision.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Beautification – Sue Neltner: The committee is now accepting nominations for Christmas & Holiday decorations. The deadline is December 21 by 3:00 pm. The winner will be decided at the January 3rd meeting. Also, the Craft Show will be March 16, 2019.

Public Works – Bob Simon: They met tonight to discuss 2019-2020 road program, and to come up with a list of streets.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: Next meeting will be February 21, 2019.

2019 Council Committee Schedules: As discussed previously, the Annexation Committee could be replaced with the "business development committee". Mayor Rachford asked if council had any interest in discussing this tonight. Mr. Graus is still on board with the change and would like to hit the ground running next year, but it is not imperative they have their first meeting in January. Ms. Vanlandingham thinks it is important that Mr. Sparks be part of the discussion, so this will be addressed in January.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning and Zoning – The site plan for Gold Star was approved at the 11/20 P&Z meeting. The old building will be demolished, and construction will begin in 2019. They hope to open late Spring/early Summer.

Planet Fitness is still scheduled to open January 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Meeting, December 20 – Mayor Rachford stated that he sees no reason to have the meeting on 12/20 and would entertain a motion to cancel that meeting.

ORIGINAL

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve cancelling the December 20, 2018 council meeting, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Rachford recognized the loss of a great American this past week - President George H. W. Bush.


- 1,800 Trout were delivered to Alexandria Community Park Lake on November 29.
- CANCELLED - 12/8 Movie Night at the Community Center
- Sunday, Dec. 9, 12:00am-2:00pm – Lunch with Santa at the Community Center
- Dec. 21 by 3pm – Deadline for nomination for Christmas/Winter Beautification Award
- Dec. 22, starting at 9 am. – Santa will be riding around Alexandria on the Fire Truck
- Offices Closed Dec.24 & 25 (Christmas Holidays) and Dec. 31-Jan. 1 (New Year Holidays)
- Dec. 26-Jan. 8: Christmas Tree Recycle Program for Fish Habitat, Penderly Park

Mayor Rachford informed everyone that this will be his last meeting. It has been a pleasure to serve the city for the past 8 years as Mayor. The city has a good staff, in a good state financially, and is in a mode of growth. He fully expects the growth to continue. We are seeing businesses coming in and businesses leaving. As he has said before, if people like a business they need to patronize them, because they will stay when they make money.


Mr. Graus presented Mayor Rachford with a plaque for his years of service to the City. Mayor Rachford started out on the Planning and Zoning Commission in 1999, which was the same year Mr. Graus was elected to city council. The Mayor was on Planning & Zoning from 1999-2006, City Council from 2007-2010, and Mayor from 2011-2018.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 1/3/19


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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