

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of March 17, 2011

The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor William T. Rachford, Jr. present and the following members answering roll call:

Council Members:

Barbara Weber	Present	Bob Simon	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Dave Hart	Present
Scott Fleckinger	Present	Joe Anderson	Present

Also present:

Karen Barto	City Clerk	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
Mike Ward	Police Chief	Jeff Pohlman	Fire Chief

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Bob Simon read the invocation. Mayor Rachford asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence to remember Officer "Stumpy" Sticklen and his family.

PUBLIC HEARING – To hear comment from residents regarding the changing of the parking on Viewpoint Drive.

Mayor Rachford opened the Public Hearing and asked Mike Duncan to brief everyone on the purpose and process of a public hearing. Mike Duncan said this is different than a public hearing that is required by statute (zone changes, etc.). This was designed by the city to gather input from the people that it will affect the most in order to make an informed decision.

- 1) **Brad Fasse, 10 Viewpoint** – He understands the proposed benefits; however, the on-street parking in front of his house was one of the reasons he purchased this house. He suggested that before any opinions are formed, typically once or twice a week there is overflow parking from RECA in front of his house, so if the parking is moved, the neighbors on the other side of the street will lose some parking spaces on those days.
- 2) **Keith Arnold, 17 Viewpoint** – He is not opposed to change if it is necessary. Parking has been the same for over 60 years, and he does not agree with reasons for change listed in the letter. Also, there are more houses/driveways, two businesses, and a side street on that side of the road, which means less space for parking.
- 3) **Walter Menetrey, 57 Viewpoint** – His main concern is safety. Because of the curves in the road, it would be more difficult to see, and there could be more wrecks. If it's not broken, don't fix it.

Barb Weber asked Chief Ward if there were any issues with safety on Viewpoint, and he said no.

- 4) **Clarence Jefferson, 14 Viewpoint** – He owns a diesel truck that needs to be plugged in during the winter months, and if the parking is across the street, this wouldn't work. Also, he is also worried about cars speeding on Viewpoint.
- 5) **Ray Reckers, 25 Viewpoint** – He is not opposed to change, but because his front yard slopes down to the street at a sharp angle, he has to walk in the street to cut his grass.

If the parking is moved to his side of the street, he will not be able cut the grass. He does not want to see it changed.

- 6) **Mike Sheanshang, 53 Viewpoint** – He was the Alexandria postmaster for 20 years, and does not remember an issue with mail delivery on Viewpoint. He did *not* send any correspondence proposing that the parking be moved, but he would like to see a copy of that letter. He prefers to keep the parking the way it is now.
- 7) **Tony Tyree, 97 Viewpoint** – She does not want the parking changed. She would have the same problem with grass cutting as Mr. Reckers.
- 8) **Pat Mayberry, 22 Viewpoint** – She asked if this was the first step to eventually make Viewpoint a one-way street. Mayor Rachford said no. She does not want it to change because it would cause problems pulling out of her driveway, the snow removal, drainage, and erosion.

Ms. Weber stated it appears that the residents of Viewpoint are against the change. Mr. Hart asked if anyone was in favor of the change. No one was.

One gentleman asked if there was any way the police could spend more time on Viewpoint to deter speeding vehicles. Ms. Weber asked Chief Ward if someone sees something on a regular basis, could they note a license plate and then call the police? Chief Ward said yes, but he has not heard any complaints like this for years. He asked that someone e-mail him the info (time, place, vehicle make) and he will have an officer look into it. Joe Anderson said speeding goes on at the top of the hill also.

Ms. Weber wondered if traffic calming devices would be helpful. Chief Ward said those devices are mostly for the places they have identified as a constant problem. He analyzes statistics, and then decides where the problem areas are. Right now, Constable, Breckenridge and Panorama have the devices, which are not cheap (each set is about \$3,000). If the problem on Viewpoint is only 3 or 4 vehicles, then let the police deal with them.

Mr. Fosse added the hill is a very sharp decline on the side of the street where the parking is currently, and across the street it goes uphill. If the parking is moved, the potential of a car hitting a house is much greater.

- 9) **Pamela Voelker, 78 Viewpoint** – She has had issues from the draining from the sewers, and she wanted to know that to do. The sewers in the bend of the street do not collect the water – it forms a river but does not even hit the sewers. She has taken pictures, and is having problems with her driveway. What can she do?

Mayor Rachford asked Ms. Voelker to call the city building and he will get with Sam and the city engineer to see what can be done.

- 10) **Arvel Allender, 77 Viewpoint** – What type of vehicles should be on Viewpoint Drive? Could signs be posted that anything over one ton is prohibited on the street?

Ms. Tyree thought that at one time, doolies were not permitted on the street. Ms. Weber said vehicles over one ton cannot be parked on the street. Chief Ward said there would be an issue if a large truck is parked overnight, and they can take care of that. However, deliveries of mulch, rock, furniture, etc. are legal and cannot be prohibited.

Mayor Rachford then closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. Based on the 5 phone calls he had received and the comments of the residents tonight, it was decided not to change the parking on Viewpoint.

Mark Cutler asked for a poll of the Viewpoint residents to see how many use the internet at their house, and how many do not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 17, 2011 Meeting

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17th meeting, seconded by Barb Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

March 3, 2011 Town Hall Meeting

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2nd Town Hall Meeting, seconded by Barb Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Mark Cutler, Beiting Drive – Mr. Cutler asked for confirmation that the engineering survey will cost \$18,000. Mayor Rachford said he thought it was about \$16,800. He asked about specific responsibilities of the code enforcement officer and how he is compensated. Chief Ward said he would be more than happy to talk with Mr. Cutler to discuss and answer any questions he may have regarding the code enforcement officer.

Mr. Cutler said the stop bar at the corner of Beiting Drive and Grandview Road is almost non-existent. Chief Ward said Public Works will be taking care of street striping and other painting when the weather breaks, and that some streets are more of a priority than others, depending on the number of vehicles that use that street. Beiting Drive is probably on the list, but not a high priority.

Mr. Cutler then brought up the striping that was done on Main Street, which was very irregular. He would like to see a more professional result from the Public Works, and offered to help.

Also, Mr. Cutler asked council to apportion funds and resources for tuning up the city web site. Mayor Rachford said he is looking into this.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mike Duncan read the following:

Second reading:

ORDINANCE #2011-02 - An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria amending Sections 31.36, 31.37 and 31.50 of the City Code of Ordinances in order to further set forth the duties, compensation and attributes of the City Clerk, and allowing the Mayor to delegate the duties of the City Treasurer to the City Clerk.

Mr. Duncan explained the changes. On page 1, Section 1, the title "City Clerk/Treasurer" was added to the list of titles under City Clerk. Page 2 states "the City Clerk shall provide the immediate supervision and direction over the Accounting Clerk, unless the Mayor shall delegate the immediate supervision to another", and the same for the Assistant City Clerk. He also cleaned up some of the outdated language from the original ordinance.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2011-02, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief Ward thanked the Mayor for the moment of silence. We lost one of the finest men ever, and are trying to recover from the loss. Thanks to everyone that helped the department, including Anthony Strong, Campbell County Superintendent, who offered the school's facility for visitation. He also thanked:

- Alexandria and Southern Campbell Fire Department for the trucks and American flag that hung above the entrance to the school
- Campbell County, Newport, Ft. Thomas, and Cold Spring Police Departments, who covered Alexandria's calls for about 48 hours on Wednesday and Thursday
- The Honor Guards from Campbell County, Covington, and Lexington/Fayette County Urban Government Police Departments.

The response from this community was tremendous and overwhelming. Chief Ward also reminded everyone that there is a benefit fund set up for the Sticklen family, and donations can be made to any US Bank branch.

Fire Department: There is a benefit for Joe Britton, a volunteer firefighter who has been sick with leukemia, this Saturday at 7:00 at the fire department, to offset some of his medical bills.

Planning and Zoning: None

Public Works: There is a Public Works report in council's packet. Dave Hart added the committee met before the Town Hall Meeting, and asked council's approval to put out to bid the following street projects: Orlando Drive, Aaron Drive, Stonegate Drive, Blue Rock Court, Bittersweet and Fernwood. He believes there is one more street that Sam added.

Zoning Department: There is a report in council's packet.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review bids on surplus property – Everyone has a copy of the bids. Mr. Butch Moyer was the highest bidder for every piece of equipment.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to declare the items surplus, and to approve the sale of those items to the highest bidder, Butch Moyer. The motion was seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Rachford asked for approval to reappoint Bernie Macke as a member of the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals (Municipal Order #2011-10).

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to reappoint Bernie Macke to the Property Maintenance Board, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Stacey Graus said he received correspondence about the condition of sidewalks on the Main Street area. Mayor Rachford also received it, and has given it to Sam for follow up.

COMMUNICATIONS:

On March 24 and 25, the city is helping residents transport large items to the Campbell County Police Station. Please call the city building to schedule a pick-up. County Clean Up Days are March 25, 26, 27.

Campbell County High School athletes are selling mulch. Please support them.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to go into executive session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss a possible real estate matter, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Dave Hart wanted to mention that CDS has proposed this 5-year plan in the past but the city felt it wasn't necessary since the job was being handled by Public Works and asked the Mayor to reconsider.

ADJOURNMENT:

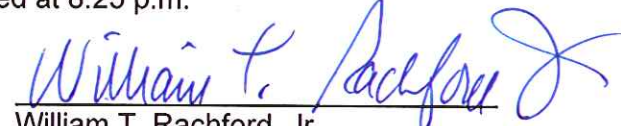
MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 4/13/11

Approved: *April 7, 2011*



William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 4/13/2011