



ORIGINAL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of May 4, 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	Absent	Sue Neltner	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Sandy Decker	Present
Scott Fleckinger	Present	Andy Schabell	Present
Also: Karen Barto	City Clerk/Treas.	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
Joe Alexander	Asst. Police Chief	Sam Trapp	Public Works Supt.

Mayor Rachford thanked Sue Neltner for standing in for him at the last meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 20, 2017

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS - None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

First 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. Duncan explained Council Member Graus had an ordinance from the City of Ft. Thomas that contained many other regulations Alexandria already addressed except for the raising of rabbits, chickens or fowl. Mr. Duncan also explained roosters are permitted under this version. The violation of this ordinance would be a civil offense subject to the Code Enforcement Board.

Mr. Graus had asked to leave the roosters out of this ordinance because they don't bother him. Besides, if you live in certain parts of the city, you could still hear roosters crowing on nearby properties outside city limits. Ms. Neltner asked why anyone would need a rooster if the ordinance states chickens could not be raised for sale. Ms. Decker explained if you purchase a batch of baby chicks, you wouldn't know if there were any males (roosters) in the batch until they grow up. Ms. Neltner just wants to make sure if there is a rooster, it's not used to make more chickens for sale.

Mr. Graus brought up this ordinance because code enforcement had to answer to complaints about rabbits and chickens in subdivisions, and there was also a concern about what other non-domesticated animals would be brought into a subdivision. By creating this ordinance, our code enforcement could inspect a residence to make sure this doesn't happen and that eggs are collected for personal use only.

Mr. Fleckinger asked how complaints had been addressed before. Mr. Duncan explained any enforcement was handled under our nuisance ordinance, but that is more difficult to enforce because the City has no regulations or prohibitions. The new ordinance would take care of that by regulating and adding limits.

Mayor Rachford asked if council's intent was to permit raising these types of animals within subdivisions in city limits, or to regulate this by limiting the size of a lot in order to raise chickens.

Mr. Schabell suggested we add an exemption for residents with acreage and it was suggested anything over two acres would be exempt from compliance.

Other things discussed were how to notify residents of this new ordinance, if it would be enforced by complaint only, how one would go about obtaining a permit, whether the permit should be renewed annually, any fees charged, language added to not allow chickens living inside a garage, exceptions for residents living on more than 2 acres who may want to raise rabbits or chickens for sale or profit, and what was the difference between chickens and rabbits versus dogs and cats.

Mr. Duncan summarized the conversation and the first reading would stand except to amend the ordinance as follows:

- Make the registration a one-time registration;
- Limitation of 10 rabbits and 10 chickens would not apply to properties over 2 acres;
- Exemption for residents with 2 acres or more.

First 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. Duncan explained this ordinance incorporates by reference the exhibit e-mailed to council on 5/3/17. Section 3 also has language that if there are any leftover monies over the expected revenues less the expenditures, those monies would go into the Infrastructure Road Aid Fund, Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund and the Infrastructure General Fund, and could not be spent unless directed by the Mayor and approved by council.

Mayor Rachford said there was an estimated 15% increase in premium on health insurance. After a meeting with Crawford Insurance, that number should be fine-tuned and he will let council know. Mr. Duncan said as long as any changes are not substantial, there would simply be an amendment for the second reading of this ordinance before adopting.

Mr. Duncan then read:

PROCLAMATION: Declaring Saturday, May 20, 2017, Kids to Parks Day

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Department: Assistant Chief Alexander reported the 800 MHz radio system ordinances were passed by Fiscal Court at their meeting last night. The annual 911 fees will go up from \$45 to \$70.

Community Center: Kim Wagner, Recreation Director, gave an update for 2017. (See attached) Mr. Schabell pointed out the first weekend in June is a "Free Fishing" weekend so no license will be needed to fish.

Public Works Department: Sam said they are doing some repairs in Saddle Ridge this week, and if weather permits, the paving should start next week.

Beautification Committee: Sue Neltner – They met this evening to discuss cleaning up the beds on Washington Street for the Memorial Day Parade.

Finance Committee: Scott Fleckinger – The budget is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Sandy Decker has submitted her official letter of resignation from City Council effective May 18th because of her move outside the City limits. Mayor Rachford said several people have submitted an application to fill Sandy's vacancy. If anyone is interested in applying, please notify the Clerk's office to get the application. Deadline is May 15th. Council is required to fill this vacancy within 30 days of her resignation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Memorial Day Parade: Sunday, May 28th at 2 p.m., ending at VFW for the program presentation.
- Last Day of School: Campbell County – 5/22; St. Mary School – 5/31; Bishop Brossart High School – 5/26. Please be careful and watch out for the kids.
- Given all the recent rain, please check storm drains by your property to keep debris away from drains to avoid water backups. Public Works crews do check, but any help from the residents would be greatly appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 5-19-17

Approved: *May 18, 2017*



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 5/19/2017