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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2018

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 Absent Scott Fleckinger Absent
Sue Neltner Present Andy Schabell Present

Also: Karen Barto, City Clerk/Treasurer Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Mike Ward, Police Chief Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 23, 2018 Special Meeting

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2018 Special Meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote.

VISITORS & GUESTS

1. Rep. Joe Fisher – Here to dedicate a portion of St. Rt. 10 in memory of Senior Master Sergeant Jeremy K. Nelson, U.S.A.F. Jeremy’s mother approached Rep. Fisher about naming a state highway after military veterans, and he agreed to take this cause to the General Assembly session for approval. Fortunately, this was included in House Joint Resolution 196. Rep. Fisher then read a section of that resolution:

“The State Transportation Cabinet shall name a portion of Kentucky Rt. 10 in Campbell County at Alexandria from Persimmon Grove Pike to Carthage Road, and designate it as the Senior Master Sergeant Jeremy Nelson Memorial Highway, and shall, within 30 days after the effective date of the resolution, erect the appropriate signage.”

Rep. Fisher then gave a brief summary of Jeremy’s military history until his time of death at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton on April 25, 2012. In attendance were his survivors, including his wife Michele, their three children, his mother and step-father, Lee Ann and John Eten, and his siblings. On behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Rep. Fisher presented the road sign and explained the Transportation Cabinet will erect this sign on the highway in the coming days.

Mrs. Eten thanked everyone, including Rep. Fisher, for being here tonight.

2. Beautification Award - Gina Campbell, 9732 Summerwind Court – Andy Schabell presented Ms. Campbell with the Beautification Award for their property. The Summerlake HOA had nominated the Campbell’s for this award as their yard is always pristine.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

First Reading:

ORD2018-08: Amending Ordinance 2017-04, the city’s budget for FY 2017-2018 by transferring funds to and among the various budget accounts according to the attached Exhibit A, in order to end the fiscal year in balance.

Mr. Duncan then read:

RES2018-07: Declaring September, 2018, as “City Government Month”.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-07, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-0 vote.

Mayor Rachford had recently visited Grants Lick Elementary School, and it's always interesting to see what type of questions the children ask. He also notified Campbell County High School, Bishop Brossart High School, and St. Mary's as to the affiliation with the Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky Education Association relative to this effort of educating children about our government.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk – Karen Barto: The audit was completed; so far 11% of city property taxes have been collected; and the office is busy transitioning over duties.

Police Department: Nothing

Mayor Rachford mentioned he had a copy of a law enforcement publication and it talks about volunteers in the police forces, and the Alexandria VIPS program was specifically mentioned.

Community Center: See report attached. Also attached is report from Kim Wagner regarding the Dog Day that was held at the Alexandria Community Park.

Public Works: See report attached. Sam Trapp began preliminary work on the street program on Neltner Road and a section of Poplar Ridge. He hopes to have everything completed by the middle of next month.

Mayor Rachford announced there are new flag poles at the north and south end of town by the city signs. The poles and flags were donated by Woodmen Life. They also provide the flags along US27, the City Park and Tribute Park. Thank you, Woodmen Life.

Zoning Administrator: See report attached.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Beautification – Sue Neltner: They will now be looking for nominations for Fall holiday decorations. The deadline to submit will be announced at the next meeting.

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Rachford said the commissioners are working on Zoning Ordinance and are close to turning this over to the City Attorney for review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Swearing in new city officials:** City Attorney, Mike Duncan, read the Oath of Office for the new city officials Jan Johannemann as City Clerk; JoAnn Hackworth as Treasurer; and Ramona Williams as Assistant City Clerk.

2. **Set Halloween Hours:** After a brief discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to set Halloween Hours for October 31st, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

Mayor Rachford then read a Proclamation declaring Friday, September 28, 2018 as "Karen M. Barto Day" in the City of Alexandria. He thanked Ms. Barto for her 28 years of serving the City. She will be retiring on September 28th. Ms. Barto thanked Mayor and council, and said it has been an honor to serve. She will miss everyone, but is looking forward to retirement.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

- September 28 – Movie Night at the Park "Nut Job 2". There are plans for another movie inside the Community Center on December 8th "Polar Express"

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- September 30, 1:00-4:30 p.m. – Heroes Days at CCMS to benefit Cops & Kids
- October 19, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Campbell County Fall Cleanup

Mayor Rachford then reviewed a flyer showing various empty offices and retail space. He and the Zoning Administrator had visited these sites and below is an update on what is happening with each one of these empty spaces. A copy of this flyer is attached.

- County Market - The owner negotiating with a national retailer.
- Old Radio Shack – Business went bankrupt, space still vacant.
- Sonic Drive-In – still closed
- 6 spaces in Village Green – Planet Fitness will occupy this 28,200 square feet. Owners investing \$2,500,000 to renovate, hope to be opened by end of 2018.
- Former Rue 21 – Rue 21 went bankrupt, space currently under negotiations, possibly liquor store.
- Parkview Market – Building under new ownership, in process of re-occupying.
- Old LaRosa's Building (formerly Southern Smoke BBQ) – Owner currently negotiating with new tenant.
- Old Maple Lawn Building, Main Street – Tenant moved out, still vacant.
- Old Jack's Glass building – Now owned by Southern States, scheduled for demo. Plan to rebuild as office.
- Old Ameristop Center – Entire facility under new ownership, owner is improving the property. Spyder Arms relocated to this facility.
- Old Gold Star Chili building – Fran retired, new Gold Star Corporate store in current negotiations elsewhere in Alexandria.
- Last two pictures are empty spaces on Main Street – still empty at this point.
- Belly & Soul – Closed up a few weeks ago, new owner plans to reopen on October 1st.
- Guthrie Heating & AC just opened up at 7923 Alexandria Pike.

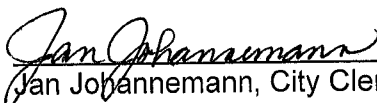
Mayor Rachford encouraged everyone to shop local as much as possible and patronize these businesses. People are in business to make a profit, and if they don't, they will close up and move somewhere else.

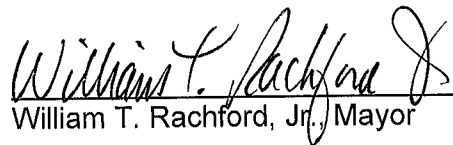
Also, in 2018, Kentucky RX card users in Alexandria have saved \$200,000 on prescriptions. If anyone would like a card, they are still available at the City Building.

October 9th is the last day to register for this year's election. Anyone out of town or in the hospital on election day can obtain an absentee ballot between October 5th and November 5th. For more information, call 859-292-3885 and ask for Jennifer Free.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


 Jan Johannemann, City Clerk


 William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 10/5/18

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Approved: 10/4/18