CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of August 4, 2011

The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Scott Fleckinger present in the Mayor's absence and the following members answering roll call:

Council Members:

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

Also present:

Karen Barto City Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Duncan City Attorney
Mike Ward Police Chief
Sam Trapp PW Supervisor
Mark Brueggemann City Engineer
John Jewell P&Z Chairman
Ron Johnson P&Z
Ellis Lang Ethics
Gail Jewell Ethics Chair
Frank Tweekes CDS, City Engineer

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Dave Hart read the invocation. Mayor Rachford stated the first item on the agenda was the Municipal Road Aid Public Hearing, but this will be held later in the meeting due the city attorney being stuck in traffic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 21, 2011 Meeting

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21st meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Mary Etingher, 8283 East Main Street – She had given each council member a list of problems on Main Street, and asked if all members had received them. She requested that the list, along with all e-mails, correspondence and citation that were written be included in the minutes of this meeting. She asked if any citations had been written on any the 15 violations. Mayor Rachford said he was not aware of any. She believed there was one citation issued, but wondered why others had not been written.

Stacey said Code Enforcement would evaluate these items to determine whether a citation should be issued. The Mayor had asked the Zoning Administrator, Carol Hofstetter, to "group" the list for the ones relevant to Mr. Seibert. The Mayor and Carol then met with Mr. Seibert however Mr. Seibert was leaving for vacation the next day and should be back so the Mayor plans to follow up with him. Stacey asked if Council could get a report from Code Enforcement addressing the various complaints and the action taken, and whether a citation should be issued. Until then, council members do not have enough information to discuss this.

Mrs. Etingher also suggested moving the “No Parking 8-4 Monday thru Friday” sign on Jefferson Street to the end of Jefferson at Main Street. Right now, there is no parking from Greenup to Bishop Brossart High School. This would eliminate the junked cars that are parked along Jefferson. This would also help with the traffic flow. Mrs. Etingher is asking for no parking on both sides. Stacey is in favor of restricting parking to one side of the street during school days, but thinks the Police or Public Works need to be involved. Chief Ward said he does have a meeting scheduled the next day to address this matter. No action had been taken because the Chief had been out of town.
ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Rachford read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2011-02 - A resolution officially declaring August 20, 2011 as Casen Schrock Day.

Mayor Rachford read the full Resolution, and asked for prayers for Casen and his family. There will be a spaghetti dinner and raffle at the Newport Elks Lodge 273 on August 20th. For more information, call Linda Wiedemann 859-908-0411 or e-mail casenscause@gmail.com. The Mayor then presented a copy of the Resolution to Mr. Wiedemann.

Mr. Duncan arrived and then read the following:
Second Reading:

ORDINANCE #2011-07 – An Ordinance of the City providing for the assessment of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria, and levying an ad valorem tax of $0.178 on each $100.00 of assessed valuation ($1.78 per $1,000.00) of real property in the City for the 2011 assessment tax year, and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

Mr. Duncan said the rate is quite a bit less than the allowable compensating tax rate, and the same tax rate as last year. When calculated, it will generate the same amount of money that was put in the adopted budget.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2011-07, seconded by Barbara Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Karen Barto reported tax bills will be prepared and mailed soon. The annual audit will take place next week.

Police Department: Chief Ward reported “progress”. Mayor Rachford congratulated Chief Ward on being appointed to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council for a term that will extend through July 1, 2015.

Public Works: None

Planning & Zoning: John Jewell said there is a proposed Dollar General store that is being reviewed by the City Engineers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works Committee: Dave Hart reported the committee met prior to the council meeting. There was an update from CDS on the Street Study, an update from Sam Trapp on the street repairs. The Committee also discussed creating a foreman’s position for Public Works, and they will contribute to the position description.

Annexation Committee: Stacey Graus said they are working on an annexation that is moving along pretty well. They hope to have something to report within the next couple of months.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDS Update – There will be a final “pass-through” to re-evaluate the streets and CDS will be at the next council meeting to present the final version of the Street Study.
Community Center Update – Information was distributed this evening. The Contract and the Walker’s Agreement have been revised. The Mayor asked council to review and contact him with any questions or suggestions. He would like to have these documents approved at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stacey Graus noticed there is a considerable amount of trash on the side of Riley Road. He wanted to know if some of the work crews from Greg Buckler’s program could pick up this trash from the sides of the roads while the weather is still fairly nice.

Mrs. Weber said the City paid money to clean up the gutters on US 27, and she noticed some of the commercial property owners are cutting the grass and blowing the grass onto US 27. She wants to look into having an ordinance to prohibit this, if there isn’t already one. Mayor Rachford appealed to the citizens and business to please not blow the grass into the streets when mowing. He will also check on the ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving and reviewing public comment regarding the proposed use of Municipal Road Aid Funds.

Mayor Rachford officially opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Duncan explained the purpose of this hearing is to allow public comment for the use of road aid funds, relating to the Resolution adopted at the last meeting where the City agreed to accept road aid funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Alexandria’s 2011-2012 budget has $280,385 in it which consists of carry-over funds of $130,385 and anticipated funds of $150,000. Street repairs and miscellaneous repairs to the streets were budgeted at $20,385, and $260,000 has been allocated in the Infrastructure Fund.

Mayor Rachford asked for comments from the public as to the use of the Municipal Road Aid Funds. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Coffee with the Mayor will be this Saturday from 10:00 till Noon.

The Dragon Boat Row for breast cancer survivors will be at A. J. Jolly Park on September 10th. For information, call 859-391-7020.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 8-23-2011

Approved: 8-18-2011

William T. Rachford, Jr.  
Mayor

Date: 8/19/2011