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

Council Members:
- Barbara Weber Present
- Stacey Graus Present
- Joe Anderson Present
- Bob Simon Present
- Dave Hart Present
- Scott Fleckinger Present

Also present:
- Jan Johannemann Asst. City Clerk
- 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
- Gail Jewell Ethics Board
- Karen Minshall Park & Recreation Chair
- Frank Twehues CDS, City Engineer

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Bob Simon read the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 4, 2011

MOTION: Barbara Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2011 meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

1. Sean Fisher, Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance – Mr. Fisher gave a short overview of what his company can provide for homeowners. They offer an energy assessment of the home which takes about 3-4 hours and includes a review of the mechanical systems, any health and safety issues, the insulation levels, and air infiltration that may come into the home. The fee for this assessment is $50. All of this would help the homeowner save money on their utility bills. There is literature on this program at the City Clerk’s office. Their web site is www.greatercea.org.

2. Alan Henderson, Liaison for Congressman Geoff Davis – He explained some of the services that their office can provide, including assistance with federal grant money. Also, Congressman Davis nominates individuals each year who are interested in attending service academies (Air Force, Army, etc.), so if anyone knows of someone who would be interested, please call the Ft. Mitchell office at 859-426-0080 or visit their web site at www.geoffdavis.house.gov.

3. Rick Scales, 22 Shaw Drive – When it rains, the residents of Shaw Drive get water in their basements. Who would have liability when the streets are redone? Also, the house next door, 20 Shaw Drive, is abandoned, and there are issues with high grass and rubbish in the back yard. Mayor Rachford explained that when a street is rebuilt, the contractor doing the work is required to have liability insurance for the work they do. Barb Weber added that the city engineer reviews the project and if there is an issue with drainage, he addresses that issue before it gets to the contractor.

4. Paul Seibert, Co-Owner of the property at 8301 East Main St. – He is opposed to the way in which the proposed parking changes are being addressed. The proposal is to limit parking on both sides of Jefferson and changing the no-parking hours from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. He believes the current laws just need to be enforced, i.e. the 48-hour limit on parking. The parking issue is not caused by him or his tenants. Mr. Seibert also has issues with extending the no parking rule to the entire street. Every other house on the street has off-street parking except his. The Mayor pointed out there is parking available on Main Street, but Mr. Seibert said those are not adjacent to his

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property. His property’s address is on Main Street, not Jefferson, and it was never designed to have off-street parking. Mike agreed that there is ample parking available on Main Street. If there were no other areas for Mr. Seibert’s tenants to park, it may be an issue.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Tax bills were mailed this past Monday, and are due October 31st. The auditors finished up last Thursday, and the city will be getting a complete report on their findings, which will be presented to the Finance Committee, and then to council.

Police Department: The parade is Wednesday, August 31st, and in they are going to close Washington Street to traffic at 6:25 p.m. The parade starts promptly at 6:45 p.m. so if anyone is going to be in the parade, please be at the Middle School before 6:25. Look for Nixel alerts to find out what is going on with the traffic and the parade. Anyone can register to receive either text messages or e-mail alerts from the police department at www.nixel.com.

Public Works: Sam said there will probably be a lot of paving done to the City streets this week, so please be careful.

Zoning: Joe Anderson asked if fees could be added to the zoning report council receives.

Fire Department: Mayor Rachford noted that the Alexandria Explorers took first place in the State Firefighting Olympics. Congratulations to Chief Pohlman and the Explorers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annexation Committee: Stacey said the annexation issues are moving along quite well.
Personnel Committee: Joe will work on scheduling a meeting in about a month or so.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDS Five-Year Street Program – Mark Brueggemann and Frank Twenhues gave an overview of the Program. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adopt the Five Year Street Program, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. Dave Hart suggested that Council take some time to look at the report, and he requested the motion be tabled until the next meeting. Bob Simon withdrew his motion and Scott withdrew his second. It will be brought up again at Council’s first meeting in September.

Marty Etingher, Update on Issues – Mayor Rachford and Carol Hofstetter met with Ms. Etingher and then met with some of the people she had issues with. They are addressing a number of her concerns and issues. Ms. Weber asked if Mrs. Etingher and Mrs. Bessler have been given a copy of the update which Council received. Chief Ward said there is a meeting scheduled for Friday with Carol and Mrs. Etingher to go over each item on the list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Rachford has been approached about a flea market. It would be on 4-5 acres of land in Alexandria, and asked for comments from Council. Currently the ordinances do not permit such a use. Stacey said he is okay with the idea as long as it isn’t every weekend. He wants it to be somewhat unique and special. Dave Hart wondered about the cost and whether a police officer would be needed. Barb asked if it was a liability factor for the City. The Mayor said it would be sponsored by a private
owner. Mike said if it is run by a private owner there would be no liability by the City. However, it would take more than an ordinance as this is a land use issue which would be a zoning ordinance.

John Jewell is not aware of anything on the books regarding flea markets being operated by a property owner and flea markets in general so by omission, they are not a permitted use in any of the zones we have in the City now. It is not just something that can be changed quickly. Mike Duncan said we would need a text amendment for that particular zone.

COMMUNICATIONS –

School is back in session, so please watch for kids and school buses while driving.

Shari Hennekes, City Brew Coffee, talked about the Fourth Annual Dunk the Educator/Principal, which is a fundraiser for Special Olympics in Northern Kentucky. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to Special Olympics. Mayor Rachford has volunteered to be in the dunking booth from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. The event will take place on Saturday, August 27th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Other Dates to Note:
- Wednesday, August 31st at 6:45 – Alexandria Fair Parade. The Fair runs through Labor Day.
- September 10th at 11:00 a.m. - City sponsored 9/11 Memorial Service at the Tribute Park.
- There will be no Coffee with the Mayor in September (9/3) due to the Fair and Labor Day Weekend.

Barb Weber recognized and congratulated Stacey Graus, who has received the Special Recognition Award from the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers for his continued service to the community.

Joe Anderson questioned the Community Center contract. He thought it a good idea to match the $100/hour rental for any number of hours. Mayor Rachford said the fixed rate of $500 was for a wedding reception, and there are other situations where it would only be rented for an hour or two at the $75/hour rate. Mayor Rachford added that after discussions, they didn't want to change the rate too much to scare anybody away, while still trying to make the Center a self-sustaining facility.

Joe also complemented Dr. Farley's remodeling of the property on US 27/Trapp Court. It looks very nice and blends well into the surrounding area.

He also asked if there was any more information about the police merger. Mayor Rachford said request for proposals for a consulting firm are due to the County in September, and this is something they are paying for. At some point, there will be public meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 9-2-2011

Approved: 9-1-2011

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 9/2/11