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 Absent

Also present:
Karen Barto City Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Duncan City Attorney
Mike Ward Police Chief
John Jewell P&Z Chairman
Ron Johnson P&Z
Gail Jewell Ethics Board
Ellis Lang Ethics Board

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 20, 2011

MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Glenn Miller, Superintendent of Campbell County Schools -
Mr. Miller thanked the Mayor for inviting him to the meeting. He gave an update on the construction projects at CCHS and explained the four focus points that were developed when he became Superintendent.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mike Duncan read the following:

RESOLUTION #2011-06: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria authorizing and approving the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Campbell County for funding of a police consolidation study.

Mr. Duncan read the entire Resolution, part of which states that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute any documents and take all actions necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution and to pay the $2,090.00 toward the City's cost of the police consolidation plan.

Mayor Rachford explained the reason why we are doing this study. The consulting firm will be doing interviews and internet surveys (survey monkey), and then will do an analysis of information. The next step will be to hold several public hearings. He emphasized that there is no pre-determined conclusion made. At this point, he thinks it makes sense to consider at least investigating a merger to see if it makes sense for the city and the citizens. The overriding intent is not to reduce manpower and save money, but to improve services.

Barb Weber understood this was brought up in order to save money and Bob Simon thought so too. She does not remember ever discussing a level of service. Mr. Horine has been quoted in the paper as saying it is not about saving money but improving efficiency. Her personal opinion is that Alexandria has the best police department, and improving the level of service or excellence is not an issue. If we
aren't going to save money, why are we doing the study? Stacey's opinion is that Campbell County believes it can improve their level of service by joining, and Alexandria does not want to dilute service. As far as money, it may be a savings for both agencies, it is just not yet known. Dave Hart agreed that the city has a good police department, and he believes the County can stand to improve their service by being a part of ours. He has problems with a feasibility study and bringing in expert consultants to interview individuals, which sounds to him like a political move.

Mike Ward pointed out that Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills have a joint police authority that has worked well thanks to leadership and management. His opinion is that as Alexandria grows and the economy improves, city services will need to increase, and so will the cost for those services. A potential merger possibility could maybe not save money initially, but in the long term, keep the city's cost down over a 10-15 year period. This particular consultant was chosen because they would help to objectively list the facts that council will need in order to make an informed decision. Dave asked Chief Ward if he was comfortable with the consultants that were hired. Chief Ward said he was.

MOTION: Dave Hart made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-06, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Department:

1) Chief Ward gave an update regarding the following traffic issues:
   • He has sent a formal request to KDOT asking them to do a traffic study at Summerlake with the emphasis on safety and a potential stop light;
   • He also requested a flashing “prepare to stop” light be installed on 27 approaching the intersection of 536;
   • Asked KDOT to do another traffic study at Constable Drive to see if it now warrants a traffic light;
   • Finally, he has requested that the state look at doing some striping at the traffic light by the Hayloft Tavern.

2) Mike announced the purchase of a bus from the Department of Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, that was built for a command vehicle and was obtained at no cost. The vehicle is in good shape, just needing some minor maintenance. This year the Police Department had difficulties coming up with a command vehicle to use at the Alexandria Fair which brought about this purchase. Through grants and some asset forfeitures, we will be able to slowly start building our own command unit for the City. The goal is to share this with the Fire Department and Campbell County Emergency Management. All three agencies are going to put time, manpower, and grant funding together to equip the bus. He invited council to stop by and tour the vehicle.

3) They are still experiencing thefts of articles left in unlocked vehicles, and he urged everyone to lock their cars and close garage doors.

4) There was a Nixle alert that went out today to notify everyone of the first test of a National Emergency Alert System on November 6th at 2:00. All types of media (cable, satellite, radio stations) will be ceased for 3-1/2 minutes during the test.

5) Chief Pohlman was unable to attend the meeting, and asked Chief Ward to report that there will be a Turkey Raffle at the Alexandria Fire Department on Saturday, November 5th.

Joe Anderson had a situation where someone stopped by his house. He was on his phone in the garage with the door opened. The young man apparently knocked on his front door, then ran down the steps to the open garage. He had no identification on him, and after a short conversation, just left. Joe
asked Chief Ward how to handle a situation like this. Chief Ward advised him to call 911, as this is the MO that was used in a number of break-ins in the county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Joe reported that there is a meeting scheduled on November 8th at 6:00.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe mentioned the following:
- Saturday, November 26th is Small Business Day, and he encouraged everyone to purchase something from the local businesses;
- Remember to turn back the clocks this coming Saturday;
- The train display at Southern Lanes is being switched from a Halloween display to a Santa display. Admission is $3 and it will be open for three weekends starting December 2nd.

COMMUNICATIONS –

- The Haunted Walk at the park was a huge success, with about 1,500 people attending.
- Coffee with the Mayor is this Saturday from 10:00 – Noon.
- County Clean-Up is November 4, 5, and 6.
- Lunch with Santa will be on Saturday, December 3 at the Community Center. Volunteers are needed. Call the City Clerk’s Office to volunteer.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Kevin Gordon, Board Member - Independent Business Association of Campbell County (IBAC):
It has come to their attention that the City is entertaining a gross receipts tax. They have been asked by their members to assess and educate their members as to what affect this may have on them. They would like to engage in a dialogue with the City to get an understanding of this tax. Also, Jim Waters from the Blue Grass Institute will be a speaker at their monthly meeting on November 15th at 7:00 at Southern Lanes and invited Mayor and Council to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Karen M. Bartolo
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 11/16/2011

Approved: 11/19/2011

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 11/18/2011