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:
- Karen Barto City Clerk
- Mike Duncan City Attorney
- Sam Trapp Public Works
- John Jewell P&Z
- Ron Johnson P&Z
- Gail Jewell Ethics Board

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag and read the invocation. He also asked for prayers for the family of Bill Hipple, who was the Code Enforcement Officer for the City, and died on New Year’s Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 1, 2011

MOTION: Dave Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following:

RESOLUTION #2012-01: A Resolution authorizing and approving the City to enter into a Commonwealth of Kentucky Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-01, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

First Reading:

ORDINANCE #2012-01: An Ordinance approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission, pursuant to KRS 100.209 to establish zoning and other land use regulations for the Cottingham property proposed to be annexed, consisting of 17.8931 +/- acres of land located at the northwest corner of the AA Highway (KY State Route 9) and the AA Connector (KY State Route 709), all as more particularly described and depicted in the exhibits to this ordinance, and which property is recommended to be zoned City Highway Commercial (HC zoning classification) upon its annexation into the city limits.

Mr. Duncan explained there is a copy of the recommendation from the Planning Commission, a legal description of the actual property, and plat of the property attached to this Ordinance. The next Ordinance he will read will allow the City to annex the property once it’s been zoned, and according to Kentucky Statutes, it will come into the city with that zoning.
ORDINANCE #2012-02: An Ordinance annexing certain real estate located at or near the northern and eastern boundary of the city, and being the Cottingham Property, consisting 17.8931 +/- acres of land located at the northwest corner of the AA Highway (KY State Route 9) and the AA Connector (KY State Route 709), all as more particularly described and depicted in the exhibits to this ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Delinquent tax notices will be mailed out next week, and if anyone receives a delinquent notice and has questions, please call the city building.

Police Department: None

Public Works: Dave Hart said there was a committee meeting prior to the council meeting. The agenda listed approval of minutes from September 1st. Mrs. Weber has suggested that they be allowed to distribute the unapproved minutes once they are prepared. Sometimes there are several months between meetings and the approval of those minutes. They are requesting the minutes be distributed to all of council marked as a "draft" once they are typed.

Also, Sam had met with CDS on some of the suggested projects for 2012. In working with CDS and NKWD, he would like to make a few changes to the street schedule. The committee agreed with the changes Sam has proposed, and Mr. Hart is asking for council’s approval of these changes. Sam explained NKWD wants to replace 8-9 water mains on different streets in the City. He is trying to coordinate these changes with street repairs. The City may be able save some money if they coordinate with NKWD. If anyone wants to discuss this in more detail, Sam is willing to meet with them.

The streets proposed to be sent out for bid are: reconstruction of Oakwood and Acorn; spot repairs to Paul Lane; and storm water issues that need to be addressed on Trapp Court. CDS will do the drawings and potentially we could send these out to bid in late March. If possible, Lakeside could also be worked on this year if the money is there.

Zoning: None

Fire Department: None

Mayor Rachford reported that the Park & Recreation Board supplied information on the Lunch with Santa. A total of 227 attended (parents and children). Expenses were $1,060 and $681 was taken in. The net cost to the City was $379. The Mayor thanked those who attended and the volunteers who helped put on this event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rachford distributed a copy of an e-mail relating to the police merger study. The consultants have finished with the one-on-one interviews and now want to post questions on the website. The Mayor was asked to review the questions and wants council's input on this.

Ms. Weber asked why the survey would precede the public hearing. She feels we need input from citizens on how they feel, and pointed out that some residents might not have computers. She believes the survey and a public hearing should go hand-in-hand. Both Stacey and Barb thought the interviews that were conducted were for everyone's input. Citizens and business owners were not interviewed, but the interviewer Ms. Weber spoke with said they would be conducting an opinion survey on line, which Barb responded, "Not in my town, Alexandria is going to hold Public Hearings".
Joe Anderson asked Mr. Horine if the interviewers were coming back since he could not fit an interview into the time slots they had available. He was told they would be coming back to interview anyone who didn’t have a chance the first time.

Ms. Weber is passionate about having a public hearing and getting input from citizens of Alexandria. Stacey is concerned about how the on-line interviews will be tracked to determine who is responding to the survey (a breakdown of responses from county/city residents). Both opinions matter. Ms. Weber agrees and respects the county residents' opinion, but she is only concerned with what the Alexandria residents have to say. Mayor Rachford asked council members to review the questions and get back to him as soon as possible if they have changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Weber stated there are some items on the Profit & Loss Statement that are not easy to understand. She requested a meeting to obtain information on what they are, what they cover, and what they mean. Karen Barto will be happy to meet with Ms. Weber and any other council member who is interested. Dave and Joe both expressed interest.

COMMUNICATIONS:

At the next council meeting, there will be a "guest mayor" for the day – Mr. Frommeyer from Bishop Brossart. This was a result of a fund raiser that Bishop Brossart had a few months ago.

Joe Anderson said the first edition of the “Journal News" will come out on January 11th. This is an Independence, Piner, Morning View, Walton and Taylor Mill paper, and will be distributed in Ft. Thomas, Highland Heights, Cold Spring and Alexandria. You can find it in the stores, gas stations, restaurants, etc. They are also looking for carriers to distribute the paper to the subdivisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Dave Hart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 01/24/12

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 01/24/12

Approved: JANUARY 19TH, 2012