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

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

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

The Mayor introduced Jacob Elbert and Jordan Frommeyer, students from Bishop Brossart High School. As a part of a fundraiser at the Emerald Gala at BBHS, they won a day with the Mayor. Today the Mayor ate lunch with them at BBHS, they attended a staff meeting at the city building, and are participating in tonight’s city council meeting.

Jordan Frommeyer led the pledge to the flag and Jacob Elbert read the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 5, 2012

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting with one correction (Per Barb Weber - page 2, Old Business, last paragraph, last sentence - she would like to add “Alexandria is going to hold public hearings” after “not in my town”). The motion was seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Mayor Rachford said the meetings are actually supposed to be in a town hall format instead of a public hearing.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Joseph Downing, 58 Viewpoint Drive – Six years ago when the sewers were put in, he had just had his property line located. Two corner stakes and the radius stakes went missing after the construction was done. Someone did find some of the stakes. They were buried a few inches underground when topsoil was brought in. He had been promised that something would be done, but nothing has happened yet. He just wants to replace the stakes that are still missing. Mayor Rachford has the information Mr. Downing gave him a while back, and will make sure this gets taken care of.

Ron Heiert, Development Director, Bishop Brossart High School - He thanked the Mayor for taking the time to join the students at lunch today, and thanked the Mayor and Council for all the support that has been given to the high school over the years.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Rachford asked that Jacob Elbert and Jordan Frommeyer come forward, and then read the following in its entirety:

Mr. Duncan then read the following:
Second 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.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2012-01, seconded by Barbara Weber.

Ms. Weber said the Cottingham property is a very important addition to the City of Alexandria, and thanked Stacey Graus and the city attorney, Mr. Duncan, for working to make this happen.

The motion was then brought up for a vote. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Second Reading:

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.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2012-02, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Department: Chief Ward reported that the traffic light issue at KY 536 and US 27 had been reviewed by the State regarding the problem with the green light reflecting in the headlights from northbound traffic. To try and correct this, they are going to put in an auxiliary traffic light off to the side at the southeast corner of the intersection.

In November, the State also did a 12-hour traffic count at the intersection of US 27 and Summerlake Drive. They determined that this intersection did not warrant a traffic signal. The breakdown of traffic coming out of Summerlake showed that from 6:00-8:00 a.m., there were about 80 vehicles turning right (north on US 27) and 18 vehicles turning left (south on US 27). Once Dollar General is open and established, the State has agreed to do another traffic count to see if this has changed significantly.

At the south end of Constable at US 27, there was another traffic count done but traffic is still not heavy enough to put in a traffic light.

At the intersection of US 27 and the Hayloft Restaurant, the State agreed to relocate the northbound stop bar back from where it currently is to eliminate any confusion. They will be striping a dedicated left turn lane on northbound US 27 turning into the restaurant, and will eventually replace the traffic light with a left-turn arrow. Chief Ward has also asked the owners of the Hayloft to re-stripe their parking lot to better define the stop bar.

On behalf of the Hipple Family, Chief Ward thanked everyone for their condolences and prayers. Bill Hipple will be severely missed. A new code enforcement officer will be hired and they are looking for someone with previous law enforcement background.
Josh Zebell, the new Alexandria police officer, graduated from the Academy this past Friday and was awarded the physical fitness award. He scored an overall average of 97.4%, one of the highest averages ever. He will now be training with our police officers for 14 weeks before being on his own.

Public Works: See the attached report

Zoning: None

Fire Department: None

Public Works Committee: Mr. Hart reported Sam has been working with CDS on the dam, and also changing the 2012 road program so the City can take advantage of working with NKWD to do repairs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rachford distributed certificates to Joe Alexander, Chief Ward, Karen Barto, Sam Trapp, Todd Schafer, Scott Clark, and Mayor Rachford, who attended the Campbell County Emergency Management training session. The Mayor will contact the Red Cross to develop a plan for the Community Center.

There will be a city leadership retreat on Saturday, March 3rd at the Alexandria Fire House from about 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A survey regarding the police merger study is on line. Look for links on the City and the County websites until February 5th. Mayor Rachford encouraged everyone to take the survey. Once this data is collected, they will meet with the consultants, and then the city will have town hall meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Campbell County High School is conducting Operation Preparation, which is a program to improve the students’ skills for college and career readiness. If anyone is interested in working with middle and high school students, please call Connie Pohlgees, Board of Education, 635-2173, Ext. 107.

The Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus will be held at the NKU Student Union Ballroom on Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 until Noon.

Wednesday, February 1st is the KLC City Day/City Night in Frankfort. If any council member is interested in attending this, please notify the Mayor or Karen soon.

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 7:35 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 02-03-2012

Approved: February 2, 2012

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 2-3-2012