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

Also present:
Karen Barto  City Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Ward  Police Chief
Sam Trapp  Public Works
Ron Johnson  P&Z
Dan Hunt  City Attorney
Gail Jewell  Ethics Board
Ellis Lang  Ethics Board

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Stacey Graus read the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 17, 2012

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting, seconced by Barb Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1, with Stacey Graus abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Dan Hunt read the following

RESOLUTION #2012-04 – A Resolution adopting and approving the execution of a municipal aid co-op program contract between the incorporated City and the Commonwealth of KY Transportation Cabinet, Dept of Rural and Municipal Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and accepting all streets referred to therein as being streets which are a part of the incorporated City.

This resolution renews the road aid agreement with the Commonwealth and authorizes the Mayor to execute it. Mayor Rachford added that the City will be receiving a total of $204,000. Sixty percent or $122,493 of that amount should be received by the first of August.

MOTION: Dave Hart made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-04, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION #2012-05 – A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council opposing the proposed 27% tax increase by the Campbell County Public Library Board of Trustees to fund construction and operation of the proposed South Branch.

Stacey Graus would like to hear from the library again as to what the timing of everything is regarding construction. Ms. Weber explained this resolution states we don’t oppose the library, but we are against levying a 27% tax increase until we know it is actually needed. Stacey doesn’t want to do
anything that would curtail efforts of building this library branch. In his opinion, our part of the county has been "under-served" for many years.

**MOTION:** Barbara Weber made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-05, seconded by Bob Simon. Dave Hart concurs with Stacey Graus. He does not like the title of the resolution. The motion was brought up for a vote: Joe Anderson-Yes; Barbara Weber-Yes; Bob Simon-Yes; Dave Hart-Yes; Stacey Graus-No. The motion passed 4-1-0.

Ms. Weber said if this 27% tax increase is levied against the citizens and the capital campaign fund is successful, she doesn't think they would give the money back. Stacey believes the percentage will be revised.

Even though the motion was passed, the Mayor will invite Mr. Morgan to a council meeting to update us on the fundraising progress.

*Mr. Hunt then read the following:*

**First Reading:**  
**ORDINANCE #2012-04** – An Ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government.

Mayor thanked Karen Barto for all her work on the budget, as well as the Finance Committee and the department heads for achieving a balanced budget without the use of carry over money.

**First Reading:**  
**ORDINANCE #2012-05** – An Ordinance amending Ordinance #2011-05, the City's budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 by transferring funds to and among the various budget accounts according to the attached Exhibit A, in order to end the fiscal year in balance.

Dave Hart asked for an explanation regarding the amended amount under Revenues (1st line-Payroll Tax). Karen explained that Campbell County had failed to pay us for three quarters of payroll tax for one company. We did receive this in a lump sum this past February. The payment was to "catch up" from the prior year, and not revenue we can expect this year, or in the future.

Karen added that the numbers on this Ordinance may change. It was suggested to have a first reading now, and then wait to close out the fiscal year and then make any additional amendments/changes. If council is agreeable, the second reading would be done after the fiscal yearend is closed out (end of July or the first of August).

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**  
**City Clerk:** Karen said if anyone has questions regarding the budget to contact her as soon as possible.

**Police Department:** Chief Ward said he was not at the last meeting because he was on his way home from the police memorial service in Washington, DC. It was an emotional week for all involved.

Also, Sgt. Frodge tore his Achilles tendon while on duty and had surgery this past Tuesday. He will be off for a while, but he will be on desk duty as soon as he is able to return to work.

Last Friday, the PD had their third 5-year accreditation assessment. Asst. Police Chief Joe Alexander put all the paperwork together. They will be awarded their third 5-year accreditation certificate at the
State Chief's Conference in August. Barb Weber said she was present during the assessment and heard Mr. Bischoff remark that the Alexandria Police Department had a "glowing" report.

**Annexation Committee:** Stacey Graus is working on some things, but would like to cancel their next scheduled meeting because he will be out of town on June 21st.

Mayor Rachford said over 100 children attended the Fishing Derby this past Saturday. He thanked the Park & Recreation Board for doing a good job.

There are three vacancies to fill on various boards and commissions: Cable Board representative; Code Enforcement Alternate; and Property Maintenance Board Alternate. Anyone interested should go to city website for an application to be considered as a candidate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bishop Brossart High School's Girls' Fast Pitch Softball team has approached the city to see if there was interest in allowing them to use the Community Park's baseball field as their home field. In exchange, they would make a number of improvements to the ball field, including a home run fence, upgrading the backstop and dugouts, and maintain the infield, along with setting up a booth to sell tickets and concessions. The City would still maintain the grassy area. The Mayor has done some research and came up with a sample contract, and has also talked with Park & Recreation members. The board had some concerns and questions about this project. The Mayor is working with them to structure the agreement so it would be a "win/win" situation for everyone involved.

Also, there is a new graveled section of the Park that is to be used for additional parking.

Stacey Graus knows the head coach at Brossart. He will get the job done and it will be nice. He thinks it is a good opportunity to have a nice ball park. After Brossart's softball season is over, it will be available for other teams to use, including Alexandria citizens, and it would draw more people to the park.

**Possible Cancellation of July 5th Meeting** – Since the next meeting is scheduled for July 5th, Mayor Rachford asked who would not be in town that week, and Stacey was the only one. At this point if there are no issues to address, he may cancel that meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- **Tuesday, June 5th** was Alexandria Night at Florence Freedom. $826 in proceeds from those who attended were donated to Casen Shrock.

- They are continuing to work on Christmas in Alexandria, actively talking to people to generate sponsorships and volunteers. An official 401(C)(3) organization has been established. The Mayor would like the City to contribute financially to this effort. He has checked with the city attorney and this is permitted. The suggestion was made that rather than donate funds to the organization, the city would pay specific invoices. He proposed the city support this effort to the extent of $8,477, which is $1.00 for each citizen in the city as of the 2010 census. This payment could be spread over two fiscal years, and there is money in this year's budget and next year's budget to fund this. He asked council to think about it. He will bring this up again at the next meeting.

- On Saturday, June 23, there will be a city memorial service to recognize Officer Jim Sticklen and Bill Hipple, who both passed away this past year and a half. It will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribute Park. If the weather is bad, it will be rescheduled for June 30th.
Joe Anderson asked if the $4,477 for the Christmas in Alexandria was put in the 2012-2013 budget. The Mayor explained that this was his plan. This fiscal year, there was no line item in the budget, and Dave Hart asked where the money will be taken from. The Mayor said it will come out of unallocated expenses. Dave asked if it was in the amendment ordinance, and it was not. The Mayor said it is not budgeted in this fiscal year (2011-2012), but we do have the money for it, and it is in the 2012-2013 budget.

Bob Simon personally thanked Barb Weber for all the work she has done at the Tribute Park for the June 23 service. There has been a lot of behind the scenes organization that had to be done.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Barb Weber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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William T. Rachford, Jr.  
Mayor

Date: 6/22/12  
Approved: June 21, 2012