The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Mayor William Rachford was present with 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
- John Jewell P&Z
- Ron Johnson P&Z
- Mike Duncan City Attorney
- Jeff Pohlman Fire Chief
- Gail Jewell Ethics Board

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 16, 2012

MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting with one change (page 4, change the words “under this item” to “under item #3”, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

1. Ambrose Beckerich, 110 Breckenridge – He wanted to ask for help in getting rid of the geese on the football field near his house. Someone is feeding them and now they are in his yard too. After talking with Barb Weber, he thought that the city could consider an ordinance prohibiting people from feeding wild animals. Barb didn’t think that would work. The football team practices on the field and the geese droppings could pose a health issue. Ron Heiert from Bishop Brossart had asked the lady to stop feeding the geese and she refused. There was a discussion on ways to get rid of the geese. Chief Ward said he purchased some fake owls from Home Depot which seemed to keep them out of his yard. Barb had seen cardboard coyotes that also work, but it would be up to a homeowner or Brossart to put these out. Mel Webster from Bishop Brossart assured Mr. Beckerich that they do not want the geese on that property either and he will try to do something to get rid of them.

2. Tony Steltenpohl, 2409 Hickorywood Ct. – The City owns a lake and land behind his property. Mr. Steltenpohl would like to either lease or own that land. He had photos and plans which he passed out to the council members of what he would like to do on his property and part of the city’s property, including building a retaining wall and fire pit. Mayor Rachford said he would be glad to look at his plans, but more research needs to be done. Stacey asked if he is maintaining that property right now, and Mr. Steltenpohl said he is. The neighbors are also maintaining some of that land.

Barb Weber asked Mike Duncan if he remembered a conversation with Mr. Berling where he had planned to put a walking trail around a lake. Mike did recall plans for a walking trail being built somewhere in the development. Barb said this was the lake and asked if this section that is owned by the city could have been given to the city by Mr. Berling. Mike did research this, and answered yes. There might be some restrictions in the zoning and Carol Hofstetter can check on these. Stacey brought up a possible problem with liability issues. Mike added there are several legal issues to review and asked Mr. Steltenpohl to give him a copy of the photos so he will look into it. Barb doesn’t think the city wants to own property that adjoins a lake. Mike said there are options, and asked council to look at
the documents and think about what they want to do for that property. Stacey will see what he has in his annexation file. Sam Trapp added they need to consider that that lake was probably originally designed as a detention/retention pond. Mayor Rachford will get back to Mr. Steltenpohl with an answer after everything is reviewed.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mike Duncan read the following:

RESOLUTION #2012-08 – A Resolution adopting the NKADD Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

MOTION: Stacey Grau made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-08, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

First Reading:

ORDINANCE #2012-07 – An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria adopting a text amendment to Section 9.7 G.2 of the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance in order to allow for a temporary sign for new start-up businesses in the City.

Mike Duncan explained the City adopted a resolution asking the Planning Commission to look at a text amendment allowing an additional one-time 90 day period for a temporary sign for new businesses. He then read the additional text that the Planning Commission recommended.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Karen Barto reported tax bills have been mailed, and if anyone has not received a bill, please notify the Clerk’s office. We are now accepting credit card payments (VISA, Master Card Discover); however, there will be an additional 3% convenience fee charged.

The audit is now complete and the Auditors will be at the next council meeting to present it. Also, there had been the first reading of an ordinance in June regarding a budget amendment for the last fiscal year. The auditors have said that it is not necessary to have a budget amendment at the end of a fiscal year if the revenue is more than the expenditures (i.e. under budget). Mike Duncan said no further action on that ordinance is required.

Police Department: None

Fire Department: Chief Pohlman reported that the fire district had a tax hearing on August 28th and like the city, they have experienced a decrease in income from last year. However, the fire district chose to keep the tax rate at $1.50 per $1,000 (no raise in taxes). No services will be cut.

The Alexandria Fire Department turned 75 years old this year. There will be a week-long celebration, including an antique fire truck parade and an open house following the parade on Sunday, September 30th. Other activities are also planned during that week. Alexandria will host the Northern Kentucky Fire Fighter’s Association Old-Timers meeting on October 3rd. Call the fire department for more information.

Beautification Committee: The committee met tonight to go over everything that happened this year and Bob Simon congratulated and thanked everyone who helped to beautify the City.

Personnel Committee: A meeting is scheduled on October 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Annexation Committee: A meeting is scheduled on September 20th at 6:30 p.m.
OLD BUSINESS:

Ball Field Contract Update with Bishop Brossart High School: A site plan of the softball field was given to council members and the Park and Recreation Board, and a portable fence is a definite possibility. Bob Simon had obtained a "sample" of the fence, and it is in compliance with the league rules. Sam Trapp will build a storage area where the fence can be stored after ball season is over. Tom Baynum had been at the Park & Recreation meeting the night before to answer their questions and concerns, and both Mr. Baynum and Mel Webster, who is the Athletic Director for BBHS, were at the council meeting to answer any other questions. Barb Weber wanted to know who would be the city's contact to schedule available dates, and was told BBHS would contact the Clerk's office. Mel Webster's goal is to have everything in place by October 1st.

MOTION: Dave Hart made a motion to approve the contract between Bishop Brossart High School and the City, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stacey Graus mentioned an issue regarding the size of signs in the city and whether they are in violation of the ordinances. He would like the Planning & Zoning Commission to look at signage, paying particular attention to size with regard to location and lot size. The ordinance needs to be updated to accommodate commercial vs. residential and temporary vs. permanent. He thinks the sign regulations need to be more specific, and asked John Jewell and the Planning Commission to look into this.

Mayor Rachford brought up a question about city property owned by HKF Trust and FKH LLC on Rt. 10 and Persimmon Grove Pike, south of Country Grove. He asked Mike Duncan to draft a resolution for the next meeting to ask the Planning Commission to look into changing the zoning. Currently, part of the property that has always been in the city is zoned city R-1D and the part that was annexed from the county is zoned county R-1C. He would like to have all of the property zoned city R-1D. The Mayor wanted to let the council members know that this is in the works.

Barb Weber said a lot of people have been asking about the garage on US 27 that was condemned after a fire. How long will it be before the city does something about this? Mayor Rachford said that there is an interested buyer and that the current owner is looking to relocate outside the city limits. Barb wanted to know how long it will take city to enforce the ordinance to condemn the building. Mayor Rachford said a letter had been sent to the owners giving them a deadline of September 30th.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 9-21-12

Approved: September 20th, 2012

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 9-21-12