CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of February 7, 2013

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

Council Members:
Barbara Weber Present
Stacey Graus Present
Joe Anderson Present
Bob Simon Absent
Scott Fleckinger Absent
Andy Schabell Present

Also present:
Karen Barto City Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Ward Police Chief
Melinda Grizzell PD Office Manager
Ron Johnson P&Z
Mike Duncan City Attorney
Carol Hofstetter Zoning Administrator
John Jewell P&Z

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Andy Schabell read the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 3, 2013

MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2013 meeting, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

1. Holidays in Alexandria - Mayor Rachford gave report on Christmas in Alexandria. He thanked the board members for their unselfish effort in making this a success, and presented "Outstanding Citizen Awards" to Chairperson Sandy Decker and Denny Robinson; Clara Trapnell, Shari Hennekes and Melinda Grizzell; Mary Ann Seibert, Janet Bezold, and Jan Desmond were not present but also received award. Sandy Decker thanked Mayor Rachford for his efforts making this a success.

2. Michelle Murrell, 105 Southbrook – She lives next door to the house that burned about 6-7 months ago. She’s asking Council to look into getting something done about this house. Carol Hofstetter has been working on this issue, but there are issues she’s trying to resolve.

3. Kevin Gordon, Wilder, KY – He praised council for being on the forefront of controversial issues in the past, as now with the Toll Bridge issue. We should not let the federal government get off the hook for something that should be their responsibility. He urged council to pass the resolution.

4. Thomas More College School of Nursing Students - Mayor Rachford recognized 6 of these women in the audience involved in a project studying Alexandria. One of the requirements of the project is that they attend a council meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following First Reading:

ORDINANCE #2013-01: An Ordinance declaring its intent to annex unincorporated territory and its intent to amend it Comprehensive Plan and official zoning map to incorporate and establish zoning or other land use regulations for the Tollgate property proposed to be annexed consisting of 46.292 acres of land located generally west of US 27 at the west end of Fairview Drive (private) and Carriage Park Subdivision, along the north side of Wright Court Subdivision, and along the east and north sides of Reed Acres Subdivision, and being adjacent and contiguous to the City’s boundaries at several locations, all as more particularly described and depicted to the
exhibits to this ordinance, and containing a declaration that it is desirable to annex and zone the
unincorporated territory affected by this ordinance, all according to Chapters 81(A) and 100 of
the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Mr. Duncan explained the exhibits attached to the ordinance contain a legal description and a small
version of a plat, and the Consent to Annex by the property owner. This is a voluntary annexation.
Jim Keller from Drees had provided a plat that was also distributed to council members, and Mr.
Keller was available to answer any questions. Annexing this property will give the Arcadia
development two ways to enter/exit the subdivision.

Mr. Duncan then read the following:

RESOLUTION #2013-01: A Resolution of the duly elected legislative body of Alexandria, Kentucky
City Council opposing the use of tolls as a funding mechanism for the reconstruction or
replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge calling on the members of the United States Senate and
the House of Representatives to provide adequate funding for this project as a project of national
significance and suspending the use of any public funds for the purpose of lobbying or advocacy
in support of the use of tolls.

Stacey Graus does not like tolls, but knows replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge is not an option,
but critical to the region and nationally. He is not comfortable simply saying “no” by this Resolution.
It is a situation where studies are needed and other options presented, then decide on the best
solution. Ms. Weber argued that there was no other means or discussion other than tolls and she
feels if we pass this resolution and stand in solidarity with other cities, then we force the federal
government to come up with other solutions for funding the bridge. Stacey doesn’t think we can take
hard line positions one way or another until everything is on the table. He will abstain from voting.

Andy Schabell has also done research on this issue. In his opinion, if the government can put a toll
at the Brent Spence Bridge, which is a small section of the 1,786 miles of I-75/71 from Florida to
Michigan, they can put it anywhere.

MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-01, seconded by Andy
Schabell. The motion was brought up for a vote: Stacey Graus-Abstained; Joe Anderson-Yes; Barb
Weber-Yes; Andy Schabell-Yes. The motion passed 3-0-1.

RESOLUTION #2013-02: A Resolution pursuant to KRS 100.209 authorizing and directing the
Alexandria Planning Commission to hold a public hearing, make recommendations, and to do all
other requisite actions in order to consider an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan and
Official Zoning Map, and to incorporate and establish zoning or other land use regulations for the
Tollgate Property, proposed to be annexed, consisting of 48.043 acres of land located generally
west of US 27 at the west end of Fairview Drive (private) and Carriage Park Subdivision, along
the north side of Wright Court Subdivision, and along the east and north sides of Reed Acres
Subdivision, as more particularly described and depicted in the exhibits to Ordinance #2013-01.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-02, seconded by Barb Weber.
All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

RESOLUTION #2013-03: A Resolution supporting reforms to the County Employees Retirement
System (CERS) to make the plan sustainable, sound, and secure for current and future
employees.

The reason for the mess is the State failed to fund their portion of the pension system. Cities have
supplemented the state retirement system for years and something definitely needs to be done.
MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-03, seconded by Stacey Graus.

Andy has read a lot about this and agreed with Mike Ward that it is not the retiree’s fault, but the state for underfunding the plan, however, he has a problem with #3 “eliminating the automatic cost of living adjustment for all current and future CERS retirees”. If someone retired in 1996 after paying into the system for many years, they have come to depend on the cost of living adjustment. Taking this away from retirees is not right and he has an issue with this.

The motion was then brought up for a vote: Stacey Graus-Yes; Joe Anderson-Yes; Barb Weber-Yes; Andy Schabell-No. The motion passed with a 3-1-0 vote.

Mr. Duncan then read the following Municipal Orders:

MO #2013-01: Appointment of Dave Hart to Planning & Zoning Commission
MO #2013-02: Appointment of Fred Hollman to Park & Recreation Board
MO #2013-03: Re-Appointment of Susie Thomas to Planning & Zoning Commission
MO #2013-04: Re-Appointment of Louis Vogelpohl to Board of Adjustments
MO #2013-05: Re-Appointment of Betty Damment to Code Enforcement Board
MO #2013-06: Re-Appointment of Shari Henneke to Ethics Board
MO #2013-07: Appointment of Stu Stormer to Ethics Board
MO #2013-08: Appointment of James Glahn to Ethics Board
MO #2013-09: Appointment of Marty Hipple to Ethics Board
MO #2013-10: Appointment of Rodney Henson to Property Maintenance
MO #2013-11: Re-Appointment of Robert Feinauer to Code Enforcement Board
MO #2013-12: Re-Appointment of Bernie Macke to Property Maintenance
MO #2013-13: Appointment of Kevin Barbian to Board of Adjustments
MO #2013-14: Appointment of Raymond Schneller (Alt.) to Code Enforcement
MO #2013-15: Appointment of Jason Decker (Alt.) to Property Maintenance

MOTION: Andy Schabell made a motion to approve Municipal Orders #2013-01 through #2013-15, seconded by Barb Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

Mike Duncan then swore in those appointees that were in attendance at the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Department: Chief Ward stated that the day after the shooting tragedy at Sandy Hook, the supervisors asked the Chief to institute a program where officers walk through every school in the city at some time every day. Hopefully they can keep the schools safer and deter something like Sandy Hook from happening here.

Rodney Henson, a citizen and husband to Christie Henson who is Assistant Principal at Campbell County Middle School, met with Chief Ward and instituted a program, “VIPS in Schools”. A document explaining the program was passed out to council. Some training is required before they will be ready to go into the schools, but they hope to begin sometime in April. St. Mary and Campbell Ridge will be the pilot schools. An informational recruit meeting will be held Tuesday, February 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the PD training room for anyone who would like to be involved.

Joe Anderson had some questions about how this program is going to be funded, costs of equipment, insuring these individuals, etc., and suggested having some sort of a fund raiser. Chief Ward thought it a good idea, but the program is still in its infancy stages.
Rodney Henson said he felt compelled to do something after thinking about the 20th child who had to watch his 19 classmates get executed at Sandy Hook. He first talked to Mayor Rachford. He praised the city and Chief Ward for making the best interest of the city a first priority.

About a year ago, Joe Anderson asked Chief Ward for a way to post crime stats on line. At that time, there was nothing affordable to do this. Now, Chief Ward has contracted with a company - crimereports.com. The police department will send the state reports to this website and they in turn will be published online via a link on the City's website. There will be a 24-48 hour turnaround after anything is reported.

**Personnel Committee:** There will be a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on February 21st.

**Beautification Committee:** Next meeting will be March 7th at 6:00.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Kentucky League of City Night in Frankfort will be Wednesday, February 20th. If you are interested in going, please let Karen Barto know.

McDonald's has been remodeled, and their grand re-opening celebration party is on Friday, February 8th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Andy said when he dropped his daughter off at school today, he did notice the police car parked outside. His daughter told him a police officer is at her school all the time. He is glad that Alexandria is taking steps to put officers in the schools and he appreciates this.

Also, Andy commented that the website is not updated and the agendas are not being posted. After corresponding with Karen, he found out that the city is in the process of getting a new website. Chief Ward said training for the website is scheduled for Friday, and hopefully the new website should be running that evening or at least after all the kinks are ironed out.

**MOTION:** Barb Weber made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f), seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

**MOTION:** Andy Schabell made a motion to go back into regular session, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Joe Anderson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 2/22/2013

Approved: 2/21/13

William T. Rachford, Jr.  
Mayor

Date: 2/22/13