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 Present
- Scott Fleckinger Present
- Andy Schabell Present

Also present:
- Karen Barto City Clerk/Treasurer
- Mike Ward Police Chief
- Mike Duncan City Attorney
- Sam Trapp Public Works

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Scott Fleckinger read the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 21, 2013

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:**

Michelle Merrell, 105 Southbrook Dr – Here for an update of the house that burned at 103 Southbrook. Mike Duncan explained there is a mess with the mortgage. Also, a foreclosure proceeding has to be "untangled" before the city can touch the house. Mr. Duncan advised her to keep in touch with Carol. He recommend the city not step on the property at all at this point.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

*Mr. Duncan read First Reading:*

**ORDINANCE #2013-02:** An Ordinance adopting the 2013 S-14 Supplement to the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances, as prepared by the American Legal Publishing Corporation.

Mr. Duncan said Kentucky state law requires that we have to periodically update our Code of Ordinances to include ordinances that have been adopted last year.

**RESOLUTION #2013-04 - KY Veteran Hall of Fame**

Mr. Rogers works with Thomas Massie's office as Director of Veterans Affairs Office. He explained the reason for this Resolution and asked for council's support.

*Mr. Duncan read the following:*

**RESOLUTION #2013-04:** A Resolution of the duly elected legislative body of Alexandria City Council supporting the mission and efforts of the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. honoring the post-military contributions of honorably discharged Kentucky military veterans whose post-military contributions to the betterment of everyday life epitomizes a life well lived.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adopt Resolution #2013-04, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**RESOLUTION #2013-05:** A Resolution recognizing the week beginning March 17, 2013 as "National Safe Place Week".
MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Resolution #2013-05, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Duncan read First Reading:

ORDINANCE #2013-03: An Ordinance amending and approving the recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission to adopt a text amendment to Section 9.7.C of the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance in order to revise the allowable size of real estate signs in the City.

Mr. Duncan read the section with the revisions recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission:

"Section 9.7.C of the Alexandria Zoning ordinance is hereby amended as follows: Real estate signs, limited to one sign per street frontage; non-illuminated; not exceeding 16 square feet in area on commercial zoned property abutting US 27 or 32 square feet in area on properties abutting the AA Highway, or 8 square feet in all other areas and zones; and removed within ten days after completion of the sale or lease of the property to which they pertain."

Ms. Weber referred to Section 1 where it refers to commercially zoned property and asked Mike Duncan if it implies, currently zoned commercial property. Mike responded, yes. Ms. Weber again asked that it is just implied? Again, Mike Duncan responded yes. There was discussion regarding whether a larger sign could go on residential property along US 27 that could be zoned commercial as reflected in the Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to insert the words "currently" before "commercially zoned property abutting US 27. . .". There was no second, the motion failed.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to remove the words "commercially zoned" before "...property along US 27", seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-1-0 with Barb Weber voting no.

Mr. Duncan read the revised Ordinance as a first reading:

ORDINANCE #2013-03: An Ordinance approving the recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission in part to adopt a text amendment to Section 9.7.C of the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance in order to revise the allowable size of real estate signs in the city.

Section 1 of Ord2013-03 would be revised to read:

"Section 9.7.C of the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows: (c) real estate signs limited to one sign per street frontage, non-illuminated, not exceeding 16 square feet in area on property abutting US 27, or 32 square feet in area on property abutting the AA Highway, or 8 square feet in all other areas and zones, and removed within ten days after completion of the sale or lease of the property to which they pertain."

Mr. Duncan read:

EXECUTIVE ORDER #2013-01: An Executive Order of the Mayor of the City of Alexandria promulgating revisions to the Personnel Policy for the City of Alexandria.

Mr. Duncan read the Personnel Policy revisions (see attached). The Personnel Committee had a meeting and discussed these issues, and this Executive Order was a result of those discussions.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Executive Order #2013-01, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Department: Chief Ward distributed the 2012 Annual Report. He thanked Lt. Schreiner and Lisa Childers for their time and effort in putting this together. Also, VIPs in Schools Program is moving forward and are now in training.

Public Works: Mayor Rachford thanked Sam for selling all the used street and stop signs for scrap which brought $155.57.

The Mayor congratulated Chief Ward on his appointment to the Forensic Science Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Beautification Committee: Andy Schabell reported they met tonight. Plans were discussed for trees in the Tribute Park, and flowers and mulch along Washington Street. Mr. Simon reported we were awarded a grant for $800 from the Campbell County Conservation District to be split with Park & Recreation. The money will be used to plant trees in the Tribute Park. Thanks to the Conservation District and Mr. Simon.

Stacey Graus thanked Smith & Jolly for their help with flowers and plants. The Mayor also thanked the committee and volunteers, including Rebecca Reese and Mary Ann Seibert, for their work in improving Washington Street and the Tribute Park. If anyone wishes to volunteer, please contact Andy Schabell.

Public Works Committee: They also met tonight. Bob said we’re ready to bid out the 2013 Street Program for Poplar Ridge from Lisa Lane to US 27 and Washington Street, with an alternate bid for Trapp Court.

Also, there are plans to resurface the City Building parking lot. It is estimated at $42,000. They want to move quickly so it is completed by the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

Finance Committee: Meeting March 21st.

Annexation Committee: Meeting March 21st.

Andy Schabell attended the Park & Recreation meeting last night. The lake was stocked with 1400 catfish and trout will be stocked at the end of the month. The Easter Egg Hunt is March 27th, and Arbor Day activities will be on April 20th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on City Park: There were articles in the paper regarding the two young men who attended the last council meeting regarding a skate park. The Ad Hoc Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, March 13th. Bob Simon, Andy Schabell, Jeremy Toy, Dave Hart, and Chief Ward, along with the boys and their parents will meet to brainstorm.

Advanced Auto Progression: Some progress on reconstructing the building. The owner has court on March 8th to report his progress to the judge. The Mayor will have an update at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

CC Drug Free Alliance (CCDFA): Chief Ward explained who and what the CCDFA is. The City has been a member of this organization since its inception. Heroine abuse has grown and there is a regional effort in Northern Kentucky to combat. Drug Free Coalition meets monthly in the police department. They have an opportunity to apply for a grant, that if funded, would be approximately
$125,000 per year over a five year period. They have asked the City to be the fiscal agent to administer the grant, which would provide for one full-time employee who would work for the Coalition but be hired by the city. The grant would provide about $3,700 to the City which would more than cover the city’s expenses. The advantage is, it puts the city on a cutting edge of working with the Alliance. They will use the room behind the Veterans Office in the Community Center.

Their grant needs to be submitted by March 22 and needs council approval. It would be minimal work once it is set up and it doesn’t cost the City. There is a Town Hall meeting on March 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the council chambers for anyone interested.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the grant application for the purpose of the drug free alliance, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to go into executive session regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f), seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

MOTION: Barb Weber made a motion to go back into regular session, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 3-22-13
Approved: 3-21-13

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 3-22-13