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
- Jeff Pohlman Fire Chief
- Mike Duncan City Attorney
- Sam Trapp Public Works

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag and read the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 7, 2013

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2013 meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Jared Fischesser, Eagle Scout – Mayor Rachford presented Mr. Fischesser with an Outstanding Citizen Award for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read Second 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.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2013-02, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

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 review the allowable size of real estate signs in the city.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2013-03, seconded by Andy Schabell. The motion passed 5-1-0 with Barb Weber voting No.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Department: None

Public Works: See report attached. BBHS is almost finished with the ball field improvements and it looks very nice. Also, thanks to Sam, additional recycled materials brought in another $498.

Zoning: Report attached.
Fire Department: None. Chief Pohlman asked if we knew how much less trash is going to the landfill since we began the recycling program. Karen will check into this.

Beautification Committee: The next meeting will be April 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee: They will be advertising for bids to repave the city's parking lot. Bid opening will be on April 12th.

Finance Committee: At the meeting tonight, the committee reviewed SRO funding; replace the antiquated lighting, which Sam is researching; and purchase of three new police cruisers.

We need three new cruisers and there is money in the current budget to cover one cruiser. A lease buyout program is available to pay for two more new cruisers, one to be paid for next year and one the following year. The committee is asking for approval tonight in order to get these cars ordered.

Chief Ward explained that they have always purchased the vehicles outright. There is enough in the existing budget to purchase one vehicle plus all of the equipment needed for all three new cars. Right now he can get a 3.25% interest rate through PNC Equipment Finance, and then they would make two annual payments, one next year and one the following year. After paying $1 for the buyout at the end of the lease the City would own the vehicles.

The PD has two spare vehicles that will be stripped down and used for the VIPS in Schools program. They will not need maintenance at the same level as a patrol car and should last a few more years. Maintenance on Officer Branham's Tahoe has exceeded $9,000 over the life of the vehicle, and they want to surplus that vehicle. The unmarked Ford Explorer will be moved to Public Works for Sam to drive. Ms. Weber asked about moving the equipment from the older vehicles into the new ones. Chief Ward said the newer light bars don't drain the batteries as much and they will buy three new ones. Scott added that not everything from the older cars will fit into the newer cars.

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion for council to approve the three new police vehicles, seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Safety Committee: Meeting scheduled on April 11th to discuss the speed hump issue.

Annexation Committee: They met tonight to discuss possible options for annexation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Skate Park: Andy Schabell reported there was a meeting on March 13th. Citizens and members of City Council, Park & Rec, and Planning & Zoning attended the meeting. The two concerns are space and money. Bob Simon and Chief Ward had talked with Florence about their skate park. There is a hefty price tag to get it going, but maintaining it isn't too bad and the Florence Police Chief said they don't have many problems. The easiest route right now is to find someone who would be interested in opening a skate park as a profit-making venture. No other meetings are set unless something more comes up.

Advanced Auto Progression: The owner failed to appear in Court on March 8th and has been summoned to appear on April 5th. He is making some progress, but it will be up to the judge to determine whether it is enough. The City does have the ability to withdraw their occupational license if they violate ordinances.

105 Southbrook Drive: Joe Anderson asked if there was anything new on the house. Mr. Duncan stated he now has the title exam, and it is as bad as he expected. He is reviewing to see if any action can be taken.
Media Log building: Joe asked about its progress. Chief Ward does not know of any progress, but has seen people working on it and will ask Officer Davenport to check. The owner has encountered some structural problems with the foundation, and they plan to tear down the building and rebuild.

Bob asked if the City required an engineer’s report from Advanced Auto. The Mayor said they have obtained a structural engineer’s report and also a site plan.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 23rd at the park. Joe Anderson encouraged the kids to look for his special baseball Easter Egg.

Campbell County Drug Free Alliance: Town Hall meeting is this Monday, March 25th at 6:30 in Council Chambers. The purpose is to educate the citizens about the local drug problem.

Coffee with the Mayor: Saturday, April 6th from 10:00-12:00.

Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, August 17th for a 50th Anniversary celebration of A. J. Jolly Park.

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

MOTION: Andy Schabell made a motion to go back into regular session, seconded by Stacey Graus. 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 8:00 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 4/4/13

Approved: April 4th, 2013

William T. Rachford, Jr
Mayor

Date: 04/14/13