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 Bob Simon Present
Stacey Graus Present Scott Fleckinger Absent
Joe Anderson Present Andy Schabell Present

Also present:
Jan Johannemann Asst. City Clerk Mike Duncan City Attorney
Mike Ward Police Chief Sam Trapp Public Works Supt.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 16, 2013

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2013 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1 with Andy Schabell abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS:
None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following:
First Reading:

ORD2013-09: Establishing regulations for the operation of used property businesses in Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky, and repealing Alexandria Ordinance #2009-02.

Mr. Duncan explained this ordinance will be in sync with an ordinance recently adopted by the Campbell County Fiscal Court so that the police can coordinate their execution.

Chief Ward explained that there are a lot of thefts that occur to support heroine habits. Silver, gold, and other precious metals can be taken to a business that buy gold, etc. Those businesses then value the metals, pay the seller, and almost immediately melt the metals so there is no way to track or recover stolen jewelry. This ordinance would require the business to register those sales, record information from the seller on a computer program called "Leads Online", and maintain the property for a minimum of seven days. A list of the items is on Page 2 of the ordinance. The police officers have talked with businesses in the city that would be affected by this ordinance and have offered their services to help them set up the program.

Mr. Duncan then read:

RES2013-06: Adopting and approving the execution of the Municipal Road Aid Co-Op Program Contract between Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and 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.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-06, seconded by Barbara Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Department: Chief Ward distributed an article that will appear in the Kentucky Law Enforcement News magazine. Officer Natalie Selby is being featured as a local hero for her efforts with CIT and mental health. Natalie and others just conducted a CIT certification course in Northern Kentucky.

Barb Weber asked for an update on speed humps on Lake Park Drive. Chief Ward said none of the residents have turned in their paperwork.

Also, Chief Ward met with a representative from KDOT regarding the crosswalk by the city building that Ms. Weber asked about at the last meeting. They are not able to put in a crosswalk that spot because they don’t do “midway” crosswalks and it is too close to the main intersection. They did put “Caution-Pedestrian” signs up on both sides of the road this past Wednesday.

VIPs in Schools are finished for this school year and the program was very successful. It was a learning process for both the PD and the schools, and the program should be even better next year.

The three new police cruisers have been delivered and they are getting striped and equipment is being installed. Chief Ward thanked Sam Trapp and Brett Finnell for the work they did to get the vehicles and equipment together.

Beautification Committee: Andy Schabell reported they met this evening. They discussed purchasing yellow rose bushes for Washington Street with the remaining grant money. All the mulch is down and the trees have been planted. They are now concentrating on maintenance.

The next meeting for July 4th will be canceled. The next meeting will be the first Thursday in August.

Tribute Park bricks are still available.

Mr. Schabell asked Joe Anderson what his status was regarding the committee since he has not attended any of their meetings so far. Mr. Anderson replied that he forgot about the meeting and apologized. Mr. Schabell asked him if he would be willing to step down, and Mr. Anderson wanted to talk about it after the meeting.

Public Works Committee: Bob Simon reported they also met this evening. The parking lot is ready to be paved, and if the weather cooperates, they should be finished next week. There is a pre-construction meeting for Washington Street, Poplar Ridge and Trapp Court on Friday. The next meeting (July 4th) will be canceled, and all construction should be completed by the August meeting.

Mayor Rachford and Sam Trapp attended the Park & Recreation meeting last night. They continue to work on their 5-year plan. The ballpark is in good shape and BBHS had a successful softball season. The portable home-run fence was removed and is in storage. There are funds in next year’s budget to replace the pathway around the ball field and the area by the parking lot. There are plans for trees and moving the basketball courts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on budget item—Christmas in Alexandria: Mayor Rachford read into record an e-mail he sent to all council members (see attached). He then asked for council’s opinions as to what they would like to do. Currently, there is $2,200 in the budget.

Barb Weber stated the Memorial Day and Labor Day activities are long-standing and accepted community events, and buying candy to throw to the children is the only city funds used.
the City’s Tribute Park, Community Park, and Community Center are, in her opinion, a separate issue from the city’s support of a non-profit, private event. Citizens should receive a direct benefit from any expenditures of taxpayer money. However, this event is unique and the primary purpose is to promote the City and foster citizen good will. She feels this event should be endorsed and supported at some level by the city, and suggests the budget line item #50.4011 (Community Support) be used to sponsor a particular event at the 2013 Christmas in Alexandria celebration that will directly benefit the citizens who chose to participate. The acceptable dollar amount can be determined at this meeting.

Stacey Graus said other cities sponsor events to promote the city and the businesses in the city, which is beneficial to the city and the community at large, and promotes the good will of the city. He thinks it is a good event and supports the amount, however we use the funds.

Barb Weber pointed out the issue is about financial support of a non-profit (not a city) event.

Mr. Duncan explained the key is the city would sponsor a particular function from which the citizens would get a direct benefit. He would not recommend expending public funds to pay for insurance, but recommends sponsoring a booth or a specific event.

Bob Simon admitted that he was against it last year. He is all for the event, but thought it was wrong to use taxpayer’s money. By sponsoring an event, which is a change, he is going to have to think about it a little more.

Andy Schabell does not like just donating money to a non-profit organization. He agrees with sponsoring either a booth or a corporate sponsorship.

Barb Weber then asked the council members what dollar amount they wanted to put on a city-sponsored event.

Joe Anderson is for the event, but since it seemed that there was $14,000 profit and it floated itself last year, he doesn’t know why we would have to give them more money.

**MOTION:** Barb Weber made a motion to budget $1,000 for a city-sponsored event for the Christmas in Alexandria but not just donating the money. Stacey Graus seconded this motion.

Andy Schabell pointed out the event is staying afloat through corporate sponsorships. However, he also thinks by sponsoring an event the city would be showing support to help them stay afloat.

The motion was brought up for a vote: Andy Schabell-Yes; Bob Simon-Yes; Barb Weber-Yes; Joe Anderson-Yes; Stacey Graus-Yes. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Mayor Rachford said he would take full blame for any lack of communication that council feels on this. When it was set up last year, he was under the impression after talking with Mr. Duncan that the city should not make a “donation” to any charity. As a board member, they made the decision the $4,477 the city allocated for this event would go to pay part of the liability insurance premium. He has given the Finance Committee copies of the documentation to show how much was spent where, when, and to whom. There is about $275 left. Mr. Duncan confirmed that that money was considered the city’s “sponsorship”. Mayor Rachford said as soon as the board decides what events will be included in this year’s Christmas in Alexandria event, he will let council know. An ad hoc committee can then be appointed to decide what to sponsor.

Joe Anderson asked for a final report regarding income and expense from last year’s event.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**
- July 4th Council Meeting: Will be canceled
- July 28th: Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour
- August 13th: Alexandria and Cold Spring Night at Florence Freedom – Cason Schrock will be the beneficiary of the proceeds.
- August 17th: A J Jolly 50th Anniversary Celebration
- June 21-22: Relay for Life at Campbell County Middle School to support cancer
- October 17th Council Meeting: Will probably be canceled because a Town Hall Meeting with Thomas Massie is scheduled in the Community Center, unless the Congressman's schedule has to change.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rachford asked for a motion to move into executive session.

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation, pursuant to KRS 61-810(1)(c), seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to go back to regular session, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Joe Anderson asked if there was going to be any more discussions regarding the budget. He had some questions as to why some numbers had changed. Barb Weber pointed out health insurance premiums were lower than expected, and unemployment insurance will be higher than expected. Mr. Duncan explained these changes would be an amendment to the ordinance when it has a second reading.

Mr. Anderson asked why the Community Center budget was so high. It was explained that if there are events scheduled, an employee would need to be present. If events are down, salaries will be less, but we have to budget for a full schedule. Stacey Graus feels these numbers are conservative.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: [ ]

Approved: 6/20/13

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 6/21/13