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
- Andy Schabell Present
- Scott Fleckinger Present

Also present:
- Karen Barto City Clerk/Treasurer
- Mike Ward Police Chief
- John Jewell Planning & Zoning
- Sam Trapp Public Works Supt.
- Mike Duncan City Attorney

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 17, 2013

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2013 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:**

Stephanie Allgyer, VonLehman & Co. – Ms. Allgyer presented the Financial Statements of the City for the year ending June 30, 2013. Over all, the report was favorable with clear and clean records. There were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses throughout the audit process.

She also explained the letter they are required to give those charged with governance (Finance Committee and Council) goes over some of the figures in the Financial Statements.

Joe Anderson asked that all council members get a copy of the letter that will be sent to the Mayor after the audit is accepted. Scott Fleckinger stated the Finance Committee reviewed these documents at their meeting earlier tonight, and recommended council approval.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to accept the Financial Statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. Duncan explained the city had been working with someone who has purchased property in Alexandria and would like to build a continuing care retirement community. There is no zoning classification in the City’s Zoning Ordinance that would accommodate the development, and after some research, he drafted the classification attached to the following Resolution. Council will not be voting on this text tonight, but rather voting to ask the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to make a recommendation for zoning classification text.

Mike Duncan read the following:

**RES2013-08:** Requesting the Alexandria Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation as to the text of an amendment to the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance in order to adopt regulations for continuing care retirement communities.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve RES2013-08, seconded by Barbara Weber. All in favor, the motion was approved 6-0-0.
ORD2013-16: Amending Ordinances 2001-01 and 2005-19 and Section 96.06 of the City Code of Ordinances in order to repeal the 911 fee and its administrative fee for emergency telephone service levied on telephone land lines.

Mr. Duncan explained the City had adopted a 911 fee and administrative fee by two ordinances and codified it into Section 96.06 of the Code of Ordinances. Earlier this year, Campbell County Fiscal Court adopted an ordinance establishing a $45 fee charge on each occupied residential and commercial unit in Campbell County. That fee is intended to replace all of the city and county’s 911 telephone line charge ‘fees, so we need to repeal our 911 charge fees.

Ms. Weber stated there is a lot of confusion as to why we are paying double on the 2013 Campbell County Tax bill. Anyone who has a land line has been charged $37.50 for 911 service, and there is also a $45 fee on the county tax bill for 911 service. She contacted Robert Horine, and was told that the $37.50 will stay on our bills until the end of December. The $45 charge on the tax bill is pre-payment for 2014.

Second Reading:

ORD2013-15: Amending Chapters 112 and 116 of the City Code of Ordinances in order to amend the fee schedule and hours of operation for the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city.

Mr. Duncan pointed out that the last four items on the exhibit attached to the ordinance were not on the original exhibit. These relate to fees that are State law. He added them so everything pertinent to fees for alcoholic beverages will be on one sheet.

Joe Anderson wanted to know how much more money would be generated if this ordinance was passed. Karen Barto did not have that information until Council determines what the fees are, then she will be able to report. She estimates the amount may double, but also pointed out our current fees have not increased for at least 23 years. Joe thinks since the auditor reported the City has more money, why do we want to increase alcohol fees? We should support our local businesses. Mr. Duncan explained there are three things this ordinance addresses. First, we MUST change/address allowing alcoholic beverage sales on Election Day; second, the State statute says if we want to have alcoholic beverage licensing, we must revamp the license schedule; and third, the fees.

Scott Fleckinger stated the Finance Committee discussed this and stayed away from the max on most of the fees. The increases were nominal, and most committee members thought it was very fair and reasonable. The committee had rates from other cities for comparison, and Alexandria has one of the lowest.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-15, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion was approved 5-1-0 with Joe Anderson opposing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Karen Barto reported that collection of city taxes went well. There are some delinquencies, but payments are still coming in. Delinquent tax bills will be mailed shortly.

Police Department: Chief Ward explained Project Safe Child pamphlets, which is a national program to secure firearms in the home. Gun locks are available for free in the Police Department. Pamphlets will be available at Walmart, Dunhams, etc. He thanked Barbara Weber for suggesting this program.

Also, his detectives have been putting in a lot of time on the many open cases for thefts, forgeries, burglaries/home invasions in Alexandria. The City is getting more of the real-life problems of the north, we are not just a “Mayberry” any more. Drug charges and arrests are on the increase and crime is up. The police department is trying to stay ahead of the game.
The Campbell County Drug Free Coalition is working hard on the educational side in the schools. Their quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers. All are invited.

Mayor Rachford stated on Thursday, November 14th, the Heroin Impact Response Leadership Team is going to unveil “Northern Kentucky’s Response to the Heroin Epidemic” at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center from 6:00-7:30.

Fire Department: Mayor Rachford reported the Turkey Raffle seemed successful.

Beautification Committee: A Special Meeting was held tonight to firm up their budget. Another special meeting is set for December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works: There was a meeting tonight to discuss sidewalk repair throughout the City. More information will follow.

Finance Committee: There was a meeting tonight to discuss the audit.

Safety Committee: A meeting is scheduled for November 21st to discuss the Fair Parade.

Park & Recreation Board: Jeremy Toy reported on this year’s successful Haunted Walk. Community volunteers sponsored/created 12 scenes around the lake this year. There were 118 volunteers, including CCHS Beta Club, BBHS Beta Club, Campbell County National Honor Society, NKU students, Shelly Abercrombie and family, Boy Scout Troop 96, and various others. The scenes were judged and 1st place went to Shelly Abercrombie; 2nd place to CCHS Beta Club, and 3rd place to Boy Scout Troop 96. The Family Fun Fest was canceled due to the bad weather earlier in the day. There were about 450 who attended, and he thanked everyone who participated and who helped out in any way.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rachford reported the City received several phone calls regarding postponing or rescheduling Trick or Treat hours because of the potential bad weather. He wanted everyone to know that the date for Halloween is set by council prior to October 31st. The weather was monitored, and the City is ever mindful of the safety of the children.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara Weber stated that there are many instances over the years when council needs to advertise for special events or notices and we are very limited as to how this is done. A portable sign would cost between $500 and $600 to purchase. She asked council for their opinion. Joe suggested a lighted sign since daylight is minimal for after work hours.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Scott Fleckinger stated he was contacted by the Campbell Ridge Elementary Family Resource Center regarding a holiday assistance program. They are asking business owners to sponsor families for the holiday. His business is sponsoring a family, and he also wanted to see if anyone is interested in adopting a family. A sponsor will not only give the children a good holiday, but give the families help in getting on their feet. If interested, contact Amber Evans (amber.evans@campbell.kyschools.us; 859-448-4789) or contact Mr. Fleckinger for more information.

- November 9th at 11:00 a.m. at the Tribute Park: Memorial Bench Dedication/Veterans Day Celebration sponsored by VFW Post 3205, American Legion Post 219, and the City. Refreshments at the Community Center will follow.
November 14th at the No. Ky. Convention Center: Northern Kentucky Collective Response to the Heroin Epidemic
December 6-8, 13-15: Christmas in Alexandria at the Main Street Baptist Church

Barbara Weber asked Joe Anderson for a report on his food drive. Joe thanked the Mayor, city employees, Bob Simcn Construction, Community Car Care, Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Hamilton, Classic Printing, Clines on the River Social Club, and Southern Lanes Sports Complex for their generous donations. He also thanks everyone who dropped off food items. Donations were boxed up and delivered to Main Street Baptist Food Pantry, St. Mary's Food Pantry, Church of God, St. Paul's, and Church of Christ. Bob Simon thanked Dave Kramer from County Market. The money that was donated was used to purchase items at a discount from County Market.

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Karen M. Baro  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 11/22/13

Approved: 11/24/13

William T. Rachford, Jr.  
Mayor

Date: 11/25/13