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
Sam Trapp Public Works Supt.
Mike Duncan City Attorney

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  February 6, 2014

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

1. John Jewell: Mayor Rachford recognized and thanked John Jewell for his service on the Alexandria Planning & Zoning Commission from 1999 to 2013, serving as chairman for approximately 12 of those years. He was presented with an appreciation plaque.

2. Brady Delaney: Mr. Delaney, 9 years old, is doing a project to save the Lowland Gorillas, whose habitat contains a mineral that is also used to make cell phones. Miners are removing that mineral, destroying their habitat. He wants to recycle cell phones so the mineral can be re-used. Mayor Rachford asked for a box to put in the Clerk's office. Brady has already collected 456 cell phones, and his goal is to collect 1,000.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following:

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RES2014-03: 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 reduce the time for construction before a building permit shall expire.

Bob Simon thought one year for a commercial build may not be long enough time. Even with justifiable cause, if an applicant asks for additional 6 months it still might not be sufficient for a large project. Barbara Weber pointed some businesses should not need more time to complete, but there are some that would. She was concerned how this would affect the smaller companies. Bob Simon said a lot of cities give timelines based on the size of the project (square feet). Also, if the start date is when they obtain the permit, construction could be delayed for another two months due to weather. Stacey Graus suggested P&Z look at the square footage when creating the text amendment.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve RES2014-03 with the suggested revisions of Councilman Simon, seconded by Barbara Weber. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.
Mike Duncan read two ordinances as a result of prior discussions and research on time allowed for building and demolition permits. Currently, Alexandria treats demolition permits the same as building permits, and they are regulated under our Zoning Ordinance.

First Readings:

**ORD2014-04:** Amending the City Code of Ordinances by creating new Chapter 157 in order to adopt regulations for demolition of buildings and structures.

Mr. Duncan explained we would also be adding a provision that a violation of those regulations would be a civil offense so it could go before the Code Enforcement Board.

**ORD2014-05:** Amending Chapter 150 of the City Code of Ordinances in order to adopt regulations for the treatment and demolition of problem structures and to provide that a violation of Chapter 150 is classified as a civil offense.

Mr. Duncan then read the following Second Reading:

**ORD2014-03:** Amending Ordinance 2010-03 and Section 151.01 of the city Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the Kentucky Building Code Tenth Edition 2013, and the 2013 Kentucky Residential Code, Second Edition.

**MOTION:** Barbara Weber made a motion to adopt ORD2014-03, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**City Clerk:** None

**Police Department:** Last month the Northern Kentucky Police Chief's Association awarded Rodney Henson from our VIPs in Schools Program the "Chief Robert Shields Award" for outstanding community leadership. It was a nice honor for Mr. Henson and good recognition for the department.

Chief Ward also thanked Sam Trapp and his crew for keeping the streets safe and as clean as possible during the bad weather. They did an outstanding job.

The PD received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to start replacing some of the video cams in the cruisers. Eye 3 Mobile, a local company, was chosen to do the work, and their cost was the same as the grant. The new cameras will allow live video feed from the cruisers to the dispatch center and to the supervisor's computers.

**Public Works:** See Report attached. Sam reminded everyone to please help them out by moving cars off the streets if/when it snows.

**Zoning:** See Report attached. The fee that was paid for permits has been added to the spreadsheet.

**Beautification Committee:** The meeting will be March 6th at 6:00 pm. We have been awarded $1,000 in grant money from the Campbell County Conservation District to use for a new "Welcome to Alexandria" sign near Walmart. He is also working on a grant from the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service.

**Safety Committee:** There was a meeting tonight to discuss safety issues during the Fair Parade. There will be further discussions with the Police Department and the Fair Board.

**Personnel Committee:** There was a meeting tonight. The next meeting is July 15 at 6:00.

**Park & Rec:** Mayor Rachford said the Board was due to meet yesterday, but it was canceled for lack of a quorum. It is rescheduled for March 12th.
NEW BUSINESS:  None

OLD BUSINESS:
Ms. Weber asked Mr. Duncan about the progress of the Medialog Building. Carol Hofstetter talked
with the owner, who said they should be done by the deadline and will apply for a building permit right
away. Mayor Rachford said they have made progress but they are not finished. There is no reason
for an extension and will have the Code Enforcement Officer start the citation process.

Joe Anderson asked about the house on Panorama that burned last summer. Barb Weber said Carol
Hofstetter is working on this. He pointed out this is one of the reasons for wanting to change the
language for demolition permits. If someone has appreciable damage to their property the new
ordinance would not allow the property to sit. Andy Schabell suggested the PD and/or the Fire
Department decide whether a structure is beyond repair and let Carol know. Chief Ward said the
police are notified, and usually a couple of days after an incident the Building Inspector checks out the
structure. Some time should be allowed for the owner to work with their insurance company, etc.

Andy Schabell asked about on vending trucks. Mr. Meersman’s time is running out on his three-
month license. Mr. Duncan is working on this and will have his recommendation at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Congressman Massey’s Alexandria Town Hall Meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, May 15th. If this
does happen, the council meeting will be canceled and the Town Hall Meeting will be held at the
Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION: Joe Anderson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion
passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Karen M. Baro
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 3/6/14

Approved: 3/6/14

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 3/14/2014