The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:03 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 16, 2013

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1 with Scott Fleckinger abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS: None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following:

RES2014-01: Supporting reform to Kentucky Revised Statutes 218A.1412(1)(B) relating to trafficking heroin.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adopt RES2014-01, seconded by Joe Anderson.

Ms. Weber asked for clarification on how sentencing is handled now as opposed to what is stated in this Resolution about serving at least 50% of a sentence before being eligible for probation for trafficking heroin.

After discussion, the motion was brought up for a vote. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

RES2014-02: Supporting the publication of local government legal advertisements in newspapers to allow advertisement on city-maintained websites that are accessible to the public.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt RES2014-02, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

The Building Inspector has informed the City that the Kentucky Department of Housing and Codes Administration has adopted a new building code, both for the general code and for the one- and two-family codes. The City must also adopt these codes. Therefore, Mr. Duncan read the following:

First Reading:


Barbara Weber asked if there is a copy of the Building Code in the Clerk’s Office in case anyone wanted to look something up. The City does have one available.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: We were approved for $3,447.73 on the Safety Grant from KLC. We have spent that amount, and will get half refunded for a total of $1,723.87. This includes funds spent for the City Officials Training last year.

Police Department: Mayor Rachford read a message from Bill Turner, head of Campbell County Emergency Management, thanking Mike Ward for his input and assistance particularly during the recent snow storms. We are also working to get the Community Center approved as Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Andy Schabell encouraged everyone to sign up to receive Nixle alerts. The program is free and you are notified via e-mail and/or text messages about snow emergencies, traffic accidents, etc. Sign up through the City's website or go to nixle.com.

Public Works: Sam Trapp thanked his crew for their hard work and dedication. He also asked residents to park vehicles in their driveway if they have one so they can do a better job of clearing streets. The snow has to go somewhere and they do not intentionally block cars, driveways or mailboxes with snow. Mayor Rachford also thanked the crew for a great job. There have been a number compliments and just a few complaints. If there is an emergency, call 911 for assistance.

Beautification Committee: The meeting will be March 6th at 6:00 pm. Mr. Schabell submitted a request for a grant from the Campbell County Conservation District.

Public Works Committee: They met tonight to discuss the sidewalk issues. The City did manage to get more salt for any future storms.

Safety Committee: Next meeting - Thursday, February 20th at 6:30.

Personnel Committee: Next meeting - February 20th at 6:00.

Planning & Zoning: This past Tuesday's meeting was canceled due to weather.

Park & Rec: Yesterday's meeting was canceled and rescheduled for February 19th. They will discuss the skate park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara Weber asked if the Community Center's report council receives could include the amount of money for the events, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rachford and Sam Trapp met with Rob Hans of the Transportation Department to discuss the issues on Riley Road that were brought up at the last meeting. Mr. Hands was very receptive and will see what can be done.

Mr. Duncan has done more research on how other cities handle food trucks. He hopes to have a recommendation for council by the next meeting. Some changes may be necessary if we want to regulate them.

A question came up regarding the timing of building and demolition permits. Mr. Duncan explained this is regulated under the Zoning Ordinance. Right now both types of permits are treated the same, but the thought is demolition permits should have a shorter deadline. Mr. Duncan also noted the building permit timeline is pretty long, but some of this is regulated by the Kentucky Building Code. He is working on a proposal to revise the Zoning Ordinance for a building permit, and creating a new demolition permit in the Code of Ordinances. There might be more latitude on how we treat the timing with the new building code.
Bob Simon asked what the deadline was for the Medialog Building. Mr. Duncan stated if it is not completed by February 18th, the owner could ask for an extension. Carol Hofstetter talked to him after the last meeting and he did commit to having the work completed before the deadline. The next step after the demolition is to obtain a building permit as soon as possible so we can see they are serious about getting the project moving.

Mike Duncan stated the City does have options if it isn’t completed: 1) Reject a request for an extension and start the code enforcement process by issuing citations, fines, liens, etc.; 2) Go to court and ask for an injunction to give the owners a hard and fast time deadline; or 3) File a criminal complaint. There are a lot of “tools in the tool box”, but he wants to believe the owners want to complete it. The bad weather may also be a factor. Ms. Weber asked if the city did give an extension, would it have to be another six months? Mr. Duncan explained it could be up to six months. If the city refuses to give an extension and the owners believe they have “justifiable cause” they can always appeal it. However, it is always better to work with a property owner.

Mr. Graus asked if the city could require the owner to build something that matches the architecture of the rest of the Old Town section. Ms. Weber didn’t think there was any language in the ordinance. Mr. Duncan said under Kentucky law, the city could create a historical district to impose architectural design, but we have never done this. Mr. Graus recognizes there are issues and special regulations in historic districts, but wondered if there is any way to control what would go up in the Old Town district. Mayor Rachford will talk to Planning & Zoning to see what can be done.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Joe Anderson said the Franzen Family will host a 12th annual Cure for Diabetes Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 8th at the St. Mary Undercroft. Doors will open at 5:30.

Also, softball teams are needed for the annual Groundhog Tournament held at the VFW on February 22-23. Proceeds will go to the Campbell County High School baseball team.

Andy Schabell has completed a public access film clip he has been working on showcasing some of what Alexandria has to offer. It is on campbellmedia.org, titled “In and Around A-Town”. He has plans for another film in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Karey M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 2/5/14

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 3/5/2014

Approved: February 20, 2014