Mayor Rachford opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. 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/Treas
- Mike Duncan City Attorney
- George Schreiner PD
- Ron Johnson P&Z
- Sam Trapp Public Works Supt.
- Joe Alexander Asst. Police Chief
- Bobby Wince PD

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 5, 2014

**MOTION:** Barb Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-2 with Scott Fleckinger and Stacey Graus abstaining.

**VISITORS & GUESTS** - None

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

*Mr. Duncan read the following:*

**RES2014-04:** Adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural Municipal Aid for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and accepting all streets referred to therein as being the streets which are a part of the incorporated City of Alexandria. Mayor Rachford said Alexandria’s net road aid for this year is $194,046.84. We should receive $116,428 in August, approximately $67,900 in January, 2015, and the balance of $9,700 next June.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-04, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**MUN ORD2014-08:** Appointing and approving James Glahn to fill the unexpired term of Dan Feldmann on the City of Alexandria Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of his four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

**MOTION:** Andy Schabell made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2014-08, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**MUN ORD2014-09:** Appointing and approving Karen Minshall to fill the unexpired term of Patty Bush on the City of Alexandria Park & Recreation Board for the remainder of her four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2014-09, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.
ORD2014-10: Adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government.

Mr. Duncan explained Sections 1 and 3. The ordinance is effective July 1, 2014 if adopted tonight. The exhibits show a balanced budget. There have been some slight adjustments from the first reading of the budget, and it is his legal opinion that the second reading can go forward and it can be adopted if council desires.

Mr. Fleckinger, Finance Committee Chair, stated there is a slight increase in the day-to-day cost of doing business, and the biggest difference is capital improvements. The City is taking a more aggressive approach to street repairs and will spend more than in recent years. They avoided buying vehicles and equipment to keep expenses down. The City’s reserve has grown by $337,000, which puts the reserve at $1.6 million. Using a fund transfer of $424,000 will allow the City to cover some of the needed costs and there will be no tax increase. He is happy with the budget.

Ms. Weber asked for an explanation of how they arrived at the $424,845. She was not able to match up that figure and her calculations show $449,400. Karen Barto explained the Funds Transfer line is the capital improvements total, but revenues minus expenses. Only $424,845 was needed to make the expenses balance to the revenue, not $449,400. Ms. Weber thanked Karen for the explanation and also for adding the two columns she requested on the summary page.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-10, seconded by Bob Simon.

Andy Schabell wanted to clarify this budget does not include an increase in property taxes. Mayor Rachford said they would not be using the compensating rate. Mr. Simon explained the Finance Committee discussed raising the tax rate, but decided to use reserves instead. Council removed one police vehicle and the Public Works’ skid steer for this year.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Ms. Barto said her department has been busy with employee health insurance renewal, working on the budget, and getting ready for tax season. A newsletter is also in the works, and council was reminded their articles are due tomorrow.

Police Dept: City council received a copy of their Annual Report and Lt. Schreiner gave a brief overview. A lot of arrests, citations, warnings were attributed to the heroin issue.

Public Works: See reports attached for April and May.

Zoning Administrator: See report attached. There has been a lot of activity. Carol and the building inspector met with the owners of 8339 East Main Street to review preliminary building plans and there should be some progress in about a month. The owner of 26 Panorama has been removing the damaged parts of the building, and the building inspector frequently checks on this. There are also a couple of issues the Code Enforcement Board will be looking at.

Beautification Committee: The next meeting is August 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee: Mr. Simon stated the bids were opened last week for the 2014 street projects. Bluegrass Paving had the low bid for $329,477.

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to accept the bid from Bluegrass Paving of $329,477 for the 2014 street program, seconded by Scott Fleckinger.
Mr. Schabell asked Sam Trapp how he felt about this company. Mr. Trapp was happy with them in the past, they were easy to work with, timely, neat, and did an excellent job, particularly with getting the work done before school started. School starts on August 10th, so if council approves this matter tonight, he will contact the engineer tomorrow to get started.

Mr. Duncan pointed out the City Engineer evaluated the bids and also recommended Bluegrass Paving's bid.

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

**Annexation Committee:** Mr. Graus reported there was a meeting tonight to discuss the possible annexation of some parcels. There may be three new properties coming into the city within the next six months.

**Park & Recreation Board:** There were pictures in the Recorder from the recent Fishing Derby.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The July 3rd City Council meeting will be canceled. The next meeting will be July 17th.

Unfortunately, the Alexandria branch of the Newport Adult Learning Center (GED) will be closing effective July 1st as a result of state budget cuts. If the teachers who worked with this program can find volunteers to continue tutoring anyone working on their GED, the City will supply the space to make this work.

Alexandria has been rated #36 of the 50 safest cities in Kentucky with a population over 3,000. Also, Nerd Wallet, a consumer advocacy group, ranked Alexandria #8 out of 82 Kentucky cities for home ownership. The articles will be on the City's website.

The City will be sponsoring a wellness event with Christ Hospital on Saturday, October 25th at the Community Center. More information will follow.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 7-23-14

Approved: 7-17-14

William T. Rachford, Jr.  
Mayor

Date: 7-23-14