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 Absent
- Joe Anderson Present

Bob Simon Present
Andy Schabell Present
Scott Fleckinger Absent

Also present:
- Karen Barto City Clerk/Treas
- Mike Ward Police Chief
- George Schreiner Police Lt.
- Mike Duncan City Attorney
- Joe Alexander Asst. Police Chief

Bob Simon read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 1, 2014

MOTION: Andy Schabell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Duncan read the following 1st Reading:
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 said the ordinance refers to the attachments and shows a balanced budget. Mayor Rachford said there will be a Special Finance Committee meeting next Tuesday to fine-tune the budget and bring it back to council on June 19th for the second reading.

Ms. Weber has requested the City Clerk make some changes in the budget format. In her opinion, page 1 is a recap of everything in the budget, and she does not feel the expense summary is clear enough, that it should reflect the differences between the previous and current budget. It should include the Capital Improvement items on page 5 under #50.400 Expenses-Other City, in order to get the true picture of what is being spent by various departments. She would like to see these items carried over to the expense summary on the first page. Karen Barto explained the auditors wanted this to reflect and mirror the audit report, but she can add columns and add the capital expenditures. Ms. Weber asked for council’s input. Everyone agreed.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Michelle Snodgrass, Commonwealth’s Attorney – The Campbell County Drug Task Force has been created, made up of officers from various cities, who conduct undercover drug investigations and stop the drug before it gets into the hands of the users. All of this was done on a shoestring budget. $5,000 in court costs from Fiscal Court has been given to this task force to buy drugs from the dealers. In one calendar year, they targeted 135 drug dealers. Most have been arrested, prosecuted and are now in prison. Their hope is to get the drug dealers off the street at least for a while in order for the user to have the opportunity to get into treatment. She’s here to explain some of the things she is attempting to do. The heroine problem cannot be addressed without focusing on the dealers. She is here today to make everyone aware of what they are trying to do to in using the resources already in place, and asking Alexandria to support this effort.

After answering several questions and comments, Mayor Rachford promised the City’s support.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Dept: Chief Ward reported Mark Branham had a setback from a knee replacement and was back in the hospital for several days. He is now home, and will be back on light duty as soon as the doctor releases him.

Chief Ward reported there were over 400 individuals booked in the Detention Center for heroine-related charges.

Zoning Administrator:
- 8339 E. Main Street (old Medialog) - Plans are being drawn up and they are meeting with our building inspector this Friday. The engineer suggested building a one-story building.
- 26 Panorama – The damaged section is being removed. Building plans have been submitted.

Public Works Committee: They met tonight and the bids for the street projects are due by next Thursday at 3:00 for public opening.

 Beautification Committee: They met tonight. A work day is planned for June 11th at 7:00 p.m. to clean up the Washington flower beds. Andy Schabell asked for volunteers and asked for anyone needing service hours or would like to get involved in keeping the flower beds clean, please contact the City. The July 3rd meeting will be canceled, so the next meeting will be August 7th at 6:00 p.m.

 Park & Recreation Board: Mayor Rachford attended their 6/4/14 meeting. A grand opening for the disc golf will be scheduled for later in the Fall. The Fishing Derby is Saturday, June 7th from 9:00-1:00 at the Park. Other events being planned are Star Gazing and Movie Nights.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works has a new employee, Billy Frilling. Brett Finnell has been working evenings on an as-needed basis to keep up with urgent maintenance issues, and also help Billy with the transition.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- June 14th, 7:00 p.m. - Flag burning at VFW. Old flags needing to be destroyed can be dropped off.
- July 3rd - council meeting may or may not be canceled, but the Mayor will make that call later.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 6/19/14

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor

Date: 6/19/14

Approved: JUNE 19TH, 2014

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