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:

Bob Simon  Present  Sue Neltner  Present
Stacey Graus  Present  Andy Schabell  Present
Sandy Decker  Present  Scott Fleckinger  Present
Also:  Karen Barto  City Clerk/Treas.  Mike Ward  Police Chief
       Mike Duncan  City Attorney  Sam Trapp  Pub. Works Supt.

Sandy Decker read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  February 5, 2015

MOTION:  Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting, seconded by Sandy Decker. Scott Fleckinger abstained. The motion passed 5-0-1.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

H.B. Dethredge with the Veteran’s Hall of Fame – Mr. Dethredge introduced two Blue Star moms who were with him. They have had one induction service held last year, and there is another one coming up September 25 & 26, 2015 in Frankfort. They had over 400 veterans and their families attend last year. They are looking for veterans who are making a difference in their communities. Mr. Dethredge explained that Governor Brasher has proclaimed 2015 “The Year of the Women Soldier”. The veteran is nominated and the nomination goes through a couple of committees and they look for community involvement. He explained this is not a military award, but an award by the veterans. He left information and applications to circulate throughout Alexandria. May 1st is the deadline for the application, and only 20 veterans will be accepted. Deceased veterans are also eligible.

Mayor Rachford said he will have the information displayed at the City Building and the Fire House and will contact the VFW Hall.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:  None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk:  Nothing

Police Dept: Chief Ward reminded everyone that February 28th is the benefit for Officer Mark Branham. This benefit was put together by the Community, the administration and the staff at the Campbell County Middle School. The Chief mentioned the huge bills he has encountered. He mentioned the city employees are donating some of their sick leave to Mark to help him out. The benefit is $25.00 per person. It includes dinner and a great band. If you can’t make dinner, you can come later and pay $15.00 per person. There is also an account set up at U.S. Bank for the “Branham Benefit”.

Fire Department:  Chief Ward also reported he met with Fire Chief Pohlman regarding the SAVE program, Swift Assist Victim Extraction Program. The first officers responding to an active shooter situation would go in and get the active shooter, the other officers responding would be trained with the paramedics to go in and get people out who have been injured. This program was initiated because of the Columbine school shooting.

Public Works Committee:  There is a Public Works report attached to the packet.
Mayor Rachford also reported the Maintenance guys worked over 14 hours on Monday, February 19th, the holiday. When it snows he requested the public to please move their car off the street so the guys can be more efficient with the snow removal. Also, please be mindful where you place your trash cans when snow removal is needed. When you shovel your sidewalks and driveways, please don’t throw your snow into the street. The maintenance crew doesn’t intentionally block the resident’s driveways.

Zoning: The Mayor said there is a Zoning report also attached to their Council packets. There are many permits for Arcadia and decks are starting to roll in.

Karen said the Public Works and Zoning Reports were sent out electronically. They are not in the packets.

Personnel Committee: Nothing

Beautification Committee: Sue Neltner reported the Beautification Committee has received their $1,000 grant from the Campbell County Conservation Grant. On March 12th she’ll go to Campbell County High School to receive the check.

In addition to the Campbell County Clean up, the Beautification Committee will host a City of Alexandria Clean-Up day on Saturday, April 18th. They have contacted the Boy Scouts, CCHS, BBHS, Day Treatment and hopefully Girl Scouts. They will meet at the City Building to begin. There will be lunch afterwards and she is trying to get a few door prizes also. Sue asked if the flyer can be put on the website. She is trying to have the Day Treatment group weed and mulch the Washington Street flower beds.

Finance Committee: Scott said the next Finance Meeting will be March 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works: Bob Simon said their next meeting will be March 5th.

Safety Committee: Sandy Decker reported they had their first meeting tonight. They got quite a bit accomplished. She’ll report after the next meeting.

Annexation Committee: Stacey Graus reported their next meeting will be March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Boards and Commissions: The Mayor reported he and Karen opened the bids for the new playground equipment for the Park. The equipment will soon be ordered and installed. The old playground equipment has been removed from the park.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- The old Thriftway building has been purchased by The Bridge Church.
- The Mayor reminded everyone there will be a Town Hall Meeting on March 19th at the Community Center. All are encouraged to come. Have your questions and input ready to share.
- April 17, 18, 19 – Campbell County Clean Up. Info is on the Website.
- April 25 – Campbell County Shred Day at DAV Headquarters, Cold Spring. Individuals can take up to five boxes to shred. Info is on the Website.
- LIFT (Local Investments for Transformation) – The Mayor reported the House has passed this and it now goes to the Senate to decide if the bill will be put on the ballot. It would be a local option sales tax that is being discussed in Kentucky that would allow a locality or region to enact a sales tax for specific projects, Citizens will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not they want it. That tax is tied to a specific project, and when the project is completed, the sales tax goes away.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Sandy Decker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott FlecKinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer
Date: 4/3/2015

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor
Date: 4/3/2015

Approved: April 2, 2015