The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members answering roll call:

- Bob Simon Present
- Stacey Graus Present
- Scott Fleckinger Present
- Sue Neltner Present
- Sandy Decker Present
- Andy Schabell Present

Also:
- Karen Barto City Clerk/Treas
- Mike Duncan City Attorney
- Mike Ward Police Chief
- Sam Trapp Public Works Supt.
- Jeff Pohlman Fire Chief

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 4, 2016**

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting, seconded by Sandy Decker. All in favor, motion passed 5-0-1 with Sue Neltner abstaining.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:**

1) **Jeff Pohlman, Alexandria Fire Chief** – Here to fulfill the requirements of HB 1 on transparency for special districts, and gave a report of the activity and personnel in the Alexandria Fire Department. Last year was the first year since 2005 that the fire district raised fire tax to 16.6 cents/$100. This year, the fire tax rate will remain the same, and should produce approximately $1,336,831.00. The total budget for AFD is $2,064 million and of that 78% is employee salaries and benefits. There will be a public hearing at the Alexandria Fire Station, 7951 Alexandria Pike on Tuesday, August 23 at 7:15-7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed rate. Then the board will open their meeting at 7:30 to adopt the proposed fire tax.

2) **Christa Klein, Belly & Soul Restaurant** – Here to talk about the opening of Belly and Soul, Belly (feed the tummies) and the Soul (their plans to do outreach in the community). Her parents owned Ingram's Restaurant and her husband is a chef. They will open on Tuesday, August 23rd for breakfast and lunch, 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. They also set up a non-profit, "Belly & Soul Blessings" and will be working with area churches and other organizations to set up meals on wheels and to serve free meals to people in times of crisis. A Friends & Family event will be held on Sunday from 9:30-2:00 with a ribbon cutting.

3) **St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop #96** – Mayor Rachford presented the Scout Leaders and Scouts with Appreciation Awards for their cleaning up and landscaping the North Sign.

4) **Sue Neltner, Councilmember/Beautification Committee Chair** – She presented Ms. Nita Keates, 3758 Lisa Lane, with a Beautification Award. Ms. Neltner also said Ms. Keates yard is certified as a Wildlife Habitat.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. Duncan explained the following is a re-consideration and re-adoption of Ordinance 2016-10. When this ordinance was adopted a few weeks ago, the first reading of the ordinance was read at $1.74 per $1,000, but the certified assessment came in at a higher amount. In order to meet the compensating tax rate level, the rate was lowered, and the second reading amended the ordinance down to $1.73 per $1,000. Since that time, we learned there was a glitch in the PVA’s computer system, and the original numbers were correct. If the tax rate stays the same ($1.73), the City will not be able to fund their budget. He recommended the City make a motion
to reconsider Ordinance 2016-10. We will then need a motion to amend the ordinance back to the first reading amount of $1.74, then make a motion to adopt the ordinance.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to reconsider Ordinance 2016-10, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to amend Ordinance 2016-10, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

*Mr. Duncan read the following AMENDED ordinance:*

**AMENDED ORD2016-10:** Providing for the assessment of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria and levying an *ad valorem* tax of $0.174 on each one hundred dollars ($100.00) of assessed valuation ($1.74 per thousand) of assessed valuation of real property in the City for the 2016 assessment tax year and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

**MOTION:** Bob Simon made a motion to adopt Amended Ordinance 2016-10, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

*City Clerk:* None

*Police Department:* Chief Ward had sent council an e-mail with information and asked if anyone had any questions. He was told the legislators are working toward making some changes in Frankfort on the notification process for city officials. Chief Pohlman said he understands not trying to invade anyone’s privacy, and he feels a lot better now there is more information.

*Community Center:* See Activity Report attached.

*Public Works:* See report attached.

*Zoning Administrator:* See report attached.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Rachford referred to Cindy Minter’s report at the last meeting. He did receive a copy of the City of Cold Spring’s Resolution directed toward Fiscal Court to recommend the county not adopt the changes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- August 20, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Dog Day at the Park
- August 26, Dusk – Free Movie Night “Hotel Transylvania II” at the Park
- Visit the website or the City’s Facebook page for information on other events
- August 31, 6:45 p.m. - Alexandria Fair Parade, with the Fair starting immediately after
- September 11, 2:00 p.m. – Memorial 9/11 Service at the Tribute Park

Mayor Rachford called attention to the flag on the balcony in Council Chambers. This flag is made up of the names of everyone who died on 9/11 and on February 26, 1993 when the Twin Towers were attacked. This flag was given to the City by Woodmen of the World.
• October 2, 12:30-4:30 p.m. – Heroes’ Day in Alexandria at the CCMS to honor first responders. Helicopters, fire, police, and military equipment will be on display. Woodmen of the World will provide hot dogs and drinks.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Sue Neltner 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: **9-16-2016**

William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor  
Date: **9-16-2016**

Approved: **September 1, 2016**