Mayor Rachford called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge to the flag. Mayor Rachford extended condolences to the families of the fatal accident on February 6 on US 27, and also to the families of the school shootings in Florida yesterday. The following Council Members answering roll call:

- Stacey Graus Present
- Bob Simon Present
- Sue Neltner Present
- Susan Vanlandingham Present
- Scott Fleckinger Present
- Andy Schabell Present
- Karen Barto, City Clerk/Treas.
- Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.
- Mike Duncan, City Attorney
- Mike Ward, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 1, 2018

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2018, seconded by Bob Simon. Mayor Rachford noted an error in the date for Sara White’s visit (in Communications), which should be April 5, not the 4th. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-2 with Mr. Graus and Ms. Neltner abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Mindy Baird, 1 Sheridan Drive – At a Town Hall Meeting several years ago, she had asked if there was anything for the youth/teenagers to do in Alexandria. There aren’t many options for middle school and high school students in or near Alexandria in the evenings and Winter of things to do. There is a need for a safe environment and a program for the youth of the city to be able to gather with friends.

She then provided council with an implementation plan proposing they create an ad hoc committee to identify the needs of the youth of today, maybe even partner with church youth groups, and talking with kids to see what they want. Grant money is out there for these programs if you look. She is more than happy to be on a committee, along with Jess Link, Vice-Chair of Campbell County Drug Free Alliance.

Mr. Graus suggested she contact Kim Wagner, Alexandria’s Recreation Director. Ms. Baird first wants council to commit to resources and to form a committee to look into this. Mr. Graus pointed out there is a struggle with what to do with youth because there is no centralized spot in Alexandria, which is more rural and spread out. Ms. Baird said there is “down time” at the Community Center every day between Noon and 4:00 p.m., but supervision would be necessary.

Chief Ward suggested having Kim Wagner and Kelly Pompilio work with Ms. Baird to come up with ideas.

Ms. Baird’s main goal was to get the backing of the City Council. Mr. Schabell pointed out there are activities available for kids in the schools if they are willing to join. Ms. Neltner thinks we need to find those kids that aren’t into sports to see what interests them.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS
Mr. Duncan read the following:

PROCLAMATION #2018-01: Supporting the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.
Mayor Rachford will sign this proclamation on March 1st, when H. B. Detheridge, founder of the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame will be here for a presentation. The City will become a Hall of Fame City.

RES #2018-01: Approving Certified City of Ethics Proposal.

Mayor Rachford said training for council members and the Ethics Board is necessary to qualify the City as a Certified City of Ethics. The proposed date to do this is May 17th after the council meeting. Andrea Shindlebower of KLC will conduct the training.

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to accept Resolution #2018-01, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Mike Ward: Chief Ward introduced the newest Alexandria police officer, Tyler Creech. He is a graduate of the Police Academy and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from NKU. Mike Duncan was asked to swear in Officer Creech.

Public Works: See report attached.

Zoning: See report attached.

Personnel Committee – Andy Schabell: They met tonight and discussed future staffing, and continued the discussion on Personnel Policy changes/updates.

Safety Committee – Susan Vanlandingham: They met tonight to continue the discussion on lighting along US27. Chief Ward is looking into grant monies to help pay for lights. Also discussed was necessary communication with KDOT for traffic light sequencing and additional lights.

Ms. Neltner had given the Mayor information regarding solar lights that seemed to put out good light, which would be better and less expensive. Mayor Rachford explained the state controls what types of lights are used. CT Consultants did do a cost analysis on one section of US27. If the city puts in lights, it would be at the City’s cost. Currently the city spends about $35,000/year on street light expense.

Park & Recreation Board: Items discussed at their meeting on February 7th were the Fishing Derby (1st Saturday in June) and Arbor Day. They are also working with city engineers to get bids on construction work at the park that is tied to a $35,000 matching funds grant.

Planning & Zoning Commission: There will be HB55 training after next Tuesday’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alexandria Village Green Shopping Center: Last week, the Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Davenport met with Brandy Norwood, Marketing Director for Albenese-Cormier, the owner of the Village Green. They have been working with merchants in the center on rate adjustments and concessions to keep leases renewed. The Mayor was told Tokyo Dragon Restaurant will be turned into a hibachi-style restaurant. They also discussed the potholes and parking lot issues which should be taken care of when the weather improves. She is actively working on getting a tenant for one of the large spaces. Albenese-Cormier is very interested in working with the City, and Ms. Norwood will meet with the Mayor the next time she is in the area.
OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Neltner was told that food truck operators are required by the City to get physical every three months. Karen Barto explained she did not think this was true, but they are required to renew their license every three months as they fall under itinerant merchants licensing. There was discussion a year or so ago considering changing the requirements to better accommodate them as a temporary business, but we could not come up with a good way to license due to some issues. Mr. Schabell remembered this discussion and feels we need to discuss further by finding out how other cities license food trucks.

COMMUNICATIONS

• On February 22, 5:00-8:00 p.m., there will be a public meeting with SD1 at the Community Center potential alternate routes for the expansion of services from Cold Spring to Alexandria to the AA Highway. Representatives will answer questions and seek input from the public.
• February 19 at Noon - Grand Opening of the Hilltop Bar & Grill (formerly Hayloft Tavern)
• Duke Energy will be in the area February and March performing inspections on inside gas metering equipment and piping. The company doing this work is Southern Cross. Letters will be mailed and phone calls will be made to set up these inspections. Representatives will have Southern Cross and Duke Energy ID’s.

Ms. Neltner stated she has not seen an annual renewal yet for the water and sewer line insurance. Mayor Rachford said letters for water lines are sent out in the Spring and sewer line letters are sent in the Fall, so the water line renewal will be soon.

• March 17, 9:00 – 2:00: Craft Fair at the Community Center. Over 50 crafters and vendors will be set up inside the gym, on the walking track, in the Annex building and outside. Please come and support this event.
• April 5th Council Meeting – Presentation by Sarah White - Drug Take-Back Program
• April 19th Council Meeting – Dr. Rust, Superintendent of Campbell County Schools
• May 3rd Council Meeting – Town Hall Meeting at the Community Center so council can hear from residents on what is going on and what they would like to see.
• May 17th – Ethics Training immediately following Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 3-1-18

William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 3-1-18

Approved: March 1, 2018