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. The following Council Members answering roll call:

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<td>Jan Johannemann, Asst. City Clerk</td>
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 7, 2018**

**MOTION:** Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed with a 3-0-2 vote with Andy Schabell and Scott Fleckinger abstaining.

**VISITORS & GUESTS**

1. **Michelle Warren - Marsy’s Law for Kentucky** – Ms. Warren explained Marsy’s Law and the intent of getting this passed into Kentucky law. She said this is a Constitutional Amendment they were hoping to get passed in Kentucky this year and will be on the November ballot. She explained it is a really important law as it gives the crime victims and their families the same rights as the criminals already have. Kentucky and West Virginia are the only two states in the mid-west that don't have laws for victims and their families. Marsy’s Law came about because of a young girl who was murdered in the 80’s and her family was not notified when her murderer was let out on bail a few days after her death and they were approached. The goal is for those rights to never be taken away from victims and families. It would also give courts the power to order officials and other agencies to comply with those laws. Marsy's law for Kentucky would give timely notification of hearings so they can attend, timely notification if the accused is released or escapes, the ability to participate in hearings and trials. It would allow victims to have access to the Commonwealth Attorney, and to get protection from the criminal. Criminals have all these same rights, but victims do not. The purpose of her attendance was to request individual support or as a council, doing a proclamation in support of Marsy’s Law.

Mike Ward stated the Kentucky State Police Chiefs Association did a resolution of support to Marsy’s Law as it was going through the legislation process for the Constitutional Amendment. Campbell County does a good job of notification, however not every county does, and this Constitutional Amendment will make it mandatory and lawful for them to do so.

Attorney Mike Duncan said it would be more appropriate to do a resolution or municipal order and they could proceed to vote tonight and use the model provided as a draft.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve a resolution when drafted in favor of Marsy’s Law. Sue Neltner second. All in favor, motion passed 5-0-0.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Duncan prefaced reading Ordinance #2018-05 by stating this was a product or outflow from the discussion over the last few weeks culminating in the appearance of some business people at the last meeting, discussing our gross receipts tax ordinance and the impact testimony as business owners. As a result, our Finance committee held a meeting on June 14 and discussed the issue. At that meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Graus and seconded by Mr. Simon, to unanimously recommend to City Council to amend by reduce the rate from 0.0875% to 0.075%
and be effective with this year's tax beginning January 1, 2018 due in April 2019. The committee also recommended a $25,000 cap on the amount of tax that would be generated by any business in the city.

Mr. Duncan read 1st reading

ORD #2018-05 - Amending Gross Receipts: An ordinance of the city amending Ordinance 2016-11 and section 117.03 of the City Code of Ordinances, in order to modify the City’s gross receipts portion of the occupational license tax ordinances; changing rate from 0.0875 to 0.075% effective January 1, 2018 and amending text to add a maximum tax liability of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for the calendar year and thereafter.

Sue Neltner then asked if anyone who attended the meeting and spoke were made aware of the $25,000 cap. Mayor Rachford said he contacted Mike Castrucci on Saturday morning. On Monday or Tuesday of this week he had sent a personal letter to each of the people that spoke at the previous council meeting informing them of the rate change and cap.

After much discussion about the cap and the amount, Scott Fleckinger said, they had no way of getting exact numbers or information on the business’s gross receipts and we had no idea someone in Alexandria was doing $90,000,000 of business. Andy Schabell said in the discussions, there was no way we knew what kind of revenue it would generate as we had no concrete figures to calculate. He felt we were doing the right thing by revisiting and amending as needed.

Sue Neltner asked about amending the budget, and Mr. Duncan recommended a fiscal year end amendment. Discussion took place on revenue and how the expenses over the years seem to increase with each department and cuts have to be made every year to break even. Although no one likes or wants new taxes, the gross receipt tax was the best alternative to raising property taxes.

Service Line Warranty Discussion: Mike Duncan gave a brief history of the Service Line Warranty of America company and how Alexandria came to the program three years ago. They are the only company offering this service that is sponsored by the Kentucky National League of Cities. The Mayor did his investigation of the company and we entered into an agreement with the Service Line Warranty company. They offer our citizens a warranty program for water and sewer lines. It is also offered to cities as a repair to a water line which could be the responsibility of the city’s infrastructure. Mr. Duncan stated in the information he has obtained, the company has a stellar reputation and the negatives expressed by one individual as noted in the emails that circulated, are not reflective of all residents. Our contract provides a license fee of fifty cents per line, per month for the company to use our City of Alexandria logo and has generated about seven thousand dollars over the three-year period. The city’s name and logo are assets we own that we are able to charge a fee to use, as likened to the Community Center or the city park rentals. The same gentleman who complained, contacted the Kentucky League of Cities questioning the legality and ethics of this practice. KLC is of the same mind set as Mr. Duncan, as there is nothing unlawful or unethical about this program. It was brought before the same person who recently conducted the City Ethics Training, and again, nothing unlawful or unethical. Comes down to a business decision; is this something the City wants to do in order to provide the opportunity to our citizens to take advantage, of and many have. Only one reported repair issue known that has happened in the last three years and was not an issue with the company, rather materials used that the homeowner did not feel were proper. The complaint got back to the warranty company and they made sure the contractor doing the work used the material requested by the homeowner. They actually dug it back up and put down the material homeowner requested to their satisfaction.

Sue Neltner then asked about a section of the City’s Ethics Training on page 42, where it states, "Endorsements: no officer or employee may, in his or her official capacity publicly endorse
product or services." She did not understand why it was in there and did not question at the time, but now can see where there might be a problem. Mr. Duncan said he would follow up as he did not know why that was put in the training. The same person who did this presentation is the same person they are in contact with at KLC. Mrs. Neltner then asked if they were able to get a list of the companies the warranty company uses in our area. Mayor Rachford said they had asked for three or four local plumbers, and he supplied the company with those names. They use local people to do the repair work.

Mrs. Neltner then asked where the money was listed in the budget? Mayor responded the money goes into the general fund. In February 2016 we received $1,563, February 2017 received $2,193, and February 2018 received $3,439. As more people enroll in the insurance, those funds increase.

Mayor then paraphrased part of the letter from Service Line Warranty and will make it part of the official minutes. As to the number of customers that have signed onto the program, many signed for multiple plans, and over the past year there have been twenty-five repairs to Alexandria residents, saving them $31,477 in repairs. Residents who have needed service over the last year have reported a 98% satisfaction rate. Mayor then explained the letters are sent in February and August and then two weeks thereafter a follow up letter is sent. It clearly states in the letters if you do not want to receive solicitation, call the number provided and request your name be removed. As a city, we did not provide a mailing list to them. The Mayor stated the only calls he is aware of are those coming into the business office upon receipt of letter asking if it is a scam or legitimate. Once it is explained, most are satisfied to either accept and are told, if not interested call the number and ask to be removed. Not all homeowner insurance companies offer a coverage for service line issues.

Andy Schabell stated he too had received the letter and agrees it looks confusing with City logo, but he wanted to emphasize there are four or five spots within the letter making it clear the letter is not from the City of Alexandria, that the City has partnered with the company, explains who the company is, and clearly states if you do not wish to receive, call the 800 number to be removed.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Assistant City Clerk - Jan Johannemann:** stated we are staying busy with the warmer weather, more park rentals, more permits for single family homes, decks, and fences.

**Police/Chief Ward - Nothing**

**Public Works/Sam Trapp** – See report. Sue Neltner mentioned the business sign by KOI does not state it is public parking lot. Mayor Rachford said that will be corrected in about two weeks and will have rules added. The KOI employees appear to be parking in a manner that is blocking spaces. Paving the parking lot was one of the items cut from the budget as the bid was not feasible at this time. Scott Fleckinger said he felt Sam could talk to KOI and resolve the issue.

**Zoning Administrator/Carol Hofstetter** - See report. Bob Simon asked if the Code Enforcement issue on Washington Street had been addressed and Mayor said he did think Scott Davenport took care of, however; he did not know the resolution if any.

Sue Neltner then asked what the setbacks were for grass cutting and explained that by Linda’s Lasting Impression, it just looks really bad; grass cut but not back far enough as if a house sat there. Mrs. Neltner then questioned if it was residential as her husband’s family had owned previously. Mike Ward explained it was zoned agriculture and there is nothing the city can do. It is used for hay. If it is a property that is being developed, there are regulations that state you cannot let the grass get any higher than 10", however this property is not zoned as
development. Mike Duncan said he is unaware of any city regulation governing having to cut back a certain distance, a lot such as this, however Kentucky law is very clear on 5 (five) acres or more, its "hands off" from a zoning standpoint. He said he would have to know more about the land. Mayor Rachford said he would talk to Carol Hofstetter and see how the site is treated.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Personnel/Andy Schabell** - Nothing

** Beautification/Sue Neltner** - Nothing to report but does need to have meeting on July 5th

**Finance/Scott Fleckinger** - Nothing

**Safety/Susan Vanlandingham** - Nothing

**Public Works/Bob Simon** - Nothing from Public Works and their meeting for July 5th has been canceled.

**Park & Recreation**: Jeremy Toy who is chairman of Park & Rec will be moving out of the city to Cold Springs and will be resigning from the board.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- June 25th at 6:30 PM - Alexandria Community Business Association will be meeting at the Woodman Office, 8131 Alexandria Pike
- July 20th from 2:00-4:30 PM - Mammography van will be at Community Center (rescheduled).
- July 27th - First movie night at the park sponsored by Woodmen Life showing "COCO".

The Seasons of Alexandria announced new volunteer programs and if anyone is interested in volunteering with the Season's they may contact Melanie Calhoun at 859-816-9111.

Sue Neltner then asked everyone to keep Doug Carmack and his wife in their prayers as they were in a serious accident.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**: Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 7-6-2018

Approved: July 5, 2018

William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 7-6-2018