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:

Stacey Graus  Absent  Susan Vanlandingham  Present
Bob Simon  Present  Scott Fleckinger  Present
Sue Neltner  Present  Andy Schabell  Present
Also:  Karen Barto, City Clerk  Mike Duncan, City Attorney
      Mike Ward, Police Chief  Sam Trapp, Public Works

Mayor opened meeting by giving the floor to Police Chief Mike Ward who introduced two new recruits, Alex Klei and Jordan Nicol. He then asked Attorney Mike Duncan to swear them in. They start on July 13th and will leave for the academy on July 19th. They will be back and on the streets at the end of January and continue our training through May.

VISITORS & GUESTS - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 5, 2018

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2018 meeting with the proposed amendment, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed with changes of a 4-0-1 vote with Scott Fleckinger abstaining.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read:

RES #2018-06 – Cable Franchise: A resolution of the City of Alexandria authorizing: (1) The revocation of the city’s certified participation in the state’s telecom distribution fund established pursuant to KRS 136.650 ET SEQ.; (2) The reestablishment, imposition and collection of the city’s local franchise and/or license fees charged or that may be charged providers for utilization of the city’s rights-of-way, as authorized under sections 163 and 164 of the Kentucky Constitution; and (3) the giving of notice of such revocation and reestablishment, imposition, and to cable and communications service providers.

The resolution says that we are accepting the authority to charge franchise fees as was done previous to 2005. A change occurred in 2006 in that the State collected fees and distributed to cities on their own. A lawsuit was just completed saying that action was unconstitutional and now allows the cities to collect those fees once again. The current agreement with the cable board has a provision if the law ever changes, we can revert to those collection of fees.

Mike Duncan is to verify going forward if we do not need an ordinance also, as is indicated by cable board.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve RES #2018-06 as read, Susan Vanlandingham seconded. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Karen Barto – 59 days from retirement!

Police Department: Chief Ward – Wanted to mention the KET spot done on the Angel Program and the day after airing the spot, we received numbers on the opioid deaths. Number one in the state
was Kenton county, number two was Campbell county, and third was Jefferson County. Very complimentary of the work being done by the social workers. Mayor congratulated Chief Ward and the fact we are the first department in the Commonwealth to have Social Workers on staff and our Angel program is being recognized and modeled both locally and nationally. He also thanked council for the support of the staff and programs.

Public Works: Sam Trapp – Public works report in packets. In the Brookwood area off route 10, and old section there are new sections of sidewalks that have been done by the public works department. A picture was circulated to Council showing a sidewalk going across the driveway and the damage and degraded condition of the apron. Mayor said this apron would have to be repaired as the sidewalk runs through the driveway. However, in a situation where the driveway is not compromised in the repair of sidewalk, there would be no work done to driveway.

Zoning: See Report attached

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel: Andy Schabell - Nothing

Beautification: Sue Neltner - Beautification met this evening reported there were not any nominations for the Beautification Award. It was decided to do a Fall and Holiday award with discussion of both in the future.

Finance: Scott Fleckinger - Nothing

Public Works: Bob Simon – Meeting tonight discussing 2018 Street Projects, and the bids are due this Thursday. There was also discussion of traffic abatement issues such as speeding, roundabouts and stop signs. Wanted the record to show we are actively pursuing information.

Safety: Susan Vanlandingham – Reported as follow up she had a discussion with District 6 of the Transportation Dept regarding the issue at Pat Fanning Way and the entrance to Village Green where the center lane signage allows for almost a head-on collision. That signage change has been approved and it is now a matter of when they can get it scheduled for change.

Annexation: Stacey Graus - Nothing

Park & Recreation: Last Friday night was the first movie at the park showing “Coco”. Mayor reported he attended and noted there were approximately 250-300 people in attendance. Alexandria Community Business Association had several sponsors there passing out literature, giving stuff to kids such as coloring pages, and that overall it was a perfect night. The next movie date is August 24th with a showing of “Despicable Me 3”.

NEW BUSINESS – Tax Rate

The Mayor stated he would like to keep the same rate as last year and had Mr. Duncan compile the numbers and will present such at the next meeting. He said we could legally take the compensating rate, but he would not prefer to do so as we have worked very hard to keep our property tax rates low. Mr. Duncan stated the compensating rate will not fully fund the amount budgeted. He said the .0174 rate however would. Mayor said the same rate would give us approximately twenty thousand dollars more than last year.

He also mentioned that on August 29th, the annual fair parade will be held and asked those that will be attending notify Karen as such. Most will be there except for Bob Simon who will be out of town.
OLD BUSINESS – Audit

The Mayor referenced the notice in packet that our auditors, Von Lehman, will be here the last week of August. They will be conducting the annual audit as required by KRS of all cities. They do a very good job and Karen’s staff provides all the documentation needed.

Sue Neltner then asked about the customer satisfaction with the KLC sponsored sewer and water line insurance service. Mayor explained he had just received the brochure today, that was emailed to Council so they could see more detail about the company and read the statistics they gave for a city in AZ. He added, we are not as big as that city, but the benefit to customers has been a positive resource and to his knowledge, any claims we have experienced have been completed and to the satisfaction of the home owners.

COMMUNICATIONS

• August 9th – City Bowling night at Southern Lanes for residents within Alexandria city limits
• August 10th – Mammography Van at Community Cent from 2:00-4:30.
• August 24th – Movie at the Park with “Despicable Me 3”
• August 25th - Dog Days of Summer at the Park
• August 30th – Annual Fair Parade
• Sept 10 thru Oct 29 – Campbell County Fiscal Court Citizens Academy; workshops from 6:30-9:00 PM for about 8 weeks; workshops go through all the services governments provide; applications can be found on their website for interested people
• Sept 11th – 911 Memorial Service at Tribute Park
• Sept 30th – Hero’s Day @ CCMS from 1:00-4:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 8-24-18

William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 8-23-18

Approved: August 16, 2018