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:

Council Members:
Barbara Weber Present
Stacey Graus Present
Joe Anderson Present
Bob Simon Absent
Andy Schabell Present
Scott Fleckinger Present

Also present:
Karen Barto City Clerk/Treasurer Mike Ward Police Chief
Mike Duncan City Attorney

Stacey Graus read the invocation and Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 5, 2013:
MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2013 meeting, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1; Scott Fleckinger abstained.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Attorney Ian Koffler, Bond Attorney – Mike Duncan introduced Mr. Koffler, who has been retained by Bishop Brossart High School and the Diocese of Covington to work on bond financing for BBHS's building project. They have asked the city to be issuer of the bonds so they can become tax exempt bonds with a lower interest rate.

Attorney Koffler stated these bonds are issued all the time, and wanted to make sure council is comfortable with the way the transaction works. Chapter 103 of KRS (Industrial Building Act) allows cities to act as an issuer of tax exempt bonds, take the proceeds of those bonds, and loan them to a non-profit, for-education facility (BBHS). The ordinance introduced tonight is asking that the City issue these bonds under Chapter 103 and loan the proceeds to BBHS. The bonds are purchased by US Bank and repaid solely by BBHS. If there is a default on the bonds, there would be no recourse against the City, as addressed in Section 11 of the Ordinance.

Mr. Koffler then answered several questions from council regarding this process. Ms. Weber wants to make sure the city will be reimbursed for any attorney fees involved to review and approve the paperwork, and time and supplies used by city personnel. Mr. Koffler will take this request back to BBHS, but he believes they would agree.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mike Duncan read the following:
First Reading:

ORD2013-14: Authorizing the issuance of Industrial Building Revenue Bonds Series 2013, Bishop Brossart High School Project of the City of Alexandria in an aggregate principle amount not to exceed $3,000,000, the proceeds of which shall be loaned to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington to finance the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of facilities suitable for use in furtherance of the educational purposes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, and located within the City of Alexandria, Kentucky, providing for the pledge of revenues for the payment of such bonds, authorizing a loan agreement appropriate for the protection and disposition of such revenues, and to further secure such bonds, authorizing a bond purchasing...
agreement, tax regulatory agreement and assignments, and authorizing other actions in
connection with the issuance of such bonds.

Mr. Duncan then read Section 11 referred to by Mr. Koffler. In his opinion and from a legal standpoint, he believes this is the crux of the matter:

"No Debt or Tax Pledge – The Series 2013 bonds do not constitute an indebtedness of the issue within the meaning of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Series 2013 bond shall be payable solely from the revenues and security interests pledged for their payment as provided in the bonds, and neither monies raised by taxation nor any other general or special revenues of the City shall be obligated or pledged for the payment or principal of, premium (if any) or interest on the Series 2013 bonds."

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: None

Police Department: A new VIPs in Schools class will start next week. The program is going very well, and there have been a lot of inquiries about the program. If anyone is interested, there is still time to submit your application.

Also, the Campbell County Drug Free Alliance grant did not get funded, so the line item of $125,000 put in the police budget will be pulled out. They are going to try again next year.

Boone County is attempting to start a program called Protecting Our Students and Teachers (POST), and Chief Ward recently attended their meeting. He hopes to meet with the person who developed it sometime soon to offer his help.

He also mentioned the Kentucky League of Cities had questions about our VIPs in Schools program. They were satisfied with his answers and with what the City is doing. There are plans to partner with the Campbell County Police to eventually get the program into all schools in Campbell County.

Public Works: See report attached.

Zoning Administrator: See report attached.

Beautification Committee: Next meeting is October 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee: They met tonight to discuss the changes in the State Alcohol Beverage Control laws. One of the changes is the state will allow alcohol sales on Election Day. The Committee recommends that the city go along with state law. Mr. Duncan explained it is now up to the city to allow it, which would mean amending our ordinance. There are other things in the ordinance that also need to be changed, and he suggested creating a new ordinance, include the Election Day alcohol sale language in that ordinance, and if council decides it should be removed, he will delete it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rachford reported the demolition of 103 Southbrook was completed and grass planted. Andy Schabell said he received an e-mail from one of the neighbors thanking the city and Carol Hofstetter for their time in getting this done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Halloween Hours for this year will be October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

• October 5, 10:00–Noon: Coffee with the Mayor
• October 17: The Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Thomas Massie was canceled, so there will be a council meeting that evening.
• October 18-20: Campbell County Fall Clean-Up
• October 19: Haunted Walk at Community Park from 7:30 – 9:00. Mayor Rachford encouraged carpooling to reduce parking issues. Park & Rec is looking for vendors to set up around the lake. Contact the City for more information.
• November 2: Northern Kentucky Hazardous Waste Event at Florence Freedom Ball Park
• Christmas in Alexandria will be held on the first two weekends in December at the Main Street Baptist Church. Call the Mayor if you are a vendor interested in a booth, or if you would like to volunteer to help.

Joe Anderson said the 2nd Annual Community Food Drive will be held November 2nd at the Community Center from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Canned goods will be accepted. Bob Simon is collecting cash donations and working with County Market to purchase food. Joe challenged the city employees to donate ten dollars ($10). Donations will be distributed to the local food pantries.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer
Date: 10/4/13
Approved: October 3, 2013

William T. Rachford, Jr.
Mayor
Date: 10/4/13