

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council
Special Meeting**

**January 7, 2008
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, Susan Mitchell, Bill Wetherton, Roger Durham, and Dan Heiskell. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; Treasurer Jim Johnson; City Attorney John McGarvey; Director of Public Works Erwin Booth; Police Chief Chris Winders; and guests Stephen Kottkamp, Diane McAllister, Jay Foley, Julie Pogue, and Patrick Hill, Leslie Newkirk and Anne Marchal with Village Solutions.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 10, 2007, Regular Meeting of the City Council were presented. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mitchell, and Council voted unanimously to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for December 2007 were presented. Heiskell asked Johnson why the amount paid into employee pensions had risen from last year. McGarvey explained that the amount the City must contribute to pensions is dictated by the state. Durham asked why miscellaneous income was so high. Johnson explained that this was from several checks the City had received for unpaid franchise fees dating back to 2004.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the December 2007 police report. Last month there had been a burglary in the City. No one was home at the time and the garage door had been left open.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Historic Preservation Commission minutes from the December meeting were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Rublein read the second reading of an ordinance extending the moratorium on the FAR for certain residential zoning compliance certificates within the City for four months. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Mayor explained that the City needed more time to study some of the calculations on current allowable building restrictions as dictated by the FAR ordinance. After revisions, the City will then present to residents for their input. All supported the motion.

Julie Pogue was introduced to Council to appeal a sign violation. She stated that a person working for her had inadvertently put up signage in the City without her knowledge. Heiskell did not feel that this was a viable reason for the fine to be reduced. The fine is currently at \$150.00. Following discussion, Mitchell made the motion to reduce the fine by half (\$75.00) contingent on Ms. Pogue paying a delinquent fine. Ramsey seconded the motion and the Council passed the motion.

Village Solutions' representatives presented the site plan to Council that had been reviewed at the December meeting. Signage and lighting was not presented at this time.

The road between the church and the Bellewood property is not being presented but may be included at a later date. Durham made the motion to approve the footprint, which was seconded by Wetherton and unanimously passed by Council.

Jay Foley, with Evergreen Real Estate, was introduced. Evergreen Real Estate would like to purchase 1,200 square feet of property between the firehouse and the proposed bank. This purchase is necessary for Evergreen to put in a drive-through on the bank. Foley explained that if Evergreen was not able to purchase the strip of property, he would then need to request from the City easement rights for the utility company and Evergreen Real Estate to put in a utility pad for underground utility lines. These lines would service the current and proposed banks and the firehouse. He requested permission to encroach onto City property for approximately twenty feet for a retaining wall between the two buildings.

The 2008 Mayoral appointments for the City were presented. Rublein made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the appointments. Council unanimously approved them. There is currently one vacancy on the historic preservation commission.

Council went into executive session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss the requests from Evergreen Real Estate. They came out of executive session back into the regular meeting where they discussed the new section of the sign ordinance pertaining to pointer signs. No action was taken and Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk