

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**January 12, 2009
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Dan Heiskell, Susan Mitchell, Brian Rublein, Neil Ramsey, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; Public Works Director Erwin Booth; Police Chief Chris Winders; City Attorney John McGarvey; Treasurer Renee Major; and guests Stuart Ray, Diane McAllister, and Ann Stivers.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 8, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. After a correction, Durham made the motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Rublein, and Council unanimously approved them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for December 2008 were presented. The Mayor said Major was working on a six-month financial report that Council would review at next month's meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the December 2008 police report. Ramsey asked why traffic citations were down from the first of the year. Chief Winders replied that funds from a federal grant, used to pay overtime for traffic control, were recently depleted. Also, the installation of speed humps has reduced speeding in certain areas.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There was no December HPC meeting.

FORESTRY BOARD

The minutes from the December Forestry Board meeting were presented. McAllister thanked Council for making revisions to the ordinance that now allows residents on private streets and neighborhood associations to participate in the annual campaign where half of the cost of trees and plantings are paid for by the City. This year Connie O'Connell has been appointed to the Forestry Board and Ellen Guthrie has become an associate member.

NEW BUSINESS

The City will receive approximately \$40,000.00 from a FEMA grant to go toward the cost of damage from the September storm. More funds may become available to reimburse tree removal costs. Durham presented a resolution designating McKinley as an agent for the City for the FEMA reimbursement. This was seconded by Mitchell, and unanimously passed by Council.

McKinley presented the 2009 trash removal contract from Industrial Disposal. In April, the City was notified by ID of the 3% increase so the figure could be used in budget planning. In previous years the increase has been 5%. McKinley stated the City has received good service from ID and the company has provided smaller trucks that cause less damage to streets. McGarvey suggested that the City bid out the contract next year. Durham stated that he felt the benefit of the recycling program was smaller in comparison to the cost of gasoline and the wear and tear done to our streets. He also questioned whether recyclable materials reached a recycling center. McKinley will contact Industrial Disposal and have them supply the City with a letter informing us of the company these materials are sold to. Ramsey suggested that if the City were to discontinue the recycling service with Industrial Disposal, the school has a recycling program that homeowners could use in their place. Mitchell made the motion to accept the contract from Industrial Disposal. Durham seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

McKinley presented reports on Bellewood Children's Home from Director Jerry Cantrell and the Kentucky Division of Regulated Child Care. The facility is required to submit a report each year to Council that ensures the home is following requirements agreed upon with the City. McKinley stated that these reports showed nothing of concern to the City. Chief Winders reported that calls from Bellewood have become fewer and fewer and are of a less severe nature than years past.

Mitchell did a second reading of an ordinance creating a new section of Chapter 35 of the code of ordinances setting policies and procedures regarding the collection of past due assessments for services and service districts. With the recent installation of sewers in a portion of the City, the City now collects sewer assessment fees. This ordinance will amend the ordinance that deals with the collection of taxes to include any fees the City collects. Ramsey seconded the motion, and Council unanimously passed it. Liens will be filed as soon as the ordinance has been published.

Mayor Hewitt presented the 2009 Mayoral appointments:

Tax Assessor: Monica Westhusing

Zoning Officer: Paul Bergmann

Flood Safety Officer: Tony Hilinski

Ethics Commission: Cece Hagan

Board of Tax Supervisors: Orbin Greene, Ann Petty, Barb Sweet

Forestry Board: Diane McAllister, Chairman; Mike Brewer; Jim Williams; Hap Dunford;

Bill Shipley (emeritus); Tyleen Stout; Ann Stivers; Connie O'Connell; Sally Wilson

Historic Preservation Commission: Bill Wetherton, Chairman; Becky Miller; Tony Bayus

Council went in to executive session at 6:27 p.m. Council came out of executive session and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk