

**MINUTES  
of the  
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 14, 2007  
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Brian Rublein, Bill Wetherton, Dan Heiskell, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Director of Public Works Erwin Booth; Treasurer Jim Johnson; City Attorney John McGarvey; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; Police Chief Chris Winders; and guests Richard Kovats, Craig Barker, Barb Sweet, Judy Pearman, Tony Hilinski, and Stephen Kottkamp.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 9, 2007, regular meeting were presented. Durham made the motion, seconded by Rublein, and unanimously approved by Council to accept the minutes. The minutes from the April 30, 2007, special meeting were presented. Durham made the motion, seconded by Rublein, and unanimously approved by Council to accept the minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The City's check register and financial report for April 2007 were presented. The Mayor questioned the amount of the 2006 property taxes. Johnson explained that the amount was correct and that it included discounts for early payments. Heiskell asked why it appeared general liability insurance had doubled from last year. Johnson explained that certain line items in the rate were higher than others due to the City changing insurance companies but that the bottom line was lower than the amount from the previous year. He reported that the City has collected over \$400,000.00 in 2007 taxes to date.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Winders presented the April 2007 police report with no questions raised.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The April 2007 minutes from the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Booth, Director of Public Works, informed Council that the City's sidewalk project had been completed. The quality of work was exceptional and the pavers paved 30-35% more than they had charged for.

Booth presented the bids received for the Ridge Road drain replacement project and for the police station catch basin project. He explained that Ridge Road had opened up last year and no matter how many times maintenance refilled it the street would continue to sink. The road needs to be cut out, the pipe replaced, and the section of road repaired. He recommended the services of Reid Brothers, the lowest bidder, on each of the projects. Rublein made the motion, seconded by Durham, to approve the recommendations. Council unanimously approved the motion.

FMSM provided a proposal for construction monitoring and design services during the construction of the sanitary sewers. The Mayor explained that their charges would not exceed the amounts listed but could be lower. Rublein made the motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Wetherton, and unanimously approved by Council.

To pursue quiet zone status, the City will need to authorize CSX to perform an engineering study on the gates of the Bellewood Road crossing in the pursuit of four-quadrant gates. The study will cost between \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00.

Craig Barker, realtor with ReMax, introduced himself to Council to appeal a fine received from the City for a sign violation. He explained that before a recent open house he put up two pointer signs in the City, one at Old Harrods Creek Road and the other at Somerhill Way. He was told by McKinley and Booth that these signs were in violation of City ordinance and he removed them. Later, the homeowner put up pointer signs. He explained that he felt bad communication between himself and City Hall was responsible for the problem. Councilmember Durham made the motion to have the fine reduced from \$100.00 to \$25.00. Heiskell seconded the motion which was unanimously passed by Council.

Richard Kovats introduced himself to Council. He built the home and garage at 11605 Cedardale Road and was representing the homeowner regarding a recent public works violation and fine. He explained, though, that he was not responsible for the drainage violation. A few days ago he visited the property with City Engineer Hilinski and Public Works Director Booth. The drainage project done by Mr. Pearman was acceptable by both, but had not been presented to the City's forestry representative for prior approval. Booth also explained that other work done on the site by Mr. Pearman and his neighbor created other possible violations. The Mayor asked the issue be tabled until next month.

when Councilmember Wetherton can visit the site and forward recommendations to Council.

The Mayor explained that though the agenda indicated the City needed to do a resolution to change 11301, 11303, and 11305 Park Road zoning to OR, it was not necessary to do so.

McGarvey presented the finalized ordinances regarding floor area ratios and impervious surfaces for new residential development. A first reading will take place after the two ordinances have been approved by Metro Zoning. Zoning Officer Sweet has been working with a contractor regarding the construction of a new home at 2221 Cave Spring Place. The property falls under the innovative development clause. The property owners want to put in a 4000 square foot home with a 400 square foot indoor/outdoor room. Using the proposed ordinance they can only put in a 3376 square foot home. Sweet suggested changes be made to this ordinance. McGarvey explained that this would mean the City would have to start from square one in the process of approval, with Anchorage and Metro government. Mayor Hewitt asked Council members view the lot and the issue would be discussed again later.

Council adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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W. Thomas Hewitt,  
Mayor

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Nan Schlindwein,  
City Clerk