

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**September 8, 2008
6:00 PM**

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

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the August 11, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Rublein, and Council voted unanimously to approve. The minutes from the August 28, 2008, Special Meeting of City Council were presented. Durham motioned to approve the minutes which were seconded by Wetherton and unanimously approved by Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for August 2008 were presented. Council member Ramsey asked about the charge for the railroad crossing study. McKinley explained that the payment was made to initiate the engineering study that will pursue quiet zone status in the City.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the August 2008 police report. The department will receive a highway safety grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for traffic patrol. Monies can be used for overtime pay for officers and gasoline for their vehicles. Ramsey asked if the police department was enforcing the ordinance regarding residents' use of car stickers. Winders replied that they were not. He explained that it was not necessary as the ordinance was created years ago when the department didn't have fast access to registration information.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The minutes from the August HPC meeting were presented to Council. Wetherton reported that at the August meeting only one application was not approved and revisions were being made to approve the plans.

FORESTRY BOARD

The minutes from the August 2008, Forestry Board meeting were presented. Diane McAllister, Forestry Board Chairman, reported that through the years the board has slowly drifted away from following the City's tree ordinance and is currently working to get back on track. At the board's September meeting, Andrea and Mark from Timmons and Associates attended and clarified many issues. McAllister hopes to meet with City Attorney McGarvey regarding legal issues.

NEW BUSINESS

McGarvey reported that the lawsuit with the Millers and the Clarks has been resolved. The first of three ordinances that had a first reading in June relating to this case transfers incorporated property from the City of Anchorage to the City of Middletown. This property is adjacent to the Miller property where no roadway exists. Rublein made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to pass the ordinance. Council voted unanimously to approve. The second ordinance accepts a transfer of property from the City of Middletown located in the northern half of the right-of-way of Parkway Road. The transfer of these properties equals out to approximately the same size of land and involves no tax consequence for either city. Durham made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to accept the ordinance, which Council unanimously approved. The third ordinance closes the public right-of-way at Parkway and Glenbrook to square off the corner. Rublein made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to pass the ordinance, which was unanimously approved.

A resolution was presented by Mitchell to authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City three quit claim deeds to the Millers, the Clarks, and Holy Angels Academy. The resolution was seconded by Durham and unanimously approved by Council. Mayor Hewitt stated that the City will run a four-board horse fence along the property line.

Evergreen Real Estate has asked City Council to grant a variance for signage at the head of the Anchorage Trail. Council determined that, as the sign is on private property and cannot be read from the street, the requirements of the ordinance do not apply.

Resident Jason Miller, 1300 Glenbrook Road, presented a request regarding his sewer assessment fee and penalty. He asked that the discounted amount he has submitted after the deadline is accepted and that the late fee he has accrued be waived. He explained that he had not found out until August 20th that it was possible to hook up to the sewer tap in the street. Council members supported McGarvey in creating an ordinance that would extend the discount period for sewer assessment fees but still accrue penalties. Other homeowners who paid after the deadline will be notified of the ordinance.

Mr. Miller also had an issue with MAC Construction being the cause of a gas leak on his property on January 31, 2007, with the cost of repairs of approximately \$1,400.00. McGarvey suggested that Mr. Miller take the case to small claims court.

Two City employees have been assigned jury duty. Council proposed that the City now grants leave with pay to those summoned. Employees will return to work if they are excused a partial day and will be required to sign over juror pay to the City.

A resolution was presented authorizing the Mayor to apply for and enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. A program was established to buy back confiscated weapons and ammunition from police departments in the state. The money the police department receives from the program will be used to purchase ammunition and protective vests for officers. Mitchell presented the resolution, which was seconded by Durham and unanimously approved by Council.

Ramsey asked if the violation for the homeowner at 1700 Evergreen Road had been resolved. The homeowner had blocked the blue-line stream on the rear of her property and had constructed a make-shift bridge over it. McKinley stated that the violation had not been corrected. McGarvey stated that the home had recently sold to Countrywide Mortgage Company.

McKinley reported that City's ordinances have been included onto the City's website.

At 6:50 p.m. Council adjourned.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk