

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

April 13, 2015  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O'Connell, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley, City Clerk/Treasurer Renee' Major, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, and guests Diane McAllister and Patti Swope.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:05 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the March 9, 2015, Regular Meeting of City Council were reviewed. Wetherton requested a change under the Entrance Signs section. O'Connell made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Cook seconded, and all approved.

Minutes from the March 31, 2015, Special Meeting of City Council were reviewed. There were no revisions. Rublein motioned to accept the minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The March 2015 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. There were no comments or questions for Major.

**POLICE REPORT**

The March Police Activity Report was presented. There were no questions for Chief Hayes regarding the report. Hayes announced that this is National Telecommunications Week and he wanted to recognize and brag about Anchorage's dispatchers who do a fantastic job for the City. Cook concurred, stating that an Anchorage dispatcher was very helpful to her regarding an incident that actually happened in Middletown. Addressing Chief Hayes, Cook noted that this has been a busy month, and asked about a train blocking three crossings for over a half hour the evening before. Hayes said that the train lost its air brakes and had to wait for repairs. He said the situation actually spurred a road rage incident where a belligerent driver confronted Lieutenant Hoskins; that driver was eventually arrested. Discussion regarding an earlier car/train accident that shut down crossings ensued, and also a drunk driver incident that destroyed several poles and a large section of fencing on Lucas Lane. All events involved non-residents.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes from the March 17, 2015, meeting and the March 25, 2015 Special meeting were presented. Wetherton had nothing to add, and there were no questions for him.

## **FORESTRY BOARD**

Minutes from the April 6, 2015, meeting were shared with Council. McAllister announced that the Arbor Day event was a success. Approximately 30 people attended the presentation, and around 100 trees were given away that evening. At the annual Tree Give-Away on Sunday, all of the remaining trees were gone by 3 p.m. McAllister said the Board will consider ordering additional trees next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Second Reading, 2014-2015 Tax Rate** – Hagan entered a motion to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Cook, and unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Greten Lane, Request to Dedicate Private Road to Public Use** – On behalf of the Oak Meadows Homeowners Association, Patti Swope submitted a request to City Council for their assistance with repairs to Greten Lane prior to dedicating the road to public use. McKinley researched prior dedications, and noted that the City had assisted the last three associations with repairs and a financing option. Swope had secured a repair estimate of \$40,000, but McKinley suggested the City include the work at the same time City repaving is completed. Since the City is able to piggy-back on Louisville Metro contract pricing, the project cost could be significantly lower. Booth received one bid from Louisville Paving (without pot-hole repair) for \$28,000, but is still waiting for the quote from Flynn Brothers. Repairing the pot-holes might add another two or three thousand to the total. Swope asked the City to detail the process from here. McKinley said all homeowners must vote and agree to enter into a contract with the City for the work. The City would front the money for the repairs, and then the homeowners association repays the City. One fourth of the amount would be due at completion, with three remaining annual payments due in subsequent years. Major advised Council that the last financing (Wagner Place) was issued at a rate of 5%. O'Connell entered a motion that the City secure bids for repaving to bring Greten Road up to the standards for road dedication, and to enter into a contract with the homeowners association to finance the cost of the work. The motion was seconded by Cook and all approved. Swope asked if the City could still do the repaving work if the HOA decided to pay in full and not finance, and was assured that it could. When asked about timing, Booth estimated the work should be completed by June.

**Police Surplus** – Chief Hayes requested that City Council declare two police vehicles as surplus so they could be sold on GovDeals. Both have high mileage and faulty transmissions. Normal rotation is two vehicles per year. Hagan entered a motion to declare them surplus and the motion was seconded by Wetherton. All approved. Hayes took this opportunity to advise City Council that his officers are testing on-person cameras. Earlier test cameras had battery issues, but that problem appears resolved. All patrol cars are currently equipment with cameras. This adds the officer's perspective to the process. One half of the screen view is from the car camera, the second from the officer's camera. If they work, he'd like to request funding in the next budget cycle. Asked about cost, he said

cameras can run anywhere from \$300 to a couple thousand dollars each. The City has nine full-time and two-part-time officers.

**Stormwater and Green Infrastructure** – McKinley stated that the City of Anchorage, as a co-permittee with MSD, is required to educate City officials and residents on ways to mitigate storm water run-off. Each Council member was provided a handout as part of their ongoing education. She noted that impervious surface is added each year in the City as new homes are constructed and large additions are added to existing homes. With less open ground to absorb storm water, it's important that the City encourage residents to use creative methods to hold the added runoff on their properties. The handout is a good source of information towards those efforts. Mayor Hewitt mentioned that Holy Angels Academy on Old Henry Road is pursuing a project that might affect stormwater run-off into Anchorage. The City has secured the services of an engineer to study the impact.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Major advised City Council that the Deputy City Treasurer position was posted this week, and that a few resumes have already come in.
- Cook said she has received inquiries from residents about Wagner Park. To define the space, she would like to have the front three acres on Osage Road rededicated, with signage, walkways, and even landscaping along the south property line to delineate the park from the new residences. It was suggested that Mark O'Brien be contacted to help locate the pins installed when the Minor Subdivision Plat was developed. Cook and Booth will work on this effort.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

Renee M. Major  
City Clerk/Treasurer