

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

April 11, 2016
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O’Connell, Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetherton, and Brian Rublein. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were City Administrative Officer/City Treasurer Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Director Public Works Erwin Booth, and Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick.

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 14, 2016, regular meeting of City Council were reviewed. Cook asked to change the word “odd” to “unusual” on Page 1, Historic Preservation Commission, third sentence. Hagan motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and O’Connell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The March 2016 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. There were no comments or questions.

POLICE REPORT

The March Police Activity Report was presented. Hayes stated Mark McDonald will retire at the end of April 2016. The Police Department will look for someone to replace McDonald. Hayes explained there was not a break-in on Evergreen Road. The door and windows at the residence were unlocked and nothing was taken, even though items were left in the open.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the March 15, 2016 meeting were shared with Council. Wetherton said Vicki Birenberg, Certified Local Government Program and Planning Coordinator for Kentucky Heritage Council, will make a presentation at the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

FORESTRY BOARD

Forestry Board minutes from the March 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Lucy Spickard praised the Arbor Day event and Tree Give-away. Cook inquired about the status of three memorial stones for Wagner Park. Spickard replied that plans for memorial stones (and trees planted in remembrance of someone) are on hold and will be evaluated at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Road Resurfacing – Booth stated this is the smallest paving project for the City in the past several years. Since Flynn Brothers was awarded the bid for asphalt road paving for Louisville Metro, the City may utilize the same pricing without re-bidding. The total 2016 road paving contract is \$71,740. No objections by City Council were made.

Ramsey asked if tack could be sprayed on Surrey Lane. Booth said Surrey Lane residents do not want tack put on the road. The lack of tack and the presence of existing pot holes are viewed as means to control speeding. Hagan stated the new Evergreen Road/Nutwood Road Bridge seems to have reduced large truck traffic. Booth added that the Evergreen Road Bridge by Shall We Dance Studio will be repaired with a slip liner, however, he was unsure how the pedestrian walkway would be impacted. Evergreen Real Estate may be doing improvements to their property adjacent to the bridge in the near future. The City and Evergreen would work together to improve the pedestrian walkway. Cook noted there are large sections of stone that are cracked or missing on this bridge. Booth confirmed that repairing the wall will be a separate project after the slip liner tile is installed.

Catch Basin at Osage Road and Evergreen Road bids - Booth reported that asphalt erosion is occurring at this corner. After analyzing the proposals, Booth stated that the best solution was to route the storm water runoff via a catch basin and pipe that will daylight underneath and on the park side of Evergreen Road. Booth presented three bids with Flynn Brothers being the lowest at \$10,689. City Council approved unanimously. Booth noted that this area was also included in the city-wide paving project previously mentioned.

Request for Variance – 11803 Cedardale Road – Major explained that a proposed rear deck originally was planned at the start of a 15 ft. setback from the west side but was re-measured by the owner and resulted in a 20 ft. setback, permitting an additional five feet on the east side of the lot. Therefore, the variance request for the front porch addition has changed from 6.8 ft. as originally requested to 1.8 ft. The contractor stated the variance is needed to line up the porch with the existing window. Hagan motioned to approve a variance of 5' or less. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Surplus Vehicle – 2010 Chevy Impala – Hayes requested permission to sale this vehicle. Hayes reported the cost to repair the transmission was more than \$3,000, gas mileage is poor, and maintenance expenses have increased. Wetherton motioned to declare the 2010 Chevy Impala as surplus for sale. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CSX Meeting – Cook stated that the City needs to meet with CSX and RJ Corman to establish safe crosswalks over the tracks and along Glenbrook Road/Hwy 146. She also noted that improvements to the storage yard at Glenbrook Road and Highway 146 are needed. McGarvey will set up the meeting with CSX. Cook, Major, and Booth visited the site and noted crosswalks are also needed. Cook will also address visual improvements of

the CSX storage yard at the meeting. Hewitt stated that walking traffic to the new restaurant will be a safety concern that needs to be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 Tax Rate Ordinance – Second reading of the 2016 Tax Rate Ordinance by Hagan. Hagan motioned to approve the ordinance as read. O’Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2016 Supervisors of Taxes Ordinance – Second reading of the 2016 Supervisors of Taxes Ordinance by Hagan. Hagan motioned to approve the ordinance as read. Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

AT&T Cell Tower Resolution – Major reported the committee met with Roy Johnson, an AT&T cell tower representative/consultant. The committee, including McGarvey, tentatively agreed to rent abatement for AT&T in lieu of paying directly for the new monopole. Ramsey asked if AT&T will move equipment with no cost to the City. AT&T will move their equipment at their expense. The old tower will come down. Ramsey noted that the old tower will stay up for a while to allow T-Mobile to relocate. Ramsey motioned to accept this agreement. Wetherton seconded the motion. Hagan asked if the net economic benefit or another factor was the reason for this agreement. Major stated that a pro-forma was completed with projected rents and rent abatement, and the net economic benefit, which includes scrap value of the old tower, was the main factor. Major stated T-Mobile will pay back rent at a rate of \$13,800.00 per year starting back to December 1, 2013. McGarvey stated that he recommended forgiving the nuts and bolts repair invoice in lieu of T-Mobile paying to move to the new monopole. Ramsey said if the City gets a contract with Verizon the City would be economically the same. Cook explained the City would have a new, structurally sound tower and good revenue. O’Connell asked if the City would pay to take down the old tower. Ramsey explained the take down cost may be offset by the scrap value. Major noted AT&T’s rental rate is more than fair. Ramsey agreed. The motion to accept the AT&T agreement and grant the Mayor permission to sign it was unanimously approved.

Deer Hunting – Major reported that on April 6th McGarvey sent a second letter to the Attorney General regarding the City’s authority to regulate deer hunting. A response is pending.

At 6:40 p.m. Wetherton made a motion that Council move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; seconded by Ramsey. All approved. Council returned to Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk