

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Special Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

6:00 p.m.

City Hall

The City Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Connie O'Connell, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were City Administrative Officer Reneé Major, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Board Chair Lucy Spickard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:08 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 13, 2017 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Wetherton seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The March 2017 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. There were no questions or comments.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes informed City Council that Joanna Sawalich was hired on April 1, 2017 to replace Sean Franklin. She comes from the Frankfort Police Department and has 23 years of experience. Hayes commented on how much the police department appreciates everything that was done to show them support after the shooting incident on March 28, 2017. Mayor Hewitt acknowledged the City's gratitude for the presence of Lt. Mark Hoskins at the Council meeting. Hoskins was involved in the shooting.

Hannah Hayes, daughter of Chief Hayes and a secretary in Stopher Elementary student government, attended the meeting to learn about local government.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton reported that the Historic Preservation Commission, and especially commission member Dan Fultz, were very impressed with renovation plans for the Graytower House at 1401 Elm Road, which were submitted at the March meeting.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Lucy Spickard thanked Mayor Hewitt for participating in the Arbor Day event and proclaiming March 22, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Anchorage, Kentucky. Spickard thanked Reneé Major, Erwin Booth, and Trevor Whitaker for their assistance with Arbor Day. She stated that Arbor Day was a success and all the trees were given away.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Appeal of Fine for Sign Ordinance Violation – Julie Pogue

Karin Tyrer, a new realtor in the Julie Pogue Properties agency, requested forgiveness of the fine. Tyrer hosted the open house for Julie and said she was unaware of the sign regulations. Major noted that this is the second violation for Julie Pogue in Forest School. The City has photos of the current infraction, but not the first one. The penalty includes fines for improper pointer sign locations and the use of balloons. McGarvey confirmed with Major that the Civil Penalty letter

was address to Julie Pogue, then commented that Julie Pogue is ultimately responsible for the violation. He stated that nothing presented showed that no violation occurred and Tyrer just not knowing does not absolve Pogue from the penalty. O'Connell said Pogue had the responsibility to train Tyrer about sign regulations. Wetherton motioned to lower the fine to \$100.00. Rublein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Proclaim May 2017 National Historic Preservation Month in Anchorage

Rublein and Wetherton read the proclamation. Wetherton motioned to approve the resolution as read. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Upon resolution by the City Council, Mayor Hewitt signed the proclamation.

Ordinance Amending §35.25 and §35.26 – First Reading (postponed)

Amendments to Ordinance §35.25 and §35.26 are needed to bring the City of Anchorage into compliance with state laws. McGarvey inquired whether Anchorage wants to continue having its own Tax Assessor and Tax Supervisors Board or wants to use the Jefferson County tax assessments. He noted that Anchorage is the only City left that does not use the county assessments. Mayor Hewitt says Anchorage does an excellent job of assessing properties. Hewitt and the Council agreed to continue utilizing our own Tax Assessor and Tax Supervisors Board. McGarvey will draft the ordinance amendments and submit them for a first reading at the May City Council meeting.

Ordinance Establishing Helicopter Landing Sites and Permit Procedures

City Council reviewed copies of the proposed helicopter ordinance and suggested changes. The definition of calendar year in Section 1.C should state that the year begins on the permit date. Section 13 cannot expressly state the approach; however, the applicant can list the approach on the permit application. There was discussion about taking into consideration the seriousness of violations before revoking permits for six months. Hagan noted that after the fifth offense, within twelve months, the six-month revocation would be the next penalty. Correction of Section 116 to Section 16 is needed. McGarvey directed City Council to conduct a first reading by title because of the amendments made. O'Connell performed the first reading. Hagan asked if Section 6 needs clarification of no helicopter over 10,000 lbs. McGarvey said this is not a substantial change. Hagan suggested that the applicant be required to provide a site plan showing flight zones, and that the site plan be made part of the application. McGarvey said it is no problem to make a site plan map an exhibit attached to an application. Mayor Hewitt stated that the Mayor and City Administrator will be responsible for reviewing applications and asking applicants for any missing or incomplete information. Hewitt said the City can ask for proof of insurance on the application. McGarvey noted that Anchorage cannot regulate the operations of a helicopter because the FAA has authority over operations. He stated that helicopters must stay above 500 feet unless they have an agreement with the property owners. The holder of the permit is responsible for filing quarterly reports. The quarterly report design has yet to be finalized. McGarvey confirmed that restrictions cannot be added once a permit has been issued. Hewitt stated that he thought an option of a two-year permit would be reasonable. O'Connell performed the first reading by title of the Ordinance with the change from a five-year to a two-year permit term.

At 6:58 p.m. O'Connell motioned to go in executive session to discuss pending litigation. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 7:15 p.m. City Council returned from executive session

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk