

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, April 09, 2018
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O'Connell, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Reneé Major, Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, City Engineer Greg Smith, Anchorage/Middletown Fire & EMS Chief Andy Longstreet, and Anchorage/Middletown Fire & EMS Assistant Chief Mike Heilman.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Hewitt introduced Anchorage/Middletown Fire and EMS Chief Andy Longstreet. Chief Longstreet spoke to City Council about the merger of the Anchorage and Middletown Fire and EMS departments, which became effective March 01, 2018. Hagan inquired about personnel changes. Longstreet stated that key people were kept in place while some other positions changed. He noted that staff has been added. Cook asked if Anchorage ambulances were still making runs outside of Anchorage. Longstreet replied that ambulances continue to be called outside of Anchorage, but other communities such as Jeffersontown and Harrods Creek will soon have ambulances which will cause outside runs to decrease. Anchorage/ Middletown Fire & EMS has the advantage of staffing an on-duty supervisor 24 hours a day who can manage and adjust the location of the ambulances.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 19, 2018 City Council special meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Cook motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Hewitt pointed out that revenue from insurance premium tax remains high.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported that an officer and a dispatcher will both have surgery soon. A replacement for the Lieutenant position was chosen, but the person chose not to accept the position. The search for a replacement will continue.

Anchorage Police are participating in the AAA Helmet Smart Program starting Memorial Day weekend. Officers will stop kids that are wearing helmets and issue them a positive citation. Kids will be entered in a drawing, sponsored by McDonalds, to win a new bicycle.

The Anchorage Police Department receives \$4,000 annually to use for training. The Department of Criminal Justice Training KLEFPF Audit was just completed that verified the funds had been properly used.

O'Connell asked if photographs of each officer could be added to the City of Anchorage website. Hewitt voiced concern about how the photos could affect officer's ability to do undercover work. Hayes will discuss with his officers and make a decision whether to post photographs on the website.

Cook wanted clarification on missing persons. Chief Hayes explained that officers take a report and enter it into the NCIC system to declare a missing person.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were no questions regarding Historic Preservation Commission.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Major announced that the 2018 Arbor Day event was successful. Hewitt attended the event and said there was a standing room only crowd. Hagan congratulated the Forestry Board on doing an outstanding job on processing the tree selections during the tree giveaway.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Rate Ordinance – Second Reading

Hagan conducted the second reading of the ordinance establishing the 2018 tax rate. Hagan motioned to approve the ordinance and O’Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Hewitt reminded City Council that the 2018 tax bills will not include an ambulance tax. Due to the Anchorage/Middletown Fire & EMS merger in March, the ambulance tax will appear on the Jefferson County tax statements at the end of the calendar year. Anchorage billed ambulance taxes in advance, whereas, Jefferson County will bill it in arrears. Deputy City Treasurer, Sara Ritchie, will compile a list of Anchorage residents that are due a refund of 2017 ambulance taxes paid for the period that overlaps. Anchorage/Middletown Fire & EMS will process the refunds. McGarvey mentioned that the refunds will be treated as taxable income if it was taken as a deduction on their personal tax return.

NEW BUSINESS

Impervious Surface Variance Request for Swint at 11715 Hazelwood Road

City Engineer, Greg Smith, reported that the proposed driveway exceeds the impervious surface limit of 20% lot coverage. Major stated the original driveway plan was to share the existing driveway to 11711 Hazelwood Road, which crossed the Swint’s property. The Swints will install a berm as remediation to increased drainage along Hazelwood Road. Greg Smith approved the driveway and drainage plan. Ramsey motioned to approve the variance, and Hagan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2018 Resurfacing Bids

Bids were received for milling and resurfacing all of Valley View Road and Lucas Lane from Anchor Way to just passed Little Hills Lane. No vote was needed as the City accepted the lowest bid from Halls Paving Company.

Resolution to Proclaim May National Historic Preservation Month

Wetherton motioned to approve the resolution to proclaim May as National Historic Preservation Month. O’Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Walking Paths

Mayor Hewitt reported that the City has funds available for new walking paths. New paths will be located on Old Harrods Creek Road from Owl Creek Lane to Somerhill Place, Ridge Road from Bellewood Road to Walnut Lane, and Evergreen Road starting at 1607 Evergreen Road to Valley View Road. Wetherton mentioned a large tree, about 50” in diameter, along the Evergreen Road path. Booth will contact the homeowner to decide if the path can go behind the tree or if the tree will need to be removed. The ad for walking path bids will be published soon with bids due by April 25, 2018. O’Connell asked if the horse trail is included in the Evergreen Road walking path. Major replied that it is not included in the City’s plan, but it is possible that Evergreen Real Estate could pave it in the future. Booth is gathering information and pricing for pedestrian crossing lights to go on the Evergreen Road walking path. Future walking paths may include Evergreen Road to the south edge of the City and Evergreen Road north of Valley View Road. Wetherton suggested moving the horse path that goes from Homewood Drive to Valley View south approximately ten feet to avoid areas that hold water. Swint asked about a walking path along Osage Road. Hewitt said plans have not been worked out for a path there yet.

Tax Amnesty

McGarvey asked the Council for comments on creating a tax amnesty ordinance.

Executive Session

At 6:44 p.m. Wetherton motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Ramsey seconded, and the motion carried.

At 6:45 p.m. Executive Session ended with no action being taken. Ramsey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hagan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk