

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

Monday, April 08, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetherton, Jason Walters, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were: Mayor Tommy Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Anchorage Police Chief Dean Hayes, City Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, and City Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 11, 2019 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes. Walters seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hagan asked if overtime pay is included in the financial statements. Major discussed how overtime and comp time are reported.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes stated officers were busy doing house checks over spring break. There were no break-ins reported for the week of spring break.

The Anchorage Police Department will participate in the Smart Helmet program again this year. Last year, Anchorage was the highest participating agency in Jefferson County. Cook asked how Anchorage Police have worked with the Anchorage Public School to improve bike safety. Chief Hayes contacted the Superintendent, who said the school holds bike/walk-to-school days each year and publishes safety articles in their newsletter. The Anchorage Public School Representative informed the Council that the APTA has a health and safety group that can work with the police department. Cook recommended an article be printed in the next City newsletter.

Chief Hayes explained the arrests made last month consisted of a DUI, domestic case, and two outstanding warrants.

Chief Hayes also explained to Council that ten officers currently share five tasers. He is looking into replacing them because it is difficult to get parts for these tasers. Options for getting new

tasers are to lease/own new tasers or apply for a Homeland Security Grant. The cost for ten tasers ranges from \$14,000 to \$16,500. Mayor Hewitt can authorize either option, a vote is not required.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is on the agenda for the April meeting to continue discussions about their plans for adding a Fellowship Hall to the church.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

The Arbor Day event was a success. There was standing room only for the guest speaker and all trees were given away.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Proclaim May National Historic Preservation Month

Wetherton motioned to proclaim May National Historic Preservation Month. Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution to Proclaim April 27, 2019 Dr. Robert L. Malone Day

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Malone, a pastor at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church located just outside of the City of Anchorage, has served the Berrytown and Griffytown communities for 33 years. The City of Anchorage has benefited from his goodwill and volunteering, and his community kindness. Walters motioned to proclaim April 27, 2019 Dr. Robert L. Malone Day. Wetherton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ordinance Establishing 2019 Tax Rate – First Reading

Hagan conducted the first reading of the ordinance to establish the 2019 tax rate. By reducing the rate from .366 to .336 the City expects to have a small surplus at the end of the year.

Bids to repaint Exterior of City Hall

The City received two bids. Because the City uses the state purchasing policy, it is not required to obtain three bids. Hale Painting was the low bidder. The City will accept the lowest bid.

Set date for Special Meeting for Second Reading of Ordinance Establishing 2019 Tax Rate

Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16th to conduct a second reading and vote on the ordinance establishing the 2019 tax rate.

Helipad Usage Report

Major stated that the helipad in Anchorage was used only once in the first quarter of this year.

Hobbs Chapel Cemetery Deed

The deed for Hobbs Chapel Cemetery has been transferred from the Commonwealth of Kentucky to the City of Anchorage. McGarvey will research the City's legal responsibility to have a maintenance trust for the cemetery.

Coyote Concerns

Wetherton informed Council that residents are concerned over recent coyote sightings and possible coyote attacks on recently missing pets. Major will contact the Kentucky State Department of Fish and Wildlife for information about trappers.

An executive session was not needed.

Walters motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wilson and was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk