

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

**Monday, April 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Bill Wetherton, Jason Walters, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Forestry Board Member Lucy Spickard, and Forestry Board Chairperson Jan Ruzich. Guests included Philip and Norma Molestina, Charlie Bell, Chartreal Hall, Jason Ulh of MAC Construction, Claudette Patton, Rich Ary, Craig Greenberg, Stephen C., Paul Johnson, Tim Findley, Jr., Shameka Parrish-Wright, Kent Hall, and D. Dawson.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Guest speakers included Louisville Mayoral Candidates Shameka Parrish-Wright, Tim Findley, Jr., Craig Greenberg, Philip Molestina, and Chartreal Hall. They briefly discussed their platforms, and answered questions from City Council and residents.

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the March 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wilson noticed two payments to Republic Services in the same month. Melton explained that one of the Republic Services' trash/yard waste/recycling bills arrived late, the other early so both were paid in the same month.

Ramsey asked for questions regarding the FY2021 Audit. Wilson asked about the professional service expenses. Melton explained it included the audit and tax return filing.

Melton also went over the financial statements and pointed out the expense for remodeling a restroom at City Hall. Burkhead explained the expenditure that was necessary to replace the old hoist used for attaching the snow plow.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes announced that it was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, which honors the Police Dispatchers.

He also reported a second incident involving a wrong turn and a vehicle being driven on the railroad tracks at the Bellwood Road crossing. This vehicle did not get hit by a train like the previous one did.

Chief Hayes said the police radios need to be updated. He plans to pay for the updates with homeland security grant funds. As soon as the grant is posted, they will apply for it.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton announced that the City has contracted with a person to finish the Historic Preservation District Guidebook revisions. The revisions are needed to bring the guidelines up-to-date to include new materials such as solar panels, etc., and to clarify the rules and make the guidebook more user friendly.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Ruzich stated the Forestry Board has been reviewing invasive plant regulations enacted in other cities and they plan to submit recommendations for City Council to consider adopting. Spickard reviewed issues such as bamboo and mentioned potential recommendations including height restrictions and penalties. Cook suggested keeping the rules the same for all bamboo plant species. The City Attorneys will need to review the recommendations and draft an amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Tax Rate Ordinance – Second Reading

Cook conducted the second reading of the 2022 Tax Rate Ordinance to establish the tax rate on real and personal property for the tax year 2021 – 2022 at \$0.329 on each one hundred dollars of January 1, 2022 assessed value with a discount of ten percent of the value of the face amount if paid by May 31, 2022. Cook motioned to approve the tax ordinance. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Waive ABC License Fee and Wagner Park Rental Fee for Civic Club Social Event on April 22, 2022

Cook motioned to waive the Anchorage ABC license fee and Wagner Park rental fee for the Civic Club Spring Fling social event on April 22, 2022. Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Proclamation Declaring May as National Historic Preservation Month in Anchorage

Mayor Ramsey signed the proclamation declaring May as National Historic Preservation Month in Anchorage.

Resolution Approving a Historic Preservation District Commission Member

The resolution was not presented.

Bridge Projects Bids

Anchorage received bids for construction of a new stone veneer bridge over the drainage canal on Hazelwood Road at Hobbs Park Road and bridge modification to add stone veneer to complete the existing road bridge at Old Harrods Creek Road. Cook explained that the City has been working on plans for these projects for over a year, and they have incorporated ways to cut costs, however, post-pandemic prices remain high. Walters said these bridges are important features like the Anchor monument. Burkhead noted that the Hazelwood bridge has an important function to keep people from walking in the street. Burkhead recommended accepting the lowest bidder, based on price on his review of other jobs the company has done. Cook motioned to accept the lowest bid with the ability to delay the work until June. Walters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Road Paving Bids

Ramsey asked MAC Construction if the bid could be revised to remove roads and reduce the total bid to \$250, 000. McGarvey said the adjustment would be allowed if the contractor is willing to hold to the unit price. Cook motioned to accept the MAC Construction bid with the reduction to \$250,000. Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Anchorage resident Rick Ary asked City Council to consider adding a walking path on Evergreen Road from Woodland Road to Log Cabin Lane. This would require homeowner approval for an easement on the west side of Evergreen Road and is not feasible on the east side due to the terrain. Mayor Ramsey said the problem is compounded in one area because the walking path would have to move further onto the property to avoid the stone gate posts, but he will check again with the homeowner on the west side to ask for an easement.

Announcements

Civic Club will hold their Spring Fling event at Wagner Park, April 22, 5:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m.

Anchorage Garden Club's Hobbs Chapel Celebration at Hobbs Memorial Chapel, April 24, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk