

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, August 14, 2017
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Connie O'Connell, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Lt. Deron Berthold, 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 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the June 12, 2017 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The June and July 2017 Check Registers and Financial Reports were presented. A deficit was anticipated, but the actual deficit was less than expected.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes informed the Council that a man walked away from the Central State facility earlier in the day (August 14th). Officer Burkhead located the man near Harrods Creek Road and Ward Avenue, and returned him to Central State. The man went with the Officer willingly. Central State had notified Louisville Metro of the incident, but not the Anchorage Police Department. Anchorage Police worked with Central State to ensure that notifications for any future events will be sent to both Louisville Metro and the Anchorage Police Department.

Chief Hayes introduced Lieutenant Deron Berthold to the Council. Berthold was recently promoted to Lieutenant.

Resolution approving agreement with Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS)

Chief Hayes presented a resolution to make an application for a grant and enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. The grant is for \$6,750.00 and will be used to replace protective vests for Anchorage Police Officers. Life expectancy for vests currently is five years. Hagan read and motioned to approve the resolution. Cook seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Cook mentioned that several residents have expressed concerns about the size of new homes the City is allowing to be built in Anchorage. Mayor Hewitt stated that as long as a home meets zoning regulations, including Floor Area Ratio (FAR) limits, the City will issue a permit. McGarvey stated that the Floor Area Ratio limits have not changed in about thirty years. At that time, the change was a substantial reduction to FAR limits. Cook suggested including an educational article in the newsletter to explain zoning regulations, like FAR, impervious surface, and setbacks. Wetherton mentioned plans for homes to be built on Surrey Lane and the concerns for placing homes at the minimum front setback line.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Lucy Spickard said the Forestry Board is thankful for the huge amount of help from City Forester, Andrea Hanlon, in planning the 2017 Fall Canopy Campaign. Spickard explained that, this year only, residents affected by the MSD sewer expansion will be mailed a separate Fall Tree Campaign, which offers trees at wholesale prices.

Hewitt announced that he has received several compliments about the trees the City planted in Wagner Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenbrook Road Traffic Island

Cook reported that the City will replant trees that had been run over by a vehicle. The replanting will take place in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

Forestry Fine Appeal - Dena Engilman, Tree Removal without a Permit

Dena Engilman appeared before the Council to appeal the fine for removing a tree that was brought down by a storm and another tree that was dead. O'Connell noted that there was a violation for not obtaining a permit and motioned to reduce the fine by half to \$100.00. Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. A suggestion was made to write an article for the newsletter to inform and remind residents of forestry regulations.

Lakshmi Farm

Lakshmi Farm postponed their presentation to City Council.

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing BMS, LLC to administer the City's Health Reimbursement Arrangement for Fiscal Year 2018

Hagan read and motioned to approve the resolution to authorize BMS, LLC to administer the City's Health Reimbursement Arrangement. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Defense of Litigation

McGarvey stated that Louisville government sued all cities regarding authority over all solid waste. Wetherton motioned to approve the resolution to authorize the defense of this litigation. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances

Hagan conducted the first reading of the Ordinance adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

Sprint Communications Equipment Relocation Consent

Roy Johnson with Sprint said there are no loading issues with moving equipment to the new cell tower, but the location could interfere with City of Anchorage antennas. Director of Public Works, Erwin Booth informed McGarvey that the City's antennas would be moved to the top of the tower and would not interfere with Sprint's equipment. Sprint will need a forestry permit for removal of any trees. Cook motioned to consent to the relocation of Sprint Communications' equipment, subject to Sprint obtaining a forestry permit for tree removal. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Arrangements to move equipment have not been made yet with T-Mobile.

Waive ABC Special Temporary License Fee – Anchorpalooza.

Wetherton motioned to approve waiving the ABC special temporary license fee for Anchorpalooza. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hagan suggested running an article about Reach Alert in the [Anchor Age Newsletter](#).

Hewitt made the Council aware that his property taxes were paid late.

Wetherton asked about the increase in traffic that will be caused by a new development near Anchorage, and if the developer plans to ask to open Avoca Road. Hewitt's opinion is that there would be a very small chance the developer would make the request to open Avoca Road.

At 6:45 p.m. Wetherton motioned to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Hagan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council returned from executive session, and with no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk