

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

**Monday, August 09, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Patrick McMahon, Jason Walters, Bill Wetherton, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard, and guest Mitchell Kerns. Council member Matt Delehanty was absent.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Ramsey asked for the annexation section in the July 2021 minutes be revised to state that the land was purchased to reduce development. Wetherton motioned to approve the July 12, 2021 City Council regular meeting minutes with this revision. Cook seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Major explained that salary differences on the financial statements are due to one extra pay period included in 2021 and one pay period reclassified to the prior month in 2019. Wilson asked about the expenses for the cable commission and speed hump paint. Major said the Cable Commission membership provides Anchorage with legal counsel on cable franchises, excise taxes, etc. The more expensive speed hump paint cost was for a specialty product made of reflective, melted plastic that is more durable.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes reported that a vehicle knocked down the Glenbrook Road railroad crossing gate. R. J. Corman Railroad Company estimated it will cost \$100,000 to replace it. An August 1<sup>st</sup> runaway from Uspiritus was located on the Anchorage Trail the following day and returned.

Ramsey asked about the process involved in issuing citations. Chief Hayes explained, there are two types of citations, prepaid and court appearance. Anchorage police officers are required to go to court if they receive a subpoena. Anchorage pays officers \$50 for going to court as it is often on their scheduled days off. McGarvey noted that since 1976, Anchorage does not directly receive funds from the citations, and that district courts currently have a huge backlog.

Chief Hayes said the department does traffic counts on each of the six main entrance roads to the City two times per year.

Wilson asked about installing a speed sign by the school. The city must obtain a permit from the KY Dept of Transportation District 5 to install a speed sign for 30 days at a time on Hwy 146/Ridge Road by the school.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Bill Wetherton reported that all applications presented at the July meeting were approved.

**FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Spickard said the Fall Canopy Campaign information and order form will be in the September newsletter. This year there will be two specialty trees offered, one evergreen and one flowering. The specialty trees can be planted anywhere in the front yard except within 20 feet of the road.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Impervious Surface Variance Request – Kerns, 1312 Somerhill Place**

Mitchell Kerns requested an impervious surface variance for installing a firepit and patio at 1312 Somerhill Place. He explained the subdivision was developed with drainage and storm sewers that tie into the MSD infrastructure. He reviewed MSD standards and guidelines, and provided the calculations to show the additional impervious surface will have no adverse effects on adjoining properties. Ramsey pointed out that there is a creek to the right of the property, which drains well. Cook motioned to approve the variance, and thanked Mr. Kerns for the thoroughness of his work and calculations. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Anchorage Welcome Packets**

The City sends welcome packets to new residents with information about the city, services, forestry regulations, etc. Cook suggested, the welcome packets should include impervious surface regulations, eliminate duplicate information, and generally update the information overall. Delehanty suggested including short-term rental regulations. Cook said the City is currently working on revising the website and monthly newsletter, and updating the welcome packets could be included when these other revisions occur.

### **Kentucky Pension Authority: Salary Spiking Case Status**

McGarvey explained that Anchorage Police Officer Mark McDonald was on disability for two years and then worked one year before he retired several years ago. The Kentucky Retirement System interpreted this as spiking and imposed a spiking penalty against the City. The City filed a lawsuit challenging the penalty. A similar case recently decided by the Kentucky Supreme Court determined that this type of event does not qualify as spiking. McGarvey stated that he would be filing the paperwork to dismiss the case against the City citing this recent Ky Supreme Court case.

### **Banking Institutions**

Major informed Mayor Ramsey and Council that Stock Yards Bank and Trust is buying Commonwealth Bank and Trust, where most of the City's investments are held. McGarvey said the banks should merge by December 31, 2021. It is unknown if the Anchorage branch will close.

### **Executive Session**

An executive session was not needed.

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Walters seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Neil Ramsey, Mayor

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Reneé M. Major, City Clerk