

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, December 12, 2016

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 Administrative Officer Reneé Major, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, 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 6:01 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the November 14, 2016, regular meeting of City Council were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and O'Connell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The November 2016 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Cook asked about the status of the Old Harrods Creek Bridge, which had been approved. Major confirmed that the design has been approved. Cook requested information about the 44% increase in Police KLEFPF Wages. Major responded that the higher expense was due to the increase in the reimbursement rate.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported that the resident 2017 Alarm Registration form has been updated with a check-box that lets the Police know if a property has video surveillance. The Police may request video footage to aid in their investigation if there is a crime in that area.

Chief Hayes noted that Police continue to stop trucks along roads where they are prohibited. Posted signs are not deterring drivers as many drivers are following GPS directions.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were no questions or comments.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard stated the Canopy Campaign has almost been completed. One missing tree is expected to be delivered and planted in December. She also noted that all trees have been planted in Wagner Park.

OLD BUSINESS

McGarvey announced that the contract proposed by Verizon was for a 5-year term at \$18,000/year with a 2% escalation clause. This contract was not negotiated by McGarvey. City Council appointed Ramsey and Wetheron to negotiate the financial terms with Verizon and report back to the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

ABC License Ordinance Changes

Cece Hagan conducted the first reading of the ordinance amending the code of ordinance sections 112.24 and 112.47 relating to the expiration date of alcohol beverage licenses to conform to amendment in state law. The state changed their ABC license renewal dates for local governments to coincide with the county in which they are located. New ABC licenses will renew each year on November 1st going forward, making them consistent with Jefferson County.

2017-2018 Calendar Year Trash Removal Contract Renewal

Major announced that the terms of 2017-2018 Republic Services two-year contract are the same as the current contract. McGarvey confirmed that this is treated as a renewal since the rates remain the same. Cook motioned to renew the contract. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Woodland Road Sewer Extension Bids

The City received two bids for the Woodland Road Sewer Extension. Neither bid met the requirements, so the project will be rebid. Bids will be due on Thursday, December 22, 2016.

Evergreen Road Slip Liner Bids

Booth communicated that a slip liner is about half the cost of tearing out the bridge. He noted that a timeline has not been set for this project, and construction should not affect traffic. The most time-consuming portion of the project is removing 2 ½ feet of sediment under the bridge. O'Connell motioned to accept the lowest bid from All Terrain. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2017 Hazardous Tree Bids

Booth explained that Podges bought ArborWorx, and Podges recently did the work to remove the trees for the new monopole next to City Hall. A vote is not required to accept the lowest bid. Hewitt accepted the bid from Podges.

Approval of new AT&T Lease Agreement

The new monopole had to be moved back closer to the existing fence, due to a fiber optics cable already located in the area. This change required the fence to be moved out to allow an ice bridge to be installed. The fenced area will change from 30' x 30' to 30' x 40'. Rublein

motioned to accept the change. Hagan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Booth stated that the concrete foundation has been poured and the monopole should be installed on or shortly thereafter on Friday, December 16th.

Major stated that Verizon is very interested in moving to the new monopole. Major is working with Roger Firestone at T-Mobile, and mentioned that she twice contacted Sprint. Their representative stated that they would evaluate their current budget and get back with the City as to their status as to the timing of any move to the new monopole.

At 6:25 p.m. Wetherton motioned to go to executive session to discuss pending litigation. Ramsey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. City Council returned to open session from executive session at 7:05 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk