

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, December 11, 2017

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 Administrator Reneé Major, Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Board representative Nancy Wilkinson.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:04 p.m.

City Council welcomed 5th grade Arrow of Light Pack #274 at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. The Pack attended the meeting to learn about their community government.

MINUTES

Minutes from the November 13, 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 November 2017 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Mayor Hewitt indicated the pension expense would increase approximately \$91,000 from \$184,000 to \$275,000 based on current employees at the forecasted rate. The forecasted rate takes into consideration the change in the rate of return and the underfunded balances. Ramsey indicated the forecasted rate is not expected to change. Cook brought attention to the zoning compliance fee revenue, which is much higher than it was in 2015. McGarvey explained the zoning compliance fees are charged to cover the administrative costs to issue Anchorage building permits.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes requested 22 Police Department items be declared surplus property. Hayes provided a detailed list, which included items such as radar guns, computer equipment, and bikes. Hagan motioned to declare all 22 items surplus property. O’Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hayes reported two recent vehicle break-ins and one earlier in December. One of the vehicles was not locked, but was inside a garage. A Reach Alert message was sent to notify residents. Hayes also increased patrols, especially on the outer edges of the City, due to the number of break-ins

just outside the City limits. Wetherton asked if no valuables are left inside a vehicle should the owner still lock it. Chief advised everyone to lock their vehicles regardless of its content.

Hayes reported a total of 31 helicopter landings in Anchorage to date.

A traffic count was conducted on Evergreen Road, near Log Cabin Lane. There were an average of 5,000 vehicles per day during the week, 4,000 on Saturday, and 3,100 on Sunday. Seventy-five percent of the vehicles were travelling between 25 and 34 miles per hour.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton reported the single application submitted in December was approved by committee, therefore, no regular meeting was held.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Nancy Wilkinson described the Planting Hope ceremony held on November 29, 2017. The Anchorage Forestry Board and Connie O'Connell, representing Anchorage City Council, joined the children, staff, and administrators of U-Spiritus and the City of Anchorage to install a plaque and plant a wishing tree on the Bellewood campus.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazardous Tree Removal Bids

Five bids for hazardous tree removal were received. Podges Landscaping and Tree Service submitted the lowest bid. The Council agreed to accept the lowest bid. No vote was required.

Annual Financial Disclosure Forms

Annual financial disclosure forms were provided to City Council members. The due date for the completion of the forms and submitting them to City Hall is February 1, 2018.

2018 Mayoral Appointments

Ramsey motioned to confirm the 2018 Mayoral Appointments. Wetherton seconded the motion. Discussion followed about the inclusion of the Mayoral Advisory Committee on the list of Mayoral Appointments. Council agreed the Mayoral Advisory Committee is a temporary committee which does not to be listed. Cook motioned to approve the amended 2018 Mayoral Appointments without the Mayoral Advisory Committee listed as an appointment. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. A revised 2018 Mayoral Appointments list will be provided as requested.

Anchorage Tax Appraiser

Monica Westhusing, the current Anchorage Tax Appraiser, will be leaving the position after the 2018 assessment process and appeals are completed. McGarvey stated that a tax assessor is required by Kentucky law to abide by the requirements as listed in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Cell Tower Status

Wetherton requested an update on any plans regarding the cell tower. Major said T-Mobile is working through Sprint to stack their cables on Sprint's ground-located ice bridge in order to stay within the existing fenced area. Approval is first needed from Sprint followed by Anchorage City Council. Verizon's work on the tower will start at the beginning of 2018 or in early spring. Major has been contacted by a company from Phoenix that does water usage monitoring in homes. The company is interested in mounting a radio receiving antenna on the cell tower. Major will contact the company to obtain a description of the technology, intended use and height of the equipment, and a copy of their standard lease. Ramsey will use this information to research and review the lease then offer a recommendation to the City Council.

Ramsey motioned to move to executive session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss pending real estate transactions. Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Council entered executive session.

The Council returned from executive session at 6:40 p.m. Council discussed the Anchorage Middletown Ambulance and Fire Board Inter-local Agreement and Lease Agreement. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk