

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

Monday, December 09, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetherton, Jason Walters, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the November 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Cook seconded the motion, and all approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mayor Hewitt noted the insurance premium revenue is starting to increase. Major stated in response to Walter’s question that the change was not a result of the tax ordinance and it was not a large change.

Ramsey stated that the 12% increase in the employer’s portion of the pension liability is set by the KY General Assembly.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported that the police department was audited by the FBI on November 18th and 19th. They reviewed the NCIC link and radio room records.

Hayes announced that Officer Marie Allen received a Governor’s Award for DUI detection awarded by Kentucky Highway of Safety. The Anchorage Police Department also received a Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Award from AAA.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were no questions or comments regarding the Historic Preservation Commission report.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard reported that twenty-five trees were planted during the Fall Canopy Campaign. The Forestry Board will have a ceremony in the spring in honor of former employee Erwin Booth for his thirty years of total service as an Anchorage Police Officer and Anchorage Public Works Director. A tree was planted during the campaign in Booth's honor.

In the past, Anchorage received a tree from the Jefferson County League of Cities annual dinner. Major will follow up to find out if the City was awarded a tree and when it will be delivered. If so, it will be planted in the Glenbrook Road traffic circle.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Setback Variance – Todd Tamburino, 12306 Holly Lane

Mr. Tamburino presented plans to add a front porch to the existing house and requested a 13' variance into the 75' building limit line setback. The porch will not extend beyond the current home's setback, which already crosses the building limit line. Ramsey motioned to approve the 13' variance request. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayoral Appointments

Mayoral Appointments have been tabled until January 2020.

Wildlife Survey

Mayor Hewitt said the City will hold a meeting to discuss the wildlife survey results with residents. The date is to be determined. Anchorage resident Kathryn Callahan and Carolyn King, a gardener for several Anchorage residents, offered to be available as resources for wildlife information or research. Callahan discussed population control options, and Walters asked if grants are available for the some of the methods.

Approval of Waiver for ABC License for Civic Club Winter Bowl

Hagan motioned to approve the waiver of the ABC license fee for the January 12, 2020 Winter Bowl. Walters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Waiver for ABC License for Kentucky Humane Society

Wilson motioned to approve the waiver of the ABC license fee for the Kentucky Humane Society fundraiser at Owl Creek Country Club to be held December 19 – 21, 2019. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Hobbs Cemetery

Discussion on Hobbs Cemetery was tabled for a later date.

Residents' Petition Opposing St. Luke's Episcopal Church Addition

Anchorage resident Julie Schildt spoke on behalf of about "two hundred residents" that are opposed to Anchorage granting a building license for St. Luke's Episcopal Church's addition. McGarvey explained the rights and limits of Anchorage, and Ramsey spoke about the four public Historic Preservation Commission meetings held by the City where residents could view the plans and provide input. A parking waiver is not needed because the church is meeting the parking space requirements set forth by Louisville Metro, and is using grassy pavers to meet Anchorage impervious surface limits. To ensure emergency vehicles have access to the area, no parking is allowed along Maple Lane or Owl Creek Lane. Schildt asked the City to create better guidelines to address size, mass, and scale of structures. Laura Linkous asked if the City can require buffers or barriers at the church. Major replied that the City Forester worked with the church to address this on the construction/tree preservation plan. The church will plant fast growing evergreens and relocate some trees as part of the plan. Anchorage resident Lisa Carpenter spoke about watershed concerns from the church and other environmental issues.

Surrey Lane

Jake Wenz, who recently moved from Creel Lodge Drive to Surrey Lane, requested that Surrey Lane be paved. Mayor Hewitt said the road is in need of work and the City will grade the road as soon as the weather allows. He said this is normally done once or twice every year. Ramsey noted, historically, residents on this street have not wanted it to be paved.

Wilson motioned to enter executive session. Cook seconded. The motion passed and Council entered executive session at 6:50 p.m. Council returned from executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Status of Ridge Road

Tommy stated the ownership of Ridge Road from Glenbrook Road to the Avoca railroad crossing or a portion thereof is still in question. Until the ownership status can be determined and finalized, the City is unable to spend tax dollars on extensive repairs on a road that the City may not own.

Wildlife Survey

McGarvey reminded Major that the wildlife survey report needs to be re-issued as a draft as the Mayor and City Council have not formally reviewed and accepted it. Major stated that she would follow up with the contractor to have the report reprinted.

With no further business to discuss, Walters motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cook and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk