

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

Monday, December 14, 2020

6:00 p.m.

(With a Zoom teleconference option for attending)

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Jason Walters, Bill Wetherton, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard, and guests Scott Anderson, and Jerry Irwin.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the November 09, 2020 City Council regular meeting minutes. Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wilson asked if Surrey Lane paving was included in the payment to Flynn Brothers for 2020 road paving. Flynn Brothers completed the city-wide paving project. A separate contract for paving Surrey Lane was awarded to Hall Paving. Cook asked about the police department's capital expense and noted that gas expenses were less this month. Chief Hayes replied the capital expense was for new vehicles. Wilson inquired about the unrealized loss. Major explained it was a write down on investments not yet realized. Mayor Ramsey said not much will change with that. Wilson wondered about the payment to MSD when there were no payments in 2018 and 2019. Major stated MSD delayed their invoicing in prior years, so it is strictly a timing issue. Cook pointed out an increase in zoning compliance fees revenue. Major stated there was an increase in building projects.

POLICE REPORT

The November police department audit confirmed all police training was in compliance. In December, the department will start their fifth year of accreditation, which will take them through 30 years of being accredited. Anchorage Officer Cheri Bower worked with a Louisville Metro Police Foundation to help an Anchorage family in need. With approval from Chief Hayes, Bower was mentioned in the Anchorage Living magazine. She partnered with Bellewood/Uspiritus to get

ten girls sponsored for holiday gifts. Due to the generosity of the community, she will also be able to help additional families.

On December 11th, the second burglary of the year occurred. It happened on Cave Spring Place and had similarities to the first burglary on Forest School Lane.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The lengthy November meeting had one declined project, and another one that will be revised and resubmitted. An Eagle Scout project for a veteran's memorial at City Hall was reviewed. Wilson said he received several calls with concerns about Lakshmi Farms LLC's conversion of a portion of a barn to residential living space. Cook is concerned about the condition/appearance of Lakshmi Farm's chick coops. McGarvey explained the City cannot interfere with the coops because of state agricultural use regulations.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard announced the resignation of Forestry Board member Nan Dryden. She also stated the Fall Canopy Tree Campaign was a huge success with 42 new trees planted in the City.

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Veteran Memorial

James Kral presented updated plans for a veteran's memorial at City Hall. Kral met with Wetherton, Major, and Burkhead to review the plans for the area around the flag pole and City Hall sign. Kral will present the project to Historic Preservation Commission December 15, 2020 and estimated the project will cost \$10,000. Ramsey said Kral must show proof of funds raised before a permit is issued. Wetherton said the Historic Preservation Commission Certificate of Appropriateness can be issued with conditions from City Council meetings such as proof of funding required, final designs, and craftsmen doing the work must be approved.

Surrey Lane Traffic Control

Council discussed pros and cons of speed limits, speed humps, limiting vehicle types, and using the middle-of-the-road "little man" for traffic control. Cook motioned to draft an ordinance to make the enforceable speed limit on Surrey Lane 15 m.p.h. Wetherton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The ordinance will be drafted and presented at the January 2021 City Council meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Impervious Surface Variance – Curran, 12319 Forest School Lane

Jeremy Curran requested an impervious surface variance to build a new patio. Curran's property includes a large portion of Forest School Lane roadway which uses over 50% of his allowable impervious surface allowance. City Drainage Officer Greg Smith did not object to the new patio.

Wilson motioned to approve the variance. Delehanty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2021 Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Neil Ramsey presented the following 2021 appointments to City Council.

Board of Tax Supervisors, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 (New term)
Ken Purnell, Keith Sant, and Paul Wessel

Tax Assessor, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 (New term)
Lee Bailey

City Officials, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 (New term)

Paul Bergmann	Zoning Compliance Officer
Greg Smith	City Engineer & Flood Safety Officer
Cooper Robertson	Alcohol Beverage Control Officer

Ethics Commission, January 1, 2021– December 31, 2021 (New term)
Brooks Alexander

Forestry Board, January 1, 2021– December 31, 2021 (New term)

Lucy Spickard, Chairperson	Diane McAllister
Ellen Welham	Nancy Wilkinson
Jan Ruzich	Adele McCoy
Paul Wessel (new)	

Historic Preservation Commission

January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022 (Currently serving; no appt.)
William (Bill) Wetherton, Nonvoting/Chairman
Clyde Ensor

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021 (Currently serving; no appt.)

Katie Greene	Dan Fultz
Doug Schmitt	William Fowler

January 1, 2021– December 31, 2023 (New Term)
Bill Wilkinson Dan Grimm (new)

Cable Commission, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 (New term)
Reneé Major

Conservation Easement Board, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 (New term)
Brooks Alexander

Wetherton motioned to approve the mayoral appointments. Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Traffic Data Update: Evergreen Road and Old Harrods Creek Road

Police Chief Hayes reviewed traffic count data for Evergreen Road and Old Harrods Creek Road. Data included weekday, weekend vehicular traffic totals, and peak traffic hours.

Spectrum Mid-America, LLC (Charter Communications) Franchise Renewal

As a member of the Jefferson County League of Cities and the Jefferson County League of Cities Cable Commission, the City negotiated with Charter Communications to agree on a new franchise agreement. The City can now directly receive revenue from Charter for cable franchise taxes and

receive the full 5% amount, paid quarterly to the City. Major stated that revenue is based on the number of cable subscriptions and is currently expected to be \$30,000 annually. Should the number of subscriptions decrease, revenue would also be reduced. Cook made a resolution to authorize Mayor Ramsey to sign the Spectrum Mid-America, LLC (Charter Communications) Franchise Renewal Agreement. Wetherton seconded and all approved.

Public Works Bid for Evergreen Road Repair

Burkhead explained the condition of Evergreen Road and said bids were requested for the immediate repair of the hole/pavement depression in the southbound lane of Evergreen Road in front of Commonwealth Bank. In the future, the Evergreen Road will mostly likely need to be repaired and repaved to 1700 Evergreen Road. Engineer Chris Crumpton's evaluation showed water runs under the road and stop blocks will need to be installed with the future repair. Wilson motioned to accept the Flynn Brothers bid for repairing Evergreen Road in front of the bank. Delehanty seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ordinance for the Closure of Cherry Lane

The Cherry Lane closure ordinance was not discussed. Only three of the four consents were signed.

Resident Questions and Comments

Scott Anderson voiced concerns about speeding on Evergreen Road. He asked about the cost of speed deterrents such as speed humps and stated drivers are deterred by GPS technology. Ramsey said traffic studies show speed humps are not a deterrent. Jerry Irwin asked how effective the new vehicle speed display sign is at reducing speeding. Ramsey said the City will evaluate the effectiveness and may order more signs. Irwin requested additional speed limit signs to be posted along Evergreen Road as reminders. Burkhead will install speed limit signs on Evergreen Road between Osage Road and Nutwood Road.

Oaths of Office City Council

City Administrator Reneé Major administered the oaths of office to the 2021-2022 City Council members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Celebration and Town Hall Meeting

The annual Winter Bowl event will be held as an outdoor winter celebration this year, and it will be followed by the annual town hall meeting. Both events will take place at Owl Creek Country Club on Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Executive Session

An executive session was not needed.

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wetherton seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk