

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

**Monday, December 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Bill Wetherton, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Forestry Board Chair Lucy Spickard, Forestry Board Member Jan Ruzich, and Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick. Council member Jason Walters did not attend. Guests included Pat Wetherton, Aaron Thompson, Scott Anderson, Jerry Irwin, Jay Foley, Brandon Hammers, and others.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Ramsey acknowledged Connor McClure, a member of local Scout Troop 110, who is working on his communication badge.

MINUTES

Wilson said under the special hours ABC license section Mr. McGuire's first name should be corrected to Jim. Cook motioned to approve the November 08, 2021 regular meeting minutes with the correction. Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cook asked if all the proposed sewer expansion project expenses had been paid and what is included in the building maintenance expense. All sewer expansion expenses have been paid. Major explained that building maintenance expense covers all buildings owned by the City and includes payment for painting the Anchorage Fire Station.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes announced that he offered assistance to the Mayfield, Kentucky Police Chief in response to the devastating tornado damage sustained by that town this month. Hayes said federal funding would pay for the assistance and there would be no cost to Anchorage. Also, he would ensure that Anchorage has full shifts of officers while aiding Mayfield. Major noted the Jefferson County League of Cities is also working on tornado relief efforts, through which the city of Anchorage may participate. More information will be forthcoming.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton reported that there were only a few applications, however, the meeting was lengthy due to the detailed discussions. One applicant complimented the communication skills of the architects on the Commission.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard announced that all Fall Canopy Campaign trees were successfully planted in November.

After chairing the Forestry Board for six years, Spickard will step down at the end of the year. She will remain on the Forestry Board. Forestry Board member Jan Ruzich has agreed to chair the Board starting in January 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Helicopter Agreement Change

A request was made by Evergreen Real Estate to amend the current Anchorage helicopter ordinance and restrictions to allow use of a larger, heavier helicopter that exceeds the current weight limit in the ordinance, in this case an AW139, to narrow the allowable areas for approaches and takeoff, decrease total annual number of flights, and increase the number of weekly flights. There was a presentation and much discussion about the size, safety, and increased noise of the proposed helicopter. According to residents in attendance and letters received by the City, residents are not in favor of amending the current regulations and expressed concern over continued amendments in the future. City Council members did not make any motions to amend the ordinance or change the current restrictions. The mayor agreed to table the discussion until the next City Council meeting in January 2022.

2021 Hazardous Tree Removal Bids

Burkhead presented the 2021 hazardous tree removal bids to City Council and recommended they accept the bid from Podges Tree Service based on: (1) the price nearly being the lowest bid, (2) best delivery, and (3) past/related experience. Wilson motioned to accept the Podge's Tree Service bid for the reasons stated by Burkhead. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Executive Session

An executive session was not needed.

Announcements

City Hall and Public Works will be closed Dec. 23, 24, and 31 for the holidays.

Council members and the mayor were informed of the January 7, 2022 deadline to file candidate forms for the 2022 elections. It was recommended that applications be submitted to Major before Christmas to allow sufficient time to file them at the Jefferson County Clerk Elections Office.

The Anchorage Civic Club Winter Bowl event and Anchorage Town Hall meeting will be held February 06, 2022.

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk