

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

February 2, 2015
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 Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley, City Clerk Treasurer Renee' Major, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Police Lieutenant Mark Hoskins, City Attorney John McGarvey, and guest Diane McAllister.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 12, 2015, Regular Meeting of City Council were reviewed. Cook made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, O'Connell seconded, and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The January 2015 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Mayor Hewitt commented that the January activity was fairly routine. No additional comments were made or questions asked.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported that he anticipates hiring two part-time police officers by mid-to-late February. The deadline to apply for the full-time police officer position was January 31, 2015. Forty-five applications were received. Currently, he is interviewing five applicants for one full-time police officer position. Ramsey inquired if the Anchorage Police were monitoring council residences at different times as he has had a patrol vehicle in his driveway later at night than usual. Chief Hayes explained that the times varied to optimize security/monitoring. If it were an issue, he would speak to the patrolling officer.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

No minutes were presented. Ramsey and Wetherton were complimented and thanked for their presentations of the history of Anchorage and their own historic homes to a large audience at the Middletown Branch Library on 31 January.

FORESTRY BOARD

No minutes were presented. McAllister stated that the monthly Forestry meeting time would be changed from 9:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. to accommodate the schedule of the Forester, Andrea Hanlon. Hewitt stated that Hanlon's forester contract was being reviewed. Cook inquired about the number of hours Hanlon engaged in City business and a description of

work required. McKinley stated that the forester's job is defined by City Ordinance. Cook and Hagan asked if the monthly contract cost of \$1610.00 (\$19,320/year) was reasonable. McKinley stated that she polled two neighboring cities that contract with Hanlon for the cost of their contract. Both contracts were for less services. The City of Hurstbourne pays \$19,458/yr. while the City of Prospect pays \$17,748/yr.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Hazardous Tree Removal Bids Booth presented seven bids for the 2015 Hazardous Tree Removal Contract ranging from \$17,550 from Kentucky Tree to \$33,425 from D & J Tree Service. Booth stated that it was not unusual for additional work to be added to the contract on an as-needed basis. Booth recommended the lowest bid from Kentucky Tree for \$17,550 since it was the lowest price and the favorable past experience working with them. The contract to Kentucky Tree was awarded without a formal vote.

Council went into executive session at 6:18 p.m. and came out at 6:37 p.m. No action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Renee M. Major
City Clerk Treasurer