

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

February 8, 2016
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 Administrative Officer Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, City Attorney John McGarvey, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and guest speaker Rob Walker.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:06 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 11, 2016, Regular Meeting of City Council were reviewed. O’Connell motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and Cook seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The January 2016 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Cook asked for clarification of maintenance beautification, maintenance, and building maintenance expenses. Beautification included street signs and landscape. Maintenance included expenses for the dump truck and repairs on trucks. The police station roof was included in building maintenance.

POLICE REPORT

The January Police Activity Report was presented. Hayes provided Council with copies of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police letter of Accreditation. The Anchorage Police Department met all 169 standards and had no errors.

The Anchorage Police Department is rehiring Brian Warren. He will be a third shift parole officer. The police department will be fully staffed after this hire.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting were shared with Council. There were no questions for Wetherton, and he had nothing to add.

FORESTRY BOARD

Forestry Board minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting were presented. Diane McAllister announced that Lucy Spickard is the new chairperson as of January 1, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

City Hall Shutter Replacement – Booth provided Council with copies of bids to replace the non-compliant shutters on the City Hall addition. HKC Roofing & Construction bid \$17,984.00 for replacing City Hall shutters and \$9,329.00 for replacing shutters on the firehouse. K-I Lumber & Building Materials bid \$3,863.15 to replace City Hall shutters and \$3,864.27 to replace the firehouse shutters. Wetherton proposed sharing the cost 50/50 with the firehouse. Wetherton noted that the fire house is grandfathered in, therefore, those shutters do not need to be replaced. However, the firehouse shutters do need to be painted. Wetherton motioned to replace the shutters at City Hall only. O’Connell seconded. The motion passed 5 to 1 to accept the lowest bid. No motion was made to replace the firehouse shutters.

AT&T Cell Tower – Copies of Johnson Project Management’s site plan and tower design were provided to the Council. Copies of the Second Amendment to Tower Option and Lease Agreement, and Cell Tower Revenue/Lease Analysis were also provided. The City of Anchorage sent a letter to AT&T to request payment of the delinquent lease amounts. The possibility of revising the AT&T lease was mentioned because AT&T made changes (removed excess equipment, the top section of the tower, adding guy wires, etc.) to the tower at their expense. The City of Anchorage will bear the expense of moving T-Mobile and Sprint equipment to the new tower. A Verison representative at the meeting said Verison has very high interest in being located on the new tower. Adding Verison equipment to the old tower would put it overweight. Verison’s typical contract is written for a total of 25 years (5 year terms with 4 renewals). Roy Johnson is polling tenants regarding interest in the new tower. There is growth potential for the new tower. Towers are not expected to become obsolete due to the transmission of more and more data. In light of federal government regulations on lattice towers, many towers are being replaced, rather than modified. Installation of a monopole tower is estimated to cost \$140,000, not including adding/moving equipment. No vote was taken as more information is needed. Major will form a sub-committee to research the project. Major reviewed the Revenue/Lease Analysis.

NEW BUSINESS

Pipe Installation at Owl Creek/Old Harrods Creek

Booth provided Council with copies of bids from Flynn Brothers and UCS (United Construction & Design, LLC) to replace the pipe at Owl Creek and Old Harrods Creek. Half of the ditch was uncovered, which revealed that not much of the old pipe is left. Mac construction is doing MSD work in the area. They are required to pave within 100 feet of where they dig. The Council agreed to not install a catch basin or extend the current pipe in this area at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Landing Pad – City Hall received one phone call regarding a helicopter in the area. City of Anchorage’s authority to regulate helicopter landings/landing pads was discussed. FAA flight standards would regulate flights. John Schnatter is interested in installing a helipad. The proximity to city limits and noise levels are concerns.

Potential Nursing Home

Major reported that City Hall received emails investigating the procedures for building a nursing home in Anchorage. No location was specified. McGarvey noted that nursing homes are conditional use, and FAR requirements cannot get a variance.

Walking Paths

A resident asked for the City of Anchorage to consider installing a walking path at Ridge Road and Anchorage Pointe. McGarvey noted that CSX owns part of that property and would not be feasible.

Holy Angels

The City of Anchorage approval of the Holy Angels project has been completed. The City of Middletown also approved the Holy Angels project. The projected start date for construction is late spring or early summer.

Deer Hunting

McGarvey sought council from the Attorney General regarding bow hunting of deer in the City of Anchorage. McGarvey stated that the Attorney General’s office requested additional information from him before issuing a legal opinion.

Introduction Receptionist/Clerk

Angie Chick was introduced as the new receptionist/clerk for the City of Anchorage. She replaced Sandy Kunzler, who retired at the end of January.

At 6:45 p.m. Wetherton made a motion that Council move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; seconded by Hagan. All approved. Council returned to Regular Session at 7:11 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk