

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, February 12, 2018

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 Administrator Reneé Major, Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Board representative Lucy Spickard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:08 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the January 9, 2018 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Hagan motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The January 2018 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Major noted the higher than average insurance premium tax revenue, and said the City received and verified a couple large tax payments.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes said the department continues to investigate recent car break-ins. They have some video of a suspect.

Thirty people have submitted applications for the Lieutenant position, which will be vacant after Lt. Mark Hoskins retires at the end of the month.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Wetherton reported that Becky Miller composed a letter that states the purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission. The letter was read at the beginning of their January meeting and was noted as part of the minutes. Wetherton said the Historic Preservation Commission assesses projects that meet zoning requirements and reviews whether they are compatible with the neighborhood, among other things. McGarvey stated that a title report would show when a lot is subject additional restrictions such as the Historic Preservation Commission, which is over and above the zoning district.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Lucy Spickard announced that March 21, 2018 is Arbor Day. Barbie Tafel will be the featured speaker. The tree give-away will be Wednesday, March 21 after the event and Sunday, March 25. Hagan thanked the Forestry Board because their work resulted in 371 trees being planted in Anchorage last year. She also congratulated Spickard on being named Civic Club Citizen of the Year.

It was noted that replacement of hazardous trees removed by the City from the right-of-ways is up to the homeowners.

Spickard thanked City Council for supporting the Forestry Board's work to plant trees in Anchorage. O'Connell said more trees had been planted thanks to the Forestry Board's special offer as part of the Fall Canopy Campaign to residents affected by sewer expansion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **T-Mobile Tower Lease**

In 2013, T-Mobile offered a Bill of Sale to Anchorage to take ownership of the cell tower. The tower was in poor condition, so an agreement was negotiated whereby the City would repair and take possession of the tower in exchange for T-Mobile paying delinquent rent and removing their equipment. Within the last few months, T-Mobile proposed a lease amendment/extension that would continue at the current below-market rental rate. McGarvey said this was not acceptable, and should include rent at fair market value upon renewal in 2023. Ramsey motioned to approve the lease extension at fair market value rent. Wetherton seconded the motion and all approved. McGarvey stated that he will ask T-Mobile to also provide a structural analysis report.

### **Verizon Tower Lease**

Verizon submitted a lease amendment that allows additional equipment to be installed on the tower. Verizon will be required to provide a structural analysis prior to accepting the lease agreement. Ramsey motioned to accept the Verizon lease amendment subject to a structural analysis. Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

AT&T requested additional space on the tower and agreed to provide a structural analysis report. There will be a total of four mobile-phone providers on the tower: AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, and Verizon.

### **Financial Audit**

Cook asked if there were any comments or concerns about the new auditors. Major informed the Council that the auditors were very thorough and detail-oriented. She also informed Council that a prior-year adjustment will show up next year to recognize rental payments on the monopole in lieu of the asset.

### **Sewer Expansion**

O'Connell reported that the initial water sample reports have been completed. If sewers are installed in the Southeast corner of Anchorage, homeowners on affected streets would have three years to connect to the sewer. In response to Hagan's question, it was noted that there are approximately 94 homes in the area being considered for sewers.

### **Announcements**

A public zoning meeting will be held at the Anchorage Firehouse on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 regarding two parcels on Old Henry Road. The meeting will give residents the opportunity to obtain insight and ask questions about rezoning the two parcels of land, located just east of the Anchorage city limits, from R-4 to CM (commercial manufacturing).

Ramsey thanked Lieutenant Mark Hoskins for his many years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.

No executive session was needed.

O'Connell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

Reneé M. Major  
City Clerk