

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

Monday, February 11, 2019  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Bill Wetherton, Neil Ramsey, and Jason Walters. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, City Administrator Reneé Major, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Gary Burkhead, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Chairperson Lucy Spickard.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the January 14, 2019 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes, Ramsey seconded the motion, and all approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

There were no questions regarding the treasurer’s report.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes reported that Officer Jeff Medley has been hired to fill the position vacated by Officer Taylor. Taylor has 22 years of experience with the Kentucky State Police including investigative, supervisory and security detail positions.

Chief Hayes thanked Gary Burkhead for doing a great job as an Anchorage Police Officer. Burkhead has been hired to be the Anchorage Director of Public Works. Officer Marie Allan has been offered the position vacated by Burkhead, and will start on February 24<sup>th</sup>, pending a clean background check. Allan previously worked for the Frankfort Police Department.

Hagan asked for clarification on school security and truck stops. Hayes explained that numbers reported for school security are the number of times officers are in the school. This includes each officer’s daily walk-arounds and attending school functions. Truck stops are mainly stopping tractor trailers that are over the limit for length, for which drivers can be issued citations.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Hagan asked for an update on the Historic Preservation District Guidebook revision project. Wetherton reported CRA, the firm hired to revise the guidebook, finished taking photos and looked

at items in Anchorage Archives last week. A preliminary guidebook is expected to be ready at the end of February. A public meeting will be held to obtain residents' input. This will be used to revise the guidebook before presenting it to City Council for approval. It could be complete in March or April.

Cook asked if the parking for the St. Luke's Episcopal Church addition, which will be presented at the next HPC meeting, is acceptable. That will be determined at the HPC meeting. The City Engineer will review their drainage plan. The City may hire an outside engineer to do a second review because of the complicated nature of the project.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Lucy Spickard, Chairman of the Forestry Board, thanked the soon-to-leave Director of Public Works, Erwin Booth, and congratulated Burkhead on his new position. Arbor Day is March 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Tree Give-Away is March 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Renewal of Republic Services Contract**

McGarvey said Republic Services wanted to increase the price for recycling, due to the lack of after market opportunities. The current contract has no provision to allow such an increase. Republic Services revised the contract so that the price did not increase. The contract states that Republic Services can request an increase, and removed the guarantee for warranty on trash cans. Ramsey motioned to authorize Mayor Hewitt to sign the revised contract. Walters seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Cell Tower Demolition/Removal Bids**

Western Alarm has equipment on the old tower which needs to be removed or abandoned. Over the past year, the City made requests for equipment to be removed by Western Alarm. The City will issue a notice to Western Alarm to give them three weeks to remove the equipment. Olympic Construction was the lowest bidder for demolition and removal of the cell tower. Booth checked their references and received good reports. He noted the company has an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau, they removed a 180' cell tower for one of the references, and they provided proof of insurance. Antennas for Public Works will be installed by ECM on the new tower. No vote is needed to accept the lowest bidder.

### **Evergreen Road Walking Path Bids**

Luis Ramos Asphalt was the low bidder. They have done work for the City in the past. The path will be constructed along Evergreen Road between Log Cabin Lane and Cedardale Road. No vote is needed to accept the lowest bid.

### **Introduction of new Director of Public Works**

Major announced that this is Erwin Booth's last City Council meeting as he is retiring. She announced Gary Burkhead as the new Director of Public Works. Major noted there were twenty-

five applicants for the position, and five were chosen for interviews. Burkhead had been an Anchorage police officer for the past twenty years.

### **Request to Replace Dump Truck**

Booth submitted a request to replace the 2000 Ford F55 Dump Truck. Paul Miller Ford has the state contract and offers the best price at \$75,678.00. It will take four to five months to get the truck once it is ordered. A motion needs to be approved by City Council since the truck is not listed in the current budget. Walters motioned to approve purchasing the new dump truck from Paul Miller Ford. Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Residents Request Walking Path on Osage Road**

Leslie McClure represented a group of residents in attendance and presented a request for a new walking path along Osage Road. An increase in local and non-local traffic, blind corners, and the lack of shoulders along the road were reasons given for the need of a walking path. Mayor Hewitt and City Council members stated that they are looking into finding a solution to be able to construct a walking path there. They are looking at easements, traffic counts, the City's budget, and possible striping to create cross walks to make it work.

### **Road Island Damage**

Cook reported damage done by vehicles to islands in an area where there are three major construction projects underway. Without proof of who is responsible, the City cannot fine any of the builders. Ramsey suggested that City send letters to each of the contractors.

At 7:07 p.m. Hagan motioned to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council returned from executive session, and with no further business to discuss, Ramsey motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Hagan and was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

Reneé M. Major  
City Clerk