

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

Monday, February 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

Councilmembers in attendance were Cece Hagan, Neil Ramsey, Jason Walters, Hunter Wilson, and Bill Wetherton. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard. Councilmember Diane Cook was not in attendance.

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

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the January 2020 minutes. Hagan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The financial audit for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2019 is being reviewed and approved by the Anchorage financial committee. The final audited financial statements will be published and distributed in March.

POLICE REPORT

Ray Brun resigned from his position as an Anchorage police officer. Chief Hayes hired Charles “Chuck” Mann to fill the position. Mann is expected to begin in one or two weeks. Hagan suggested the City meet with Uspiritus/Centerstone due to another reported missing person. Chief Hayes and Hagan will schedule a meeting with Centerstone to address concerns.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A Historic Preservation Commission meeting was not held in January. No applications for Certificates of Appropriateness were received. The next meeting will be February 18, 2020.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

The Forestry Board is working on the Arbor Day Program for the March 18th event.

OLD BUSINESS

Hobbs Chapel and Cemetery

Hagan reported that the City of Anchorage will continue to perform regular lawn maintenance of Hobbs Cemetery. Anchorage Garden Club will reimburse the City for any invoiced expenses that get billed to the City. McGarvey recommended the City maintain control and be responsible for items such as issuing annual tax forms, e.g. MISC Form 1099s to contractors, and get reimbursed by the Anchorage Garden Club.

NEW BUSINESS

Uspiritus Compliance Letter

Major stated the City received the standard annual compliance letter sent by Uspiritus (Centerstone) in lieu of sending a representative to the City Council meeting.

Ordinance Adjusting Insurance Premium Tax – First Reading

Hagan conducted the first reading of the ordinance to adjust the insurance premium tax. An increase in the tax rate passed last year as a preemptive measure to keep the funds from being directed to Louisville and in time to notify the state insurance department by the March deadline. Once a tax rate is set and reported to the state, it stays in effect for the entire fiscal year.

Sewer Project Status

Hewitt said the City has been analyzing a sewer extension in the southeast portion of the City for the past two years. Wilson stated that water sampling had been done and the next step is to do core sampling and geotechnical testing in order to gauge the amount of subsurface rock and obtain accurate bid estimates. Ramsey motioned to accept the low core sampling bid of \$13,850.00 from ECS Southeast, LLP. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. McGarvey noted an Anchorage ordinance sets the cost to residents for sewer installation. The ordinance may be amended to set fees based on criteria such as fee per linear foot or a flat fee.

Waive Temporary ABC License Fee for APTA Auction

Wilson motioned to waive the temporary ABC license fee for the 2020 APTA auction. Ramsey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resignation of Cecelia Hagan

Cecelia Hagan submitted a letter of resignation as a member of the Anchorage City Council. Wilson motioned to accept Hagan's resignation. Walters seconded the motion. Ramsey, Walters, Wilson, and Wetherton voted to approve the motion. Hagan abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

Executive Order appointing Cecelia Hagan as Deputy Mayor

Mayor Hewitt issued an executive order appointing Cecelia Hagan as Deputy Mayor of the City of Anchorage. Ramsey motioned to approve the executive order. Wilson seconded the motion. Ramsey, Walters, Wilson, and Wetherton voted to approve the motion. Hagan abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

Appointment of Matthew Delehanty to fill City Council Vacancy

Mayor Hewitt appointed Matthew Delehanty to fill the City Council vacancy by Hagan. Wilson motioned to accept Hewitt’s appointment of Delehanty to City Council. Wetherton seconded the motion. Ramsey, Walters, Wilson, and Wetherton voted to approve the motion. The motion passed.

Anchorage resident Tara Mouser asked the Mayor and City Council to look at installing a walking path along Osage Road. Hewitt said the Holtons have agreed to assist with building a sidewalk near their property, and the City is contemplating where the remaining path should cross the road to the north side. It was noted that the replacement of the bridge at Old Harrods Creek is a financial priority at this time so the walking path construction may be delayed until funds are available.

An executive session was not needed.

With no further business to discuss, Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wetherton and was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk