

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL  
January 12, 2015**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O’Connell, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor 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, Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, and guests Nan Dryden and Ed Weyler.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 8, 2014, meeting were presented. There were no changes or comments. A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Ramsey to approve the minutes, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the December 10, 2014 Special meeting were reviewed and Hagan requested that an additional line be added to her comments for clarification. Wetherton moved to approve the minutes with the correction and Hagan seconded. A vote was taken and all approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The December Check Register and Financial Reports were presented. O’Connell inquired about the Jon Atchison tuition expenditure and was informed that he is a police officer going back to school for his masters. When the education is directly related to an employee’s work at the City, the City will provide tuition and book fees for approved courses, subject to an agreement between the employee and the City. Atchison’s agreement was drafted by Major and approved by McGarvey. Ramsey then asked about the payment to Brenan, Recupero & Casciome and McGarvey stated they are the Rhode Island legal firm that assisted with the depositions. Copies of the Fiscal Year 2014 audited financials were distributed to Council. Members were asked to review the documents and email Major if they had questions.

**POLICE REPORT**

The December Activity Report was presented for Council’s review. There were no questions concerning the report. Chief Hayes reported that the APD is currently short staffed due to a resignation, a knee injury that will put an officer on medical leave for at least a month, and a bereavement leave. An ad for part-time officers was recently posted and he hopes to fill positions shortly. Ramsey asked if Hayes proposes any changes at the Police Department. Hayes said he’s still in the information-gathering phase. He did note that speeding remains an issue and is a high priority. Mayor Hewitt injected that despite the advance warning to residents in the last *Anchor Age* that police would target speeders on Bellewood and Hazelwood Roads, he expects half of the offenders will be Anchorage residents.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes from the Commission's December meeting were presented. There were no questions from Council and Wetherton had nothing to add.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Nan Dryden, representing the Board in McAllister's absence, shared the January Forestry Board minutes with Council. There were no questions regarding the minutes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**City Forestry Contract** – Council members were given a copy of the proposed Forester's Contract. The Forestry Board expressed concerns about Andrea Hanlon's commitment to the Board. Ramsey asked if she had missed all meetings last year. It was clarified that she did attend a few, although she was required under the previous Timmons & Associates contract to attend all sessions to provide guidance. Mayor Hewitt asked Council to review the document and call him if they had any questions. The contract will be placed back on the February meeting's agenda for discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2015 Mayoral Appointments** – A list of Mayor Hewitt's appointments were presented. Wetherton mentioned that Greta Chessler has expressed interest in serving on the Historic Commission, but at present he is seeking another architect to fill the existing vacancy. Ramsey entered a motion to approve the appointments; seconded by O'Connell and unanimously approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Ethics and Financial Disclosure Notices; Open Records/Meetings Certifications**

Kunzler provided the recently elected Mayor and Council with their required Financial Disclosure form and a copy of the City's Ethics Ordinance. McKinley stated that due to the size of the Managing Government Records and Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Acts documents, she proposed they be emailed to all elected and appointed officials with a read receipt. The receipt should be signed and returned as soon as possible so certification can be forwarded to the Attorney General. Everyone agreed that was acceptable.

Wetherton briefly discussed four topics: Trace Mayer asked Wetherton to extend his thanks to Council for their foresight to purchase the land in Middletown at the end of Ridge Road. The custom fence for Wagner Park is coming along and should be finished and installed in about two weeks. Ramsey and Wetherton will be presenting the history of Anchorage and the history of their historic homes at the Middletown Branch Library at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Wetherton was not pleased with the copper work completed at Hobbs Chapel. He notified Jay Foley and the owner of American Roofing and Metal who did the work. American Roofing has stripped the copper and agreed to replace it at their expense.

Cook announced that the reworked specifications for the Evergreen/Nutwood box culvert project are complete, and the project is going back out for bid on Wednesday. The specifications for the City entrance signs are in process and the Request for Bid should be published next week.

Ramsey made a motion for Council to move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Hagan, and all approved. Council went into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. They returned to Regular Session at 6:49 p.m. No action was taken and the meeting adjourned.

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W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

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Renee Major  
City Clerk