

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, January 8, 2018
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, 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. Connie O’Connell was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 11, 2017 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Ramsey motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The December 2017 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Mayor Hewitt pointed out the insurance premium tax is approximately \$200,000 more than the previous year.

POLICE REPORT

The City of Anchorage filed a request for administrative review of Mark McDonald’s retirement. McDonald was off duty due to an injury then returned to regular duty prior to retiring. The City of Anchorage was assessed an additional sum by Kentucky Retirement System due to “spiking” his salary before his retirement.

Chief Hayes presented the 2017 year-end summary for the Anchorage Police Department. Hayes stated he is proud of the effort put forth by all Anchorage officers and that crime in Anchorage during 2017 was lower than any previously reported time.

Wetherton shared that Anchorage resident, Mildred Ewen, recently suffered a medical emergency and was highly complimentary of the three Anchorage officers and two EMS responders who assisted her.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton reported there were no applications for the month of December, therefore, no meeting was held.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Lucy Spickard thanked the Mayor for appointing Jan Rusich to the Forestry Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Waiving the Anchorage ABC License Fee for the Civic Club Winter Bowl

Ramsey motioned to wave the Anchorage ABC license fee for the Civic Club's Winter Bowl event. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Anchorage – Middletown Ambulance and Fire Board Merger

McGarvey recommended approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Anchorage, Anchorage Fire Protections District, and Middletown Fires Protection District. Hagen inquired about the benchmarks for levels of service. McGarvey stated, levels of service are covered in section 4.2 of the agreement. McGarvey has a report listing Anchorage response times for the past five years. Section 4.2 will be amended to expand the wording AFD to AFD Ambulance and Fire, and to change response times listed in Appendix B from the last two years to the last five years. Hagan and Ramsey will review and approve wording in the final agreement. Section 10.2 of the agreement provides the right for parties to litigate, if necessary, for breach of contract to remedy performance levels. Required staffing limits are also set by the agreement. The agreement includes the restriction that if the Anchorage Fire Department is moved from its current location it must stay within the City of Anchorage limits. Ramsey motioned for a resolution to give Mayor Hewitt the authority to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement including changes to section 4.2 listed above. Wetherton seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved (O'Connell absent).

City Council members reviewed the Lease Agreement between the City of Anchorage and Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS for property and structures located at 1400 Evergreen Road, Anchorage, KY 40223 (Anchorage Firehouse). Mayor Hewitt and City Council discussed the rights of the City of Anchorage to recommend a person to be appointed to the Tenant's Board of Trustees. Section 17 Board of Trustees will be amended to include language stating every third year Middletown agrees to support a person nominated to the Board of Trustees by the City of Anchorage. Ramsey motioned for a resolution to authorize Mayor Hewitt to sign the Lease Agreement with the change to Section 17 listed above. Wetherton seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved (O'Connell absent).

Anchorage Archives

Wetherton reported that Anchorage Archives items can not be insured because they cannot be replaced. The City is investigating ways to preserve documents and photos, and possibly provide a way for anyone to access archives for research without having to visit City Hall. Wetherton met with Anchorage Archives personnel and a document/photo storage company to discuss digitizing City Archives. Council discussed the cost, time, and alternatives. They noted that some storage providers lessen file quality, compress files, take ownership of files, and are not accessible for research. Major said the next steps are for the Anchorage Archives committee to determine what

items get scanned, determine the amount of storage needed, and then determine how to proceed. City Council agreed digitizing Archives is a good idea and utilizing City general funds for this project is permissible. Although, no cost amount was discussed nor approved at this time. The Anchorage Archives Committee will establish the guidelines for obtaining bids or proposals and report their findings to City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Tower Lease Agreement

McGarvey recommended a resolution be made allowing Mayor Hewitt to sign the First Amendment to the Verizon Tower Lease Agreement subject to its approval by engineer, Chris Crumpton. Ramsey motion for said resolution to be made. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Town Hall Meeting

Cece Hagan will present the annual report on the City at the Town Hall meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018 in the absence of the Mayor.

Highway 146 Committee

Mayor Hewitt will designate a committee to spearhead a project to transition the section of Highway 146 between Hurstbourne Lane and Gene Snyder Freeway from being a state-controlled road to a local, Anchorage road. Louisville Metro is currently paid by the State to maintain this section of road. Highway 146 traffic from Lyndon could be rerouted along Hurstbourne Lane to Westport Road to Gene Snyder. Roads on this route are four lanes wide.

No executive session was needed.

Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wetherton seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk