

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

Monday, January 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

(With a Zoom teleconference option for attending)

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Jason Walters, and Bill Wetherton. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard, and Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS Colonel Mike Heilman.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Wetherton motioned to approve the December 14, 2020 City Council regular meeting minutes. Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cook asked about the increased administrative payroll expenditures. Major stated due to the January 1 banking holiday, a third payroll was expensed in December resulting in all payroll expenditures increasing in comparison to prior years.

Delehanty asked where the City placed the newly purchased radar speed display sign. Ramsey replied that the sign is currently on Old Harrods Creek Road and noted it is a mobile sign that records speed and traffic counts. It will stay in this location to collect data for four to five more weeks before it is moved to other locations.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes recently sent a city-wide Reach Alert regarding recent break-ins and car thefts. The City's second burglary of 2020, occurred at the end of December while the residents were at home. Items were taken but they were not harmed. A previous burglary in June was the City's first one in two-and-a-half years. Thefts from cars are happening in the parking lot near the trail head, as well as, Tom Sawyer Park, Hayes Park, and in Middletown. McMahon asked about adding security cameras. Chief Hayes stated there are existing cameras and the City is looking into installing additional cameras at the 5-way stop near the school. Hayes also stated the police

department has a map of properties that have cameras and can ask for video to investigate crimes. Ramsey said the City may consider adding street lights in very dark areas such as Anchor Way.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were no questions or comments.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard said Anchorage qualified for the Arbor Day Foundation Growth Award for 2020. Ramsey received a very complimentary email from the State regarding the Anchorage growth award. Spickard also announced that all the printed Forestry Board 2021 wall calendars had been handed out to residents and Anchorage businesses. She thanked Jan Ruzich for her great efforts to distribute the calendars.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Setback Variance for garage/bedroom addition – Rousseau, 1701 Evergreen Road

The Rousseau's contractor, Bill Wilkinson, presented a request for a rear yard setback variance for construction of a two-car garage and master bedroom suite. They ask for the 50' rear setback to be reduced to 28.5' in order to maintain the architectural integrity of the home. Cook noted a variance requires proof of a hardship, which is hard to argue for this property. Council asked if the owners got approval from adjacent neighbors. Walters motioned to approve the variance. Council further discussed the request asking if it had already been submitted to Louisville Metro Board of Zoning Adjustments (BOZA). A second of the motion was not offered. Cook asked if the owners could delay the BOZA meeting until City Council can be advised on the neighbors' stance, particularly the Donans. After the first motion failed to have a second, Walters then motioned for the City to take no position, neither approve nor deny it. McMahan seconded. Walters and McMahan voted in favor of the motion to take no position. Cook, Delehanty, and Wetherton voted against the motion. The motion did not pass, so by default the City will take no action.

Setback Variance for pool house addition – Wrinkles, 11801 E. Osage Road

Alex Wrinkles presented their request to construct an attached pool house in the rear yard setback. They asked for a variance of 23'8" as the proposed structure would be no closer than 26'4" to the property line. Wrinkles wishes to keep the pool house and pool behind the home for privacy. Walters motioned to approve the variance. No second to the motion was made. Delehanty would like to hear the neighbor's opinions. Ramsey questioned if it is feasible to move the pool house. Wrinkles replied, it would be feasible but challenging and they would lose privacy. Cook recommended changing the plans to mitigate or lessen the number of feet for the variance. McGarvey discussed pros and cons for both variances presented at this meeting. Pros for both are

that the Anchorage Zoning Officer supported both requests. Cons are that both are large requests percentage wise, where normally variance requests are small. There was no second to the motion to approve and no vote taken. Ramsey informed Wrinkles that he has the right to go to BOZA, however, he suggested that Wrinkles mitigate the plans and get approval from the neighbors and Anchorage City Council first.

Hazardous Tree Bids

Burkhead summarized the bids received for hazardous tree removal. No vote was needed for accepting the lowest bid. The contract was awarded to Podges Tree Service.

Ordinance Amending Section §71.009 and Establishing a 15-mph Speed Limit for Surrey Lane and a Portion of Evergreen Road

Cook conducted the first reading of an ordinance amending Section §71.009 and establishing a 15-mph speed limit for Surrey Lane and a Portion of Evergreen Road.

Subcommittee to Review Sign Ordinance

Ramsey asked Wetherton and McMahon to review the City's sign ordinance and present their recommendations for amending it to City Council.

Renewal of Republic Services Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste Removal Contract

Major explained the current trash, recycling, and yard waste contract with Republic Services expires on 28 February 2021 and includes an option for a two-year renewal. Republic Services requested the renewal be amended to reduce recycling pick-up from once a week to every other week (bi-weekly) with assurance that all customers have 96-gallon carts per the current contract. Republic Services wants the change to reduce their carbon footprint. Major did not recommend the bi-weekly service change as this would create more confusion by residents. Major asked the company the proposed cost to keep weekly recycling service or get two carts if service is changed to bi-weekly and is awaiting their reply. Council had no objection to Ramsey negotiating the contract renewal after the increase in costs are determined.

Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS Review Relative to their City Interlocal Agreement

Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS (AMFEMS) Colonel Mike Heilman gave an update on the department. After the merger between Anchorage and Middletown, there was another merger with other local departments. AMFEMS now serves 92 square miles, is the second largest EMS unit in the state, and is the third largest fire district in the state. Ramsey thanked Heilman and the department and let him know that Anchorage wants to support the firehouse and continue to work together on community events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Celebration and Town Hall Meeting

The annual Winter Bowl event will be held as an outdoor winter celebration this year, and it will be followed by the annual town hall meeting. Both events will take place at Owl Creek Country Club on Sunday, January 31, 2021. The Civic Club plans to have food trucks in the parking lot.

City Council Special Meeting

Major stated Council needs to schedule a special meeting to present the final permit conditions list for the 990 Evergreen Road conditional use permit (CUP) application. This permit request will be presented to BOZA on February 1, 2021. The Anchorage City Council special meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m., January 20, 2021 at City Hall.

Executive Session

An executive session was not needed.

Delehanty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wetherton seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk