Anchorage City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Anchorage City Hall (in person and via Zoom teleconference) July 29, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Councilmembers in attendance were: Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Jason Walter, Hunter Wilson, and Bill Wetherton. Also in attendance were: City Administrator Reneé Major, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, and Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard. Guests included Amy Abel, Jane Brown, Scott and Raquel Joseph, and Cooper Robertson. A Zoom conference was available and used by several participants.

Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Hewitt, Wilson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Diane Cook to preside over the July 29, 2020 Special City Council meeting. Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Cook called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

New Business

Coyote Management

Residents have reported concerns to Councilmembers and the City regarding coyotes within Anchorage. In response to resident concerns, the City hired a wildlife specialist. McGarvey noted this professional is properly licensed through the state of Kentucky; and no changes to or new ordinances are needed for coyote management, therefore, this item is removed from the agenda. Residents in attendance voiced concerns for the safety of their pets.

Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid between Police Departments

Chief Hayes met with Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD). LMPD provides personnel support to Anchorage in certain situations, such as when a S.W.A.T. team or specialty police service is needed. LMPD resources are currently limited, which does not allow them to offer support to small cities. The Memorandum of Understanding would be with St. Matthews and possibly other nearby cities. The St. Matthews Police Department has a S.W.A.T. team. Cook motioned to permit the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding agreement in substantially the same form as presented. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wetherton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.