

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

June 12, 2017

6:00 p.m.

City Hall

In the absence of Mayor Tommy Hewitt, Diane Cook motioned to elect Cece Hagan to preside over the June 2017 City Council meeting. Brian Rublein seconded the motion. City Council members in attendance Diane Cook, Cecelia “Cece” Hagan, Connie O’Connell, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton approved the motion. Neil Ramsey arrived after the vote. Also in attendance were City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Forestry Board Chair Lucy Spickard and Fire Chief Mike Heilman.

The meeting was called to order by Cece Hagan at 6:02 p.m.

GUESTS

Fire Chief Mike Heilman

Chief Heilman was introduced to City Council. Chief Heilman has many years of experience including service with the LaGrange, KY Fire Department and the City of Anchorage Fire and EMS.

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 22, 2017 City Council meeting were reviewed. Cook suggested correcting the wording of proposed merger to possible merger and noting that the slip liner was an unexpected expense in the budget. O’Connell motioned to accept the minutes and changes. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The May 2017 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Cook inquired about the differences in the 2015 and 2016 Transfer to Debt Services on the financial statements. Ritchie explained that it is an accounting item for transferring funds from the road fund.

Chief Hayes explained the significant difference in pension expenses between 2016 and 2017. Five police officers’ pensions are no longer paid by the City due to regulation changes.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes informed City Council that Kelly DeRossette and Doug Cohron have been hired as part-time dispatchers. They have experience as supervisors in Frankfort and J-town, respectfully.

On July 1st, Officer Deron Berthold will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. The lieutenant position has been open for two and one-half years. Berthold will be the Operations Lieutenant and Mark Hoskins will remain the Administration Lieutenant. Berthold and Hoskins will share activities.

The first burglary of the year occurred on June 12th. A miter saw was taken from a detached garage. It is believed that a contractor left a window open and came back later to steal the saw. Officers continue to leave notices for residents for unlocked cars containing valuables.

Ramsey asked about the increase in citations. Hayes explained that the Anchorage Police Department paired with the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety to do blitzes over the holiday weekends.

Ramsey asked about the number of Anchorage Ambulance/Fire runs. There have been 51 runs in Anchorage this year. About 70% of the Anchorage Ambulance/Fire runs are outside of Anchorage.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton stated the Historic Preservation Commission has been very busy and they expect a full agenda for their July meeting.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Lucy Spickard informed the Council that on Friday, June 9th or Saturday, June 10th someone ran over the trees in the Glenbrook traffic island. Lieutenant Hoskins took pictures and filed a report. Cook will look into placing bollards around the island. There were no reports of vandalism elsewhere in the City during that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending FY2017 Budget – Second Reading

O'Connell conducted the second reading of the ordinance amending the FY2017 Budget. Cook motioned to approve the ordinance. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Update: Temporary Helicopter Landing Site Application

The review and inspections needed for the approval of the helicopter landing site application went as expected and the permit was issued.

Old Harrods Creek Road Bridge and Walking Path

Booth reported that the bridge was installed on Friday, June 9th and the walking path should be done in the next week.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was conducted.

An executive session was not needed. With no further business to discuss, Wetherton motioned to adjourn the meeting, and O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Cecelia Hagan
Presiding Officer

Sara Ritchie
Deputy City Treasurer