

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

Monday, June 13, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Bill Wetherton, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, and Hunter Wilson. Jason Walters did not attend. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Board Chairperson Jan Ruzich. Guests included Karin Tyrer and Kent Hall.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the May 09, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Melton discussed the unrealized gain/loss information on the financial statements. Cook asked about the decrease in health insurance expenses. Major replied that the City has received less draw requests from employees' use of health savings accounts. Invoices to cover the high deductible portion of employees' health insurance are in \$5,000 increments.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported via prerecorded video the challenges many police departments have with recruiting and retaining police officers. He discussed several factors, such as work schedule, salary, etc., that affect the Anchorage Police Department. To improve recruitment and retention of officers, Mayor Ramsey approved an increase in officer starting salary to the second-year salary level and establishment of an employee referral/hiring bonus program of \$1000 for each qualified police officer hired that remains employed by the City for a minimum of one year.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton announced the resignation of Katie Greene, Dan Fultz, and Doug Schmitt from the Historic Preservation Commission. One is leaving because their family is relocating, and two are leaving due to other obligations. Wetherton asked Council for replacement suggestions.

A correction to the spelling of a name listed in the May Commission meeting minutes was noted.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Discussion of the proposed amendment to the nuisance ordinance to include bamboo was tabled until next month as the City Council member who sponsored the amendment was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances – Second Reading

Cook conducted the second reading of the ordinance to adopt the Code of Ordinances 2022 S-21 Supplement from American Legal Publishing Corporations that contains ordinances enacted since the prior supplement and updates to the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Cook motioned to approve the ordinance. McMahon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Ordinance Adopting FY2023 (7/2/2022 to 6/30/2023) Budget – Second Reading

Cook conducted the second reading of the ordinance to adopt the FY2023 Budget. Wilson motioned to approve the ordinance. Delehanty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS Building Renovations

Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS (AMFEMS) Chief Kevin Groody and AMFEMS Division Chief of Facilities and IT Kevin Jump presented plans to renovate the interior of the Anchorage fire station. Renovations include converting a first-floor bathroom into a decontamination area that will include a shower and new large washing machine rated for removing toxins. Wilson motioned to make a resolution authorizing Mayor Ramsey to approve AMFEMS Anchorage Station renovations. Cook motioned to approve the resolution, Delehanty seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chief Groody also reported the number of medical responses for the previous month and announced one recruiting class recently concluded and another one just started.

Ordinance Amending the Acts of Nuisance Ordinance (Bamboo) – First Reading

Discussion of the ordinance regarding bamboo was tabled until next month's meeting.

Surplus Inventory – 2006 Scag Mower

Wilson motioned to declare the 2006 Scag Mower as surplus inventory. McMahon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Waive ABC license fee for Civic Club July 4th Picnic

McMahon motioned to waive the Anchorage ABC license fee for the 2022 Civic Club July 4th Picnic. Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Civic Club will host Croquet and Rosé from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wagner Park on June 18th.

Anchorage resident James Kral is looking at coordinating the dedication ceremony for his Eagle Scout project, a veterans' memorial in front of City Hall, with the Civic Club 4th of July events.

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk