

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

March 31, 2015  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O'Connell, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley, City Clerk Treasurer Renee' Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Police Lieutenant Mark Hoskins, and City Attorney John McGarvey.

The meeting was called to order by Cece Hagan at 6:04 p.m. In the absence of Mayor Tommy Hewitt, Bill Wetherton motioned to appoint Cece Hagan to preside over the meeting. O'Connell seconded. All approved.

**Ordinance First Reading: 2014-2015 Tax Rate**

Rublein gave a first reading of the ordinance establishing the 2014-2015 tax rate.

**Cell Tower Safety Modifications**

McKinley presented a current situation with the safety of the cell tower and AT&T's proposal to reduce the weight and wind-load on the structure thereby bringing the tower and its foundation into safety compliance range. AT&T would like to remove the top 20 ft. of the tower, relocate the AT&T equipment to 140 ft., remove any excess cables and/or radio equipment, and install three guy wires positioned at 35-40 feet radius each. Wetherton explained that each element of the modification brings the tower into a more safety compliant percentage with the goal of all three combined modifications bringing the tower into certifiable safety range. Discussion followed with requests for more total cost information as to the City's total outlay whether through direct payment or negotiated rent abatements. Cook asked Major to create a spreadsheet of cell tower revenues and expenditures. Wetherton made a motion for a resolution to authorize the City to pay up to \$45,000 for the installation of cell tower guy wires through negotiated future cell tower rent abatement from AT&T and/or T-Mobile; and to forgive past cell tower rent from T-Mobile in exchange for T-Mobile's reimbursement of \$17,941 to the City for tower leg-bolt replacement; and to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate the same on the City's behalf with the goal of achieving 100% certification that the current cell tower is safe and state/zoning code compliant. Rublein seconded. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

Renee M. Major  
City Clerk Treasurer