

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

March 14, 2016
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O’Connell, Neil Ramsey, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were City Administrative Officer/City Treasurer René Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, City Attorney John McGarvey, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, and Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:04 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 8, 2016, regular meeting of City Council were reviewed. Hagan asked if McGarvey will contact the Attorney General again regarding deer hunting in Anchorage. McGarvey stated that he will continue working with the Attorney General’s office. Wetherton motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and O’Connell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The February 2016 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Major stated the hazardous tree removal was completed early this year.

POLICE REPORT

The February Police Activity Report was presented. Hayes brought a body camera to exhibit. The camera clips to an officer’s uniform near the chest and the battery pack is placed in a chest pocket. Officers will begin a 60-day training phase to get used to using the cameras. Body camera videos are shot on HD (high definition) and are stored in the camera until downloaded to a computer. The cameras can record for weeks, but Hayes stated City policy is to download videos daily. Videos will be backed up to the same company as the car dash cams. McGarvey commented that in today’s world police departments are almost always expected to have body cameras. Not all of the cameras have arrived. They are being assigned to officers as they come in. Ramsey asked if the officers like the cameras. The cameras are not popular, but officers will go through a training phase.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting were shared with Council. Cook asked that photos of HPC approvals are included in future City Council meeting packets. Cook commented how unusual it is to currently have two homes approved for demolition in Anchorage.

FORESTRY BOARD

Forestry Board Minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Lucy Spickard was not in attendance. There were no questions or comments.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Tax Rate Ordinance – First reading of the 2016 Tax Rate Ordinance was read by Hagan.

Supervisors of Taxes Ordinance –The ordinance is being revised to meet the recently updated KRS statute 92.242. Hagan conducted the first reading. Major mentioned needing a policy for tax appeals for property that transferred ownership in January. Hewitt stated with McGarvey agreeing that a policy change would not be necessary. Any late appeals could continue to be evaluated on an individual basis.

Anchorage PTA Alcohol Beverage Control License Fee Waiver – Ramsey motioned to waive the license fee and Cook seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ambulance Board - Wetherton motioned to add Kyle Galloway to the Anchorage Ambulance Board, and Ramsey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Isaac Sostarich from Boy Scout Troop #110 attended the meeting as part of earning a badge.

OLD BUSINESS

AT&T Cell Tower/Roy Johnson – Major stated Roy Johnson is pursuing a conversation with Sprint. Major said the committee is continuing work on AT&T cell tower issues. McGarvey discussed including the following variables in a demand letter to T-Mobile: reimbursement of the repairs, payment of past due rent, and the cost of moving to the new tower. Ramsey asked if the old tower could be demolished, thereby causing T-Mobile to move to the new mono pole. Major stated she would have to verify the answer with Roy Johnson. T-Mobile cannot add equipment to the existing tower without other equipment being removed. If all tenants move except T-Mobile, then T-Mobile could add more equipment to the old tower, and the City could possibly charge more for their lease. McGarvey stated that T-Mobile agreed to pay for the cell tower repairs and wanted to transfer ownership of the tower to the City in exchange for a release from the City. They did not agree to pay back rent that is due. T-Mobile had a 15 year free lease for putting up the tower. They were informed not to change anything on the tower, but a weekend crew made changes and added equipment. According to AT&T, the cost of the new mono pole is at least \$200,000. The police department maintains custody of the cell tower gate key. They were instructed to allow entry only after confirming with Major or McGarvey the work to be done on the tower. The Council agreed unanimously to authorize Major to invoice T-Mobile for the back rent and the repair cost of approximately \$17,000.

Growth Award – Major announced the City received the Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA® Growth Award.

At 6:36 p.m. Wetherton made a motion that Council move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; seconded by Ramsey. All approved. Council returned to Regular Session at 6:48 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk