

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, March 13, 2017

6:00 p.m.

City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Connie O’Connell, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were City Administrative Officer Reneé Major, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Board Chair Lucy Spickard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:06 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the February 13, 2017 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Rublein seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The February 2017 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Cook asked about the difference between the 2017 and prior years unrealized gain/loss amounts. Major explained, the difference is due to fluctuations in the Treasury investment market resulting in unrealized losses and gains on investments held with Morgan Stanley. Major also noted the \$91,620 franchise tax amount includes an increased assessment value and franchise taxes for LG&E. Major verified for Cook that the increased workers compensation expense was caused by increases in premiums and also claims.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes reported, Sean Franklin, a full-time, second-shift dispatcher, is retiring at the end of March. Hayes will begin interviewing candidates to fill the position the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Cook questioned the statement in the minutes about the Commission’s desire to review properties outside the historic district. Wetherton commented that currently there is no process to review demolition or construction outside the historic district, aside from zoning regulations. He noted the Commission was looking into incorporating all City of Anchorage properties into the historic district.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Spickard announced that the Arbor Day Foundation named the City of Anchorage a Tree City USA for the 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The City also received the Tree City USA Growth Award for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Spickard reminded City Council that Arbor Day will be on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Erin Thompson, Urban Forester for the City of Louisville, will be the guest speaker.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2017 Tax Rate Ordinance – Second Reading**

Ramsey conducted the second reading of the tax rate ordinance. The ordinance establishes the City's real and personal property tax, which is reduced from the previous rate of \$4.16 per \$100 of assessed value to \$.366 per \$100 beginning this current fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The discount rate of one percent (1%) will remain unchanged.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution approving Madelynne Grace Myers Day Proclamation**

Madelynne Grace Myers, a resident of the City of Anchorage, was crowned Miss Kentucky USA in 2017. In honor of this and her many other achievements, the Mayor upon resolution by the City Council proclaimed March 13, 2017 as Madelynne Grace Myers Day in the City of Anchorage, Kentucky. Rublein read the proclamation. Ramsey made a motion to approve the resolution. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Larry Myers, Madelynne's father, was on hand to accept the proclamation on behalf of his daughter.

### **Variance Request for Impervious Surface – Geno Zale at 12318 Forest School Lane**

Major introduced Mr. Geno Zale and stated his request for a 1,312-sq. ft. variance to impervious surface for the installation of an in-ground pool. Maximum impervious surface for Zale's property is 11,700 sq. ft. The new pool and decking total 1,511 sq. ft. The Forest School Homeowners Association and Anchorage City Flood Safety and Drainage Officer, Greg Smith, submitted written approvals. Ramsey motioned to approve the variance. Rublein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Ordinance Amending §35.25 and §35.26 – First Reading (postponed)**

Amendments to Ordinance §35.25 and §35.26 are needed to bring the City of Anchorage into compliance with state laws. McGarvey will complete the ordinance amendments and submit them for a first reading at the April City Council meeting.

### **Bids for Old Harrods Creek Walking Path**

Mayor Hewitt confirmed for Ramsey that the Old Harrods Creek Walking Path was included in the City's budget. Rublein asked if Rex Davis Paving had done work for the City in the past.

Booth acknowledge that they had on several occasions. Cook motioned to accept the bid from Rex Davis Paving. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

### **Bids for 2017 City Paving Project**

Bids for milling and resurfacing parts of Shady Lane, Owl Creek Road, Old Harrods Creek Road, and Bellewood Road were reviewed. Louisville Paving submitted the lowest bid at \$94,768.00. McGarvey stated that no vote is needed to accept the lowest bid. The Louisville Paving bid was accepted.

### **Resolution approving a Vanguard Mutual Fund Account and Account Signers**

The City proposes to establish a Vanguard account to be used for City investing. The account will require two signatures. Account signors will be Mayor W. Thomas Hewitt, Diane Cook, Cecilia Hagan, and Reneé Major. Ramsey motioned to establish the Vanguard account with the above-mentioned signors and require two signatures for account activity. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Hewitt, Ramsey, and Major will meet to choose the funds for investing.

### **HB44 Compensating Rate**

Major shared that lowering the real and personal property tax rate for 2017 put the City's 2017 tax rate below the HB44 compensating rate threshold. Therefore, only an ordinance to approve the new tax rate is needed not a public meeting. An HB44 calculations summary letter was presented to Mayor Hewitt.

### **Resolution approving March 22, 2017 Arbor Day Proclamation**

Rublein read the resolution proclaiming March 22, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Anchorage, Kentucky. The resolution was unanimously approved by the Council. Hewitt will sign the proclamation during the Arbor Day event on March 22, 2017.

### **Anchorage Garden Club Recognition for Hobbs Chapel Gates**

In recognition of contributions by City Council member Bill Wetherton of Carman Industries, to refurbish the gates at Hobbs Chapel, Lucy Spickard on behalf of the Anchorage Garden Club awarded Wetherton a Friend of the Anchorage Garden Club Certificate and made a donation to Bernheim Forest in his honor. Spickard recognized the Anchorage Public Works Department (Director Erwin Booth, Trevor Whitaker, and John Bishop) with gift certificates to MozzaPi Restaurant for their assistance in transporting and installing the gates.

### **Anchorage School Board Representative**

Wendell Harris, a resident on Arbor Drive North, was introduced as the Anchorage Public School Board Representative. He will attend Anchorage City Council meetings and be the liaison with the Anchorage School Board.

At 6:33 p.m. Ramsey motioned to go in executive session to discuss pending litigation. Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 6:50 p.m. City Council returned from executive session with Ramsey making a motion to continue in open (public) session. O'Connell seconded the motion, and all agreed in favor. A first reading of an Ordinance Relating to the Establishment of Helicopter Landing Sites within the City, Permits therefor, the Application Process and Minimum Standards for such Sites, the Permit Fee, Setting Safety and Usage Standards for Such Sites, and Setting a Penalty for Violation and Procedure for Permit Revocation was conducted by Ramsey.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

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Reneé M. Major  
City Clerk