

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

Monday, March 11, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetherton, Jason Walters, and Hunter Wilson. Also in attendance were: Mayor Tommy Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Anchorage Police Chief Dean Hayes, City Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, City Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Officer Jeff Medley, Officer Marie Allen, and Forestry Chairman Lucy Spickard.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 7, 2019 City Council special meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Walters motioned to approve the minutes. Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Council was reminded that KLEFPF Funds are monies received by the City that are used for police officer training. Major explained the credit balance is due to refunds for homestead exemptions.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported two recent break-ins in the Station Rd./Evergreen Rd. parking lot. He said 63% of thefts last year were in the same area. Two other thefts were reported and are believed to have been done by people that had authority to be in the homes. Wilson asked if there are cameras in the parking lot. There are no cameras at this time.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Hagan requested an update on the Historic Preservation Guidebook revision. Wetherton expects a preliminary design to be ready in thirty days or less.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard reminded everyone of the Arbor Day event coming up March 20th. The guest speaker will discuss butterflies and how residents can help butterflies survive. The Mayor will be at Arbor Day to sign the Proclamation declaring March 20th as Arbor Day in the City. Representatives from

another local city that are interested in creating a forestry department will attend the Anchorage Arbor Day event.

Spickard also reported that the City received Tree City USA status for the 30th year in a row.

Lucy commented on a yard sign recently posted by a resident regarding a fall canopy campaign tree he purchased. The sign accused the City of stealing his tree. Spickard reminded Council that the fall campaign has regulations for where trees may be planted, which the homeowner did not comply with even after being notified by the City. The City reclaimed the trees after the deadline given to move the tree passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Premium Tax Ordinance – Second Reading

Hagan conducted the second reading of the five proposed ordinances to establish insurance tax rates in Anchorage. Louisville Metro has not set their rate as of today. Ramsey asked if there is a limit to the rate. McGarvey stated there is no limit. Wilson asked if setting the insurance premium tax rate at 12.5% and adjusting the property tax rate would be feasible. Ramsey explained property taxes are easier to calculate for budgeting purposes, whereas, insurance premium taxes are a variable so the City would still have to leave a buffer in the budget. Ramsey and Hewitt are in favor of setting the insurance premium tax rate at 10% across the board and establishing a motor vehicles insurance premium tax of 5%. Wilson motioned to set the insurance premium tax rate at 10% across the board and establishing a motor vehicles insurance premium tax of 5%. Walters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Variance Request – Sublett, 1501 Ridge Court

Mr. Wes Sublett presented plans for constructing an attached garage on his property at 1501 Ridge Court. He presented maps of the property that showed the unusual shape of the lot, which dictated a rear setback of 50' in the garage area. A letter of support from the neighbor closest to the rear property line was presented to Council. McGarvey stated this variance meets the requirement of being a special circumstance that does not apply to other properties in the vicinity. Ramsey motioned to approve the variance. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Proposals – Financial Management of City Funds

The current financial management company, Morgan Stanley, is severing ties with government institutions at the end of March 2019. A committee of Hewitt, Ramsey, and Major compared proposals received from five companies and recommended Commonwealth Bank & Trust, based on fees and services. Wilson motioned to make a resolution to accept Commonwealth Bank & Trust as the financial management company for city funds. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Waiving the ABC License Fee for Anchorage PTSA March 2019 Auction

Cook motioned to waive the ABC license fee for the Anchorage PTSA March 2019 auction. Wetherton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Announcements

Arbor Day Celebration, Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Spring Tree Give-away, Sunday, March 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

An executive session was not needed.

Wetherton motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ramsey and was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk