

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

**Monday, March 14, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Patrick McMahon, Bill Wetherton, Jason Walters, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Chairperson Jan Ruzich. Guests included Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS Chief Kevin Groody, Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS Deputy Chief Colonel Mike Heilman, Lora Holman, Bill Dieruf, Greg Mullaney, Karin Tyrer, and Kent Hall.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Guest speakers Lora Holman, candidate for Jefferson County Court Judge – District 4 and Bill Dieruf, candidate for Louisville Mayor introduced themselves, briefly discussed their running platforms, and answered questions from City Council and residents.

**MINUTES**

Wilson motioned to approve the February 14, 2022 special meeting minutes. Walters seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Cook discussed the decrease in revenues and how Covid funding affected the totals. Cook asked Chief Hayes about dispatcher overtime expenses. Chief Hayes is in the process of hiring another part-time dispatcher, which will lower overtime hours.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes reported that a runaway who broke into a building in Anchorage was captured. Chief Hayes said the department ordered two new vehicles. The vehicles will be completed when electronic chips are available. The police department’s 10+ year-old console and radio system discussed options for replacing the existing equipment with new encrypted radio systems.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Wetherton reported, the Commission is pursuing negotiations with a new consultant to finish the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) guideline revisions on the recommendation by Kentucky

Heritage Council Coordinator Orloff Miller. Wetherton discussed the budget for the project and explained HPC considered, but did not apply for, a grant because the cost outweighed the benefit.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Ruzich discussed the upcoming Arbor Day and Tree Give-away events.

The Forestry Board is researching invasive plant species ordinances in other cities and will make recommendations to City Council for Anchorage to create invasive plant restrictions. Consideration will be given to grandfathered situations and for including the regulations in the Anchorage nuisance ordinance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AMFEMS Management and Financial Data**

Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS Chief Kevin Groody discussed the AMFEMS mission values and their 2021 annual audit. Chief Groody answered questions about tax rate and salary increases. Council discussed with Chief Groody the importance of the Anchorage Fire Station being a part of this community and allowing community events to be held there. They also discussed the need for improved communication during event planning. Cook said the Council wants the men and women at the station to know that the City and residents appreciate them.

Chief Groody also explained the plans to renovate the interior of the Anchorage Fire Station.

### **Real and Personal Property Tax Rate Ordinance – First Reading**

Cook conducted the first reading of the 2022 Real and Personal Property Tax Rate Ordinance.

### **HB44 Compensating Rate Calculation and Public Hearing Date**

Major explained, a calculation is done annually to determine the tax rate that would produce the same revenue as the previous year. The proposed rate of .329 per \$100 is between .322 and .400, therefore, the City is required to hold a public meeting and pass a tax ordinance. The meeting will be held April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

### **Resolution Proclaiming March 23, 2022 as Arbor Day in Anchorage**

Wilson motioned to approve a resolution proclaiming March 23, 2022 as Arbor Day in Anchorage. Delehanty seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Bid for New Light Pole at Anchorage Trail/Station Road Crosswalk**

Burkhead explained the plans for installing light poles at the Anchorage Trail/Station Road crosswalk to improve visibility and safety of pedestrians. Security cameras will also be attached

to the light poles. He is getting revised pricing for installing electricity to the poles, and pursuing other vendors.

### **Variance Request – Mullaney, 1600 Glenbrook Road**

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Mullaney requested an impervious surface variance to proceed with the removal of an existing patio and to build a brick and stone patio and retaining wall next to their home. They own three separate lots at the corner of Glenbrook Road and Spring Garden Lane. The new project will be over the impervious surface limit, using just the one lot that contains the home for the calculation. It will be under the impervious surface limit if all three lots are taken into consideration. Mr. Mullaney stated they he is willing to consolidate all three lots into one lot. Cook motioned to approve the impervious surface variance with the stipulation that the properties are consolidated by the end of the year. Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

An executive session was not needed.

### **Announcements**

Arbor Day event and Tree Give-away will be March 23, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Remaining trees will be given away at on March 27, 2022 between 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Anchorage Public Works, while supplies last.

The Tax Rate Public Hearing will be at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2022 at City Hall.

Wetherton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Neil Ramsey, Mayor

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Reneé M. Major, City Clerk