

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

May 11, 2015
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O’Connell, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley, City Clerk/Treasurer Renee’ Major, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Police Lieutenant Mark Hoskins, City Attorney John McGarvey, Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, and guests Anchorage Fire District Chief Bill Rockwood, and Jay Foley and Mary Davis from Evergreen Real Estate, representing John Schnatter.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:01 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 13, 2015, Regular Meeting of City Council were reviewed. O’Connell motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Ramsey seconded, and all approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The April 2015 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Cook asked Booth if the snow removal costs from this past winter were final. He stated a road salt bill for approximately \$1,800 is still outstanding. Cook noted that even with that invoice, the total for snow and ice removal will be far below the prior year expense.

POLICE REPORT

The April Police Activity Report was presented. There were no questions for Chief Hayes and he had nothing to add.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the April 21, 2015 meeting were shared with Council. Wetherton had nothing to add, and there were no questions for him.

FORESTRY BOARD

Minutes from the April 6, 2015 Board Meeting were presented. Chair Diane McAllister was not in attendance, and there were no questions.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Police Surplus – Chief Hayes presented a list of items to Council and asked that they be declared surplus so he could dispose of them. The items were found in a storage shed and have been there for years. The shed roof leaked and most of the metal items are rusted, but he was still hopeful that he might get something for them on GovDeals. Wetherton entered a motion declaring all as surplus, Ramsey seconded, and all approved.

Road Paving Bids – Booth presented the 2015 bid results for road paving. For the last 10 years, the City has been able to tack on to Metro’s contract with Flynn Brothers for reduced pricing. They submitted the lowest bid, and Booth recommended awarding the contract to Flynn Brothers again this year. Ramsey inquired when work would start and was told mid-June. Cook made a motion to approve Flynn Brothers. Hagan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Firehouse Painting – Everyone acknowledged that the fire station is in serious need of repainting. Wetherton said he spoke with Porter Paints but they are not willing to stand behind their red paint, although they have offered free materials for the deteriorating product currently on the firehouse. Chief Rockwood presented several bids for labor only, as well as bids for paint and labor. He said that the color selection is a touchy issue. Many people feel the firehouse should be red, but everyone in the paint industry agrees that red is inherently going to fade faster than most colors. Mayor Hewitt told Rockwood that color is his choice. Rockwood said that if Porter Paint is used again, they recommend two coats plus a clear coat sealer. Sherwin Williams will warranty their three-coat system for six-years from fading. Benjamin Moore will warranty their system for five years. Normally, exterior painting should be completed every seven to eight years. Rockwood approached Council about cost sharing: one-third Fire District, one-third Ambulance/EMS, and one-third the City. Chuck Rader's bid for three coats is \$8,721 and is the low bid. Rader is Rockwood's recommendation. Wetherton and McKinley also spoke highly of his work. Ramsey entered a motion that the City agree to pay one-third of the cost up to a maximum of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Wetherton. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously carried. As to which paint to use, it was suggested Rader research the warranties offered by Sherwin Williams and Benjamin Moore. It was agreed that Porter Paint would not be considered since this was already their second unsuccessful round. The cost of up to \$3000 would be included in the FY2016 Budget.

Rockwood mentioned that the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) scheduled a meeting for this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., and they suggested the Mayor and City Council may want to attend. Although ISO would not confirm what the meeting was about, Rockwood believes the Fire District may have earned a Class 2 ranking, which would put them in the top 1% of Fire Districts in the country.

Cell Tower Construction – McKinley informed Council that last Friday AT&T relocated their equipment to 140 feet, under T-Mobile. They also removed the top 20 feet of the tower. McKinley stated that Lee Rupley, from Midwest Alarm, informed the City that they now have reception problems at their new height. Midwest covers about 100 Anchorage residences, and the alarms are forwarded directly to the police dispatcher. Rupley suggested adding an alarm hub at City Hall to rectify the problem. Wetherton said T-Mobile has now announced they are not willing to contribute to the \$90,000 cost to install guy wires as the next step to help stabilize the tower.

Avoca/Ridge Road Closing Resolution – Louisville Metro passed the Ordinance to close Avoca/Ridge Road and McKinley presented Council with a copy of their approved Ordinance. The Ordinance needs to be recorded, and Metro has asked Anchorage to pay the recording costs. The cost would be less than \$100. She noted that R. J. Corman has already removed the railroad crossing, and the road is gone. Ramsey motioned to approve the Resolution to conclude this effort, O'Connell seconded, and all approved.

Proposed Closure of Valley View Road Undeveloped Right-of-Way – Foley presented preliminary plans to close the undeveloped ROW located between Schnatter's properties and two of the three parcels owned by Camille Dean. Should Nancy Dillman ever sell her property, the current access drive to the Dean home would be revoked, and closing the ROW would land-lock Dean's properties. Foley indicated that an easement on Schnatter's lot at 11701 Valley View already provides access to one of Dean's lots, and that she could then provide easements for access to the other lots. The Valley View horse trail runs through the undeveloped ROW and Foley said access for the horse trail would remain. He assured Council that the gate to stop vehicles would not block access for the horses. Foley said he's had discussion with both Dean and Dillman, and they are okay with the proposal. McGarvey indicated that most closures run from intersection to intersection and that this proposal is complicated. No action was taken.

First Reading of Ordinance to Repeal Subsection (A) Relating to the Sunday Sale of Alcoholic Beverages – McGarvey stated that ABC Officer Cooper Robertson recommended a change to the City's ABC Ordinance. The local Ordinance is more restrictive than state law, and the state suggested to Robertson that Subsection (A) be repealed to clean it up. This

variance surfaced during the Sunday sales application process for The Anchorage B&B. Hagan completed the first reading of the Ordinance. Ramsey abstained from the discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Major reminded Council that this would be McKinley's last City Council meeting, as her retirement is scheduled for June 1. On Wednesday, May 27th there will be a coffee reception at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall for residents, and a luncheon at noon for City officials, employees, and board volunteers who wish to extend congratulations to McKinley for her 12 plus years of service to the Mayor and residents of the City.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. and came out at 7:40 p.m. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Renee' M. Major
City Clerk