

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, November 14, 2016

6:00 p.m.

City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Connie O'Connell, Neil Ramsey, Diane Cook, Bill Wetherton, and Brian Rublein. 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, and Forestry Board Chair Lucy Spickard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:11 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Kelley Ransdell, Superintendent of Anchorage Public School, thanked the Mayor, City Council, and the Director of Public Works for the new walking paths, stating that they are very nice for the students and the community. Cook noted the excellent condition of the School grounds and stated it is much improved. Ransdell introduced Mr. Andrew Terry, Principal of Anchorage Public School. Terry thanked the community for welcoming him and his family, and for the opportunity to serve at APS.

Cook inquired about enrollment at APS. Ransdell stated there are 375 students at the school.

GUEST SPEAKER

Joe Haberman, from Louisville Metro Planning and Design, discussed updates to the Cornerstone 2020 Comprehensive Plan. They have data on population projections and the County. This area is growing. They are encouraging people in the community to attend the public meetings. These workgroups will be centered on six different elements: Community Forum, Transportation, Community Facilities, Economic Development, Livability, and Housing. These public meetings will start in the next few weeks, and people can attend as few or as many as they wish.

Cook asked which element would contain libraries, and Haberman stated the Community Facilities element. Wetherton inquired about when Cornerstone 2020 was created. Haberman stated it was created in the 1990's and adopted in 2000. It's been updated every five years, but is set to expire in 2020.

MINUTES

Minutes from the October 10, 2016, regular meeting of City Council were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Ramsey motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Wetherton seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The October 2016 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Hewitt noted that we spent more on infrastructure this year than in the past, due to projects for bridges and walking paths. However, we are right on target.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported there were a few car break-ins where the cars were left unlocked.

Cook inquired about the status of the break-in on Forest School Lane. Hayes stated no arrest has been made, but the surveillance video footage is being enhanced. Major stated that a check-box was added to the resident Alarm Registration form this year that lets the Police know if a property has video surveillance. This video footage may someday assist the Police if there is a crime in that area.

Ramsey noted that the number of citations/warnings is low this month. Hayes responded that the officers are encouraged to stop people, but they use their own discretion when issuing citations.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton reported there was a very full schedule at the HPC meeting on October 18, 2016. There were no questions.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard reported the Canopy Campaign trees have not been planted yet due to the lack of rain.

GUEST SPEAKER

Anchorage resident, Susan Ford, expressed concerns about the noise in Anchorage. She stated the use of mowers, blowers, and weed eaters at all times of day seems excessive. She asked if Anchorage has a noise ordinance or limits to the time of day when equipment can be used.

McGarvey responded that the City does have the right to regulate noise, but it can't be arbitrary. It must be backed up with data, such as decibel levels. He stated the City currently has two ordinances, and any future ordinances would need to be carefully constructed.

Cook suggested that a City-wide communication encouraging common sense when using potentially loud machinery may be helpful.

Ford inquired about setting a time of day for loud lawn equipment. McGarvey responded that this also must be carefully done, because someone could have an electric lawn-mower that is quieter than a gas mower.

Hewitt suggested an article be written for the City newsletter. Major stated that an article reminding residents to be mindful of the time of day when generating noise was pending for release in the December newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Wagner Park Tables and Benches

O'Connell reported that the Anchorage Civic Club did approve three tables and one bench for Wagner Park. However, they would like dedication plaques added to acknowledge the Civic Club and the Wagner Family. There were no objections. O'Connell stated that a trash receptacle for the Park will be donated by the vendor.

Ramsey expressed concern that the tables/benches may be stolen if not properly anchored. Major stated that the tables/benches are very heavy and not easily moved, and will be anchored if considered necessary.

Cell Tower Update

Major stated that she spoke with Emily Liu from Louisville Metro, and she will try to expedite the process.

McGarvey reported that he reviewed a draft of proposed lease from Verizon, and he does not recommend signing it in the presented form for a variety of reasons.

NEW BUSINESS

ABC License Ordinance Changes

McGarvey stated that the state changed their ABC license renewal dates for local governments to coincide with the county in which they are located. New ABC licenses will renew each year on November 1st going forward, making them consistent with the Jefferson County. A new City of Anchorage ABC license ordinance is forthcoming and will be presented next month.

Old Harrods Creek Road Pedestrian Bridge

Booth submitted a report of all the bids received for this project. He stated that Roederer Construction, Inc. offered the lowest bid at \$78,723 for the planned pedestrian bridge at Old

Harrods Creek Road. He researched the company and found good reviews. This project will be completed over the winter. Major stated these are the same type of bridges found in the St. Matthews and Norton Commons communities. City Council agreed to accept Roederer Construction's bid of \$78,723.

CSX/Highway 146 Landscaping Bids

Cook reported that we don't have the bids to review tonight. The committee has met with the companies, and there are errors in the plans for landscaping the crosswalks adjacent to CSX lines. The goal is to screen the train yard with landscaping, especially along Ridge Road. However, they are constrained by various easements.

Cook motioned for the Council's approval for a dollar limit of \$15,000, so they can work with the landscapers to achieve an adequate design within that dollar limit. O'Connell seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Ramsey stated he would prefer a limit of \$10,000. Booth explained that much of the cost is for soil and soil amendments to make the site suitable for planting. The Mayor concluded the discussion and called for a vote. The motion to spend up to \$15,000 was approved. Ramsey was the sole vote against the motion.

Letter from Teresa Bilotta

Major reported that there were nine hazardous trees along the walking path at Hazelwood and Glenbrook. Several limbs had fallen almost hitting a child. The Bilottas had the trees removed at a cost of \$3,800.00 and are asking if the City would share some of the expense. City Council approved splitting the cost, and the City will reimburse the Bilottas one-half the cost or \$1,900.00. No motion is needed.

Variance Request – Church of the Epiphany Signs

Cook presented information regarding proposed signs for Epiphany Catholic Church and requested a variance to install two, new, permanent signs on this soon-to-be zoned R-1 property. Two new signs will replace the one current sign. The new signs will be located at the South entrance and the North exit. They are larger than what is there currently, but are within regulation size. Cook stated that she would verify with McGarvey if the sign is subject to the approval of the Historic Preservation Commission. If it is not subject to HPC approval, she would ask the Commission to at least review it and provide feedback.

Ramsey motioned to approve the new signage subject to HPC approval, if required. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, except for Cook, who abstained from voting due to her involvement with the project.

At 7:18 p.m. City Council moved to executive session to discuss pending litigation. City Council returned to open session from executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Rublein motioned to authorize the City Attorney to file a lawsuit against Spectra Tech Ltd to either recover the fees paid to Spectra Tech Ltd or to require specific performance by Spectra Tech Ltd by providing data to the City in the form the City requested. Ramsey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk