

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

Monday, November 12, 2018  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Connie O’Connell, and Bill Wetherton. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Chairperson Lucy Spickard.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the October 08, 2018 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. Cook motioned to accept the minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Cook inquired about revenue items on the financial statement which were substantially different from the previous year, specifically the insurance premium tax, real estate tax, and real property tax. Major explained the insurance premium tax is a function of insurance policies that are renewed. Last year was an anomaly, as this revenue was significantly more than any other year. This year’s budget for insurance premium taxes was adjusted accordingly and set at \$600,000. Personal property estate taxes include taxes on vehicles. The negative balance in real property tax is due to homestead exemption refunds. Major pointed out that license fees revenue was affected by the change of renewal dates from June 30 to October 31, so there was additional billing from last year. Also, the PICNIC restaurant did not renew their alcohol beverage licenses.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes reported 24 doors were found open, and 94 crime prevention reminders were issued. Chief Hayes shared a map which showed crime in the areas surrounding Anchorage for just the last twenty days. He said the City of Middletown has three officers, but they are looking to hire more.

Hayes announced that one of the Anchorage police officers will be leaving the City of Anchorage to take the chief of police position under a newly-elected mayor in another City.

Cook reminded everyone to be alert for any suspicious activity as thefts may increase with the delivery of packages nearing the holidays. She recommended running an article in the December newsletter.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

There were no questions about the Historic Preservation Commission minutes.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Lucy Spickard reported that the City Forester, Andrea Hanlon, contacted the nursery to schedule planting for the Fall Canopy Campaign trees. Weather permitting, the trees will be planted before Thanksgiving Day. Hagan praised the Forestry Board for asking Tavia Cathcart Brown, Executive Director of the Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, to speak at the annual Arbor Day event.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **MCImetro Access Transmission Services Franchise Agreement**

Brian Augustine of MCImetro, a subsidiary of Verizon, spoke to City Council about the company's plans for aerial or possibly buried fiber optic communication network facilities in Anchorage. The network would serve businesses, wholesale, and government entities. The current plans to attach to utility poles in some areas would need approval from LG&E, which could take up to 270 days. Cook motioned to have City Attorney, John McGarvey and Mayor Hewitt review and approve the franchise agreement, and authorize the Mayor to sign the approved agreement. Hagan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Zoning Setback Variance – 905 Old Harrods Creek Road**

City Council can vote to support or not support the variance request. The Louisville Board of Zoning Adjustments (BOZA) would take the Anchorage recommendation into consideration for making their decision on the variance. Hewitt stated that the City has never granted a setback variance that did not prove a hardship. Doug AmLung, contractor for the homeowners Mr. and Mrs. Milligan, indicated Louisville Metro would allow the garage to be located five feet from the property line. A similar request was made by a homeowner on Cedardale, which was denied because there was not a hardship. Mr. AmLung will stake the location of the garage at the required setback and City Council members will take an onsite look before the variance returns for a vote at the next council meeting.

### **Short-term Rental**

McGarvey stated that per current zoning codes, short-term rentals are not allowed in the City of Anchorage. McGarvey discussed creating a resolution to have Louisville Metro amend the current zoning codes to allow short-term rentals in R-R, R-E, R-1, R-2, and R-2A zones of the City and simultaneously creating an Anchorage regulatory ordinance for permits, fees, etc. Rental property owners would register in Anchorage only, and not with Louisville Metro. City Council discussed whether short-term rentals should be a permitted use or a conditional use, and whether properties being in or out of the Historic District would determine the type of use. Louisville Metro is

working to eliminate their conditional use for rentals. Louisville Metro experiences the most problems from investor-owned rental properties. If passed, Anchorage City Council would consider allowing short-term rentals only in a dwelling that is the owner's primary place of residence. Anyone currently renting their Anchorage property should be made aware that zoning does not allow it and insurance companies could deny coverage of an incident based on the property being used for a non-permitted use. Results from the October 2018 survey of Anchorage residents show the majority of respondents are not in favor of short-term rentals, even if limited to four rentals per year. Additional replies indicated fewer residents were not in favor of short-term rentals, but would be in favor of rentals if limited to no more than four rentals per year. Only three replies were in favor of short-term rentals. Hewitt, Hagan, and Major will work with McGarvey to create a resolution and ordinance to present to City Council.

#### **ABC Renewal for Special Hours License: Owl Creek Country Club and Village Anchor**

Cook motioned to approve the renewal of special hours alcohol licenses for Owl Creek Country Club and Village Anchor. O'Connell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Resolution approving transfer of ownership of Hobbs Cemetery to the City of Anchorage**

Council was asked to approved a Quit Claim Deed to transfer Hobbs Cemetery, approximately 7/8 of an acre of land, from the Commonwealth of Kentucky to the City of Anchorage. The City and Anchorage Garden Club currently maintain the property. There is no value to the land. Spickard asked for information about the transfer to be discussed and shared with the Anchorage Garden Club when available. Wetherton motioned to accept the proposed Quit Claim Deed for Hobbs Cemetery. O'Connell second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Declaration of Surplus Equipment – Public Works Truck 2005 Chevrolet Silverado.**

O'Connell motioned to declare the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado to be surplus equipment. Cook seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.

#### **Extending City Healthcare to City Council Members**

Mayor Hewitt is evaluating the possibility of allowing City Council members to participate in the City's healthcare plan. Ramsey will assist Hewitt with the evaluation. Hewitt expects to share more information at the December Council meeting.

#### **Consultant for Historic Preservation Commission Guidebook Revisions**

Due to changes in construction techniques, materials, etc. since the last revision of the Anchorage Historic Guidebook, the Historic Preservation Commission requested funds in the amount of approximately \$16,000 for the City to hire S. Alan Higgins, MS, Director, Architectural and Cultural History, Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. to revise the guidebook. Wetherton stated that Higgins will hold one or two meetings to gather input from Anchorage residents. City Council must approve new guidelines before they take effect. Hagan motioned to approve the funding subject to Hewitt and McGarvey clarifying the contract with S. Alan Higgins and determining who is the most qualified consultant. Hewitt stated he, Wetherton, and

McGarvey will meet with the consultant. Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Council entered an executive session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss threatened litigation.

Council returned from executive session, and with no further business to discuss, Wetherton motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cook, and the motion was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

Reneé M. Major  
City Clerk