

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, October 9, 2017
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Connie O’Connell, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Forestry Board Chair Lucy Spickard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:08 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 11, 2017 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Rublein motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The September 2017 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Cook noted that the Zoning Compliance Fees are higher this period and asked what is included in this category. Ritchie answered that zoning compliance fees are building permit fees. The year-to-date total includes fees from several large projects.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes updated City Council on the last month’s incident where Officer Berthold’s police cruiser was hit by a Polaris sport utility vehicle. A court date has been set for October 19th. Officer Berthold is recovering.

Cook asked about the four runs reported under “assist other agency”. Hayes said Anchorage officers may respond to events like auto accidents and burglaries near Anchorage and stay there until Louisville Metro officers arrive.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were no questions or comments for the Historic Preservation Commission.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

There were no questions or comments about the Forestry Board minutes from September. Spickard reminded everyone that Anchorfest will be on Thursday, October 12th.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Variance Request – Eric Abell, 11705 Cedardale Road

Eric Abell presented revised plans for the addition of a two-car garage to his house. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Abell's neighbor, Mr. Stein, conveyed his concerns to Ramsey about whether the variance would transfer to another owner should Mr. Abell decide to sell the property before the addition work was started. Ramsey explained the variance applies to this project only and is not transferrable. Ramsey motioned to accept the plans and for the City to write a letter of support to Louisville BOZA (Board of Zoning Adjustment). Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Surplus Equipment – Two Blowers

Booth requested a Stihl blower and a Lesco blower be declared surplus equipment and asked permission to sell them on GovDeals.com. Ramsey motioned to make a resolution declaring the blowers as surplus equipment and allowing the sale of the blowers on GovDeals.com. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Verizon Cell Tower Lease

Booth explained that Verizon needs to expand the base enclosure of the cell tower for their equipment by 15' to 18'. Verizon submitted plans, which included two boxes to be placed outside the enclosure on the side facing the parking lot for easy access. Verizon said they have the ability to place them outside the enclosure because there is a utility easement there. Council members commented that placement of boxes outside the enclosure would be visually odd and Verizon has convenient, round-the-clock access to the enclosure via a key held at the Anchorage Police Department. The Council agreed to work with Verizon to give them the extra space needed for the enclosure as long as the boxes are placed inside the enclosure. No resolution is needed per McGarvey.

Audit for June 30, 2017

The previous auditor transferred to a different CPA firm, which does not do local government audits. Reneé Major contacted several companies to request bid proposals. Welenken CPAs and Strothman and Company were the only two bidders. Ramsey recommended and Council agreed to accept the lowest bid. No resolution is needed for accepting the lowest bid per McGarvey.

Status of MS-4 invoicing with MSD

On the September check register, check number 37178 to MSD Louisville and Jefferson County is the fee for the City of Anchorage to be a co-permittee on MSD's EPA Storm Water Permit. This expense was for one year, unlike previous bills from MSD that included two to three years. Ramsey asked if the fee would increase if the number of sewers in Anchorage increased. Booth said "No", the fee is not based on the number of sewers.

Ordinance Prohibiting Mobile Homes in the Historic District

McGarvey explained that Louisville Metro limits fence heights to eight feet and our Ordinance states that trailers need to be concealed. Therefore, in order to be concealed, trailers would be required to be placed inside a structure like a shed or barn. Kentucky state laws allow Cities to regulate mobile homes, as defined in the Louisville building code, within historic districts. The Council will refer the Ordinance to the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission for review and input. O'Connell conducted the first reading of the Ordinance.

Mildred Ewen asked about the process to change property's zoning. Ramsey explained that the change of zoning process is difficult and changes would be unlikely to pass. Hewitt noted that the City has not received any zoning change requests. Ms. Ewen asked the Council to have constant vigilance for protecting the City from future zoning changes. Ms. Ewen asked about the zoning needed for a petting farm. Ramsey explained that homeowners are allowed to invite people to their private property. However, if a homeowner charges a fee, it becomes a business and would be regulated by conditional use rules.

Wetherton motioned to move to executive session to discuss pending litigation. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Council returned from executive session at 6:55 p.m. The Council engaged in a general discussion about Anchorage Fire and Ambulance entities. Ramsey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hagan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk