

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

Monday, October 08, 2018
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Bill Wetherton, and Neil Ramsey. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Police Lieutenant Deron Berthold, 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 September 13, 2018 City Council special meeting were reviewed. Cook motioned to accept the minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Major stated a preliminary review showed that as of June 30, 2018, the budget shows a surplus that is larger than the previous year. She also said the audit process will begin soon.

POLICE REPORT

Lieutenant Berthold discussed traffic and reported that 20 to 30 trucks or vans cut through Log Cabin Lane on a daily basis. Cook asked if the ambulance and fire runs listed on the police report are runs that occurred within Anchorage. Berthold confirmed that they are Anchorage runs.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were no questions about Historic Preservation.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard said, due to the small number of canopy trees ordered this year and last year, the Forestry Board is considering changing the Fall Canopy Campaign to every other year instead of annually. Last year 30 trees were sold. This year 19 trees were sold, four of which were for the City of Anchorage. A special offer was included in the last two campaigns. It was a redbud tree that could be planted anywhere in the yard but was not subsidized by the City. Only three redbuds were sold this year. Ramsey suggested, the Forestry Board analyze areas to determine where trees are needed and consider sending letters to residents or putting an article with the street names in the City

newsletter. Cook suggested doing both the campaign and sending letters to residents next year. The Board will consider putting a flyer with photos, similar to the Spring Tree Giveaway flyer, in the newsletter to create interest.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker: Louisville Mayoral Candidate Angela Leet

Angela Leet gave a brief background of her experience and discussed her priorities, which include public safety and infrastructure. In response to Ramsey's question about increasing MSD rates, Leet said she wants a financial and procurement audit of MSD. She also commented on the overwhelming demand for recycling that was experienced at a recent recycling event at Ballard High School. More recycling events are being planned for November and December.

Waiver of ABC Temporary License Fee for Harvest for Hope

Hagan motioned for the City to waive the ABC temporary license fee for the Harvest for Hope event to be held at Uspiritus/Cornerstone. Cook seconded, and the motion carried.

Public Works Surplus Inventory

Booth announced that the City's new dump truck arrived and is parked in front of City Hall for the Council and Mayor to see. It has a large capacity and can hold an additional scoop compared to the old truck. The surplus inventory includes an F450 dump truck, two salt spreaders, and a plow. Wetherton motioned to approve these items as surplus inventory. Ramsey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Short-term Rental Survey Results

Mayor Hewitt provided a summary of the survey results, which showed residents are interested in short-term rental regulations. An ordinance will be drafted and sent to city council members to review and edit. Residents will be given the opportunity to comment on the ordinance before it goes to City Council for a vote.

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Franchise Agreement

MCImetro is a subsidiary of Verizon Wireless. The City is being asked to consider a franchise agreement with MCImetro for fiber optic communication network facilities. There is some discrepancy as to whether lines will be aerial or buried. This needs to be clarified before City Council can approve the agreement. Cook asked if the lines would be used for businesses and government entities only. Major said no service is currently planned for residents, however, a Wall Street Journal article says the company wants to progress to residential service.

Pedestrian Crossing Light

Local Boy Scout and Anchorage resident, James Kral proposed a project where he would work to buy and have installed a solar, pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Evergreen Road and Ridge Road. Kral stated that he researched crossing lights when he was skiing in Idaho and found that each one costs about \$4,000.

Historic Preservation Guidebook Revisions

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) member Becky Miller, asked City Council to consider granting funds to be used for revising the Historic Preservation District Commission Guidebook. Wetherton spoke with Alan Higgins, regarding his proposal for revising the guidebook. Mr. Higgins said the cost of the project would not exceed \$17,000, and the process would involve several meetings with residents to gather feedback from the community. HPC member, Susan Mitchell said Commission members Schmitt and Greene believe the guidelines are not specific enough and agree that consultants are needed to rewrite the historic preservation guidelines. HPC member, Greta Chessler also agreed that revisions are needed. Hewitt noted that the City is encountering problems that were never anticipated, such as issues with floor area ratio calculations. He also noted that HPC currently has the ability to disapprove projects based on scale and mass. Wetherton pointed out that with few lots available in Anchorage, a trend of buying small houses and turning them into large homes is developing. McGarvey is in favor of a professional review to help preserve the enforceability of the historic preservation guidelines. Hewitt and McGarvey will meet with HPC at the conclusion of the next regular HPC meeting.

No executive session was needed. Wetherton motioned to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Ramsey, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk