

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

**Monday, October 12, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**(With a Zoom teleconference option for attending)**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Jason Walters, and Bill Wetherton. Hunter Wilson did not attend. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard, and guests Dean Wilkinson, Meredith Loveless, Clay Loveless, and Julie Pogue.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Walters motioned to approve the September 14, 2020 City Council regular meeting minutes. Delehanty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Major explained the change in the insurance premium tax. The insurance premium tax revenue in the September financial report included taxes earned in the second quarter 2020 at the higher 10% rate but paid in the third quarter. The tax rate was reduced from 10% to 5% as of July 1, 2020. The third quarter 2020 tax revenue earned will be paid in October. Ramsey outlined that the tax increase was Anchorage's preemptive move on the expected Louisville Metro tax increase, which Anchorage offset by adjusting property taxes after Metro did not increase the insurance premium tax rate. McGarvey clarified that Anchorage was locked into the rate for one year because of the timing for reporting rates to the State.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes identified ten areas with the most speeding complaints and adjusted officers' schedules to cover them.

A person was arrested last Friday for stealing from a home they were hired to remodel. The person was charged with possession of heroin, eleven counts of forgery and ID theft, and possession of a gun by a felon.

Police arrested a Crestwood man for DUI who they previously arrested in March.

Cook asked about the increase in crimes in surrounding areas. Chief Hayes said more aggressive crimes, i.e. car thefts/car jackings, are happening closer to Anchorage.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

There were no questions or comments on the Historic Preservation Commission report.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Spickard thanked the community for supporting the 2020 Fall Canopy Campaign. A total of 41 trees were ordered, which doubled the last two years' orders. She also thanked Anchorage Public Works for their work to clean up Hobbs Cemetery and the area across from the Post Office next to the railroad tracks. Spickard pointed out that, for the last three years, the canopy campaign has offered one specialty tree that can be planted anywhere in the front yard except in the area where canopy trees can be planted.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Memorandum of Understanding with Louisville Metro Regarding Zoning**

The application to Louisville Metro for zoning changes has been withdrawn.

### **James Kral Eagle Scout Veteran Memorial Project**

The location of the Veteran Memorial flags will be adjacent to the existing flagpole in front of City Hall. This project will also need Historic Preservation Commission review.

### **Surrey Lane Paving**

The cost for paving Surrey Lane will be divided equally between the City and the residents. The City will move forward with obtaining bids and will hold a neighborhood meeting. Council discussed the expected range for bids and Cook motioned to authorize the Mayor to accept the best bid, up to \$45,000.00, and the City to pay half. Walters seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Closure/Vacation of a Portion of Parkway Road to rear of 2108 Meadow Lane Court**

McGarvey stated portions of Glenbrook Road, Parkway Road, and Meadow Lane Court stand as part of the City of Anchorage rights-of-way. If closed, half of the property cedes to the owner on either side. Dean Wilkinson wants to add land to his property on Meadow Lane Court, and the City does not want this area developed. Anchorage received one area, Shallcross Park, which is dedicated to public use, by a quit claim deed. By closing the right-of-way adjacent to Wilkinson this will clear up the title to that area. Cook asked about drainage issues, and McGarvey replied that the area is very flat. Wetherton made a motion for a resolution to approve the plat revision for closing portions of Glenbrook Road, Parkway Road, and Meadow Lane Court, and authorize the Mayor to execute the closure paperwork. Walters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Cook conducted the first reading of an ordinance closing a portion of public ways – Parkway Road, Glenbrook Road, and Meadow Lane Court.

**Setback Variance – Pogue, 11404 Owl Creek Lane**

Edwin and Julie Pogue sought a setback variance for a detached garage to be located in front of their home, next to an existing parking pad. The amount of rock in the ground prevents the garage from being constructed further back on the property. Cook motioned to approve the setback variance request. McMahon seconded the motion, all approved, and the motion passed. The project must be submitted to BOZA (Louisville Board of Zoning Adjustment) for approval.

**Clay Loveless Eagle Scout Bike Safety Project**

Clay Loveless presented his bike safety video to Council. It is his eagle scout project, which was a suggestion by the previous Anchorage Mayor. The video was shared with the community through email, *The Anchor Age* newsletter, and Anchorage Public School news. Ramsey suggested adding that bicyclists are required to follow all road rules. Loveless said the Anchorage school can share the video with students before the annual Bike to School Day and/or in P.E. class. Wetherton and Cook said Loveless could also share the video with The Parklands and Metro Parks.

**Waive ABC License Fee for Anchorage Civic Club Anchorfest**

Ramsey stated that it is the City’s general policy to waive the ABC license fee for Anchorage groups. Walters motioned to waive the Anchorage ABC license fee for Anchorage Civic Club Anchorfest, Cook seconded the motion, all approved, and the motion passed.

**Surplus Inventory – 2015 Ford Taurus**

Anchorage Police Chief Hayes requested City Council to declare a 2015 Ford Taurus police vehicle to be surplus inventory. Wetherton motioned to declare the 2015 Ford Taurus as surplus inventory, Delehanty seconded the motion, all approved, and the motion passed.

Event information for Anchorfest and Harvest for Hope was announced.

**Executive Session**

An executive session was not needed.

Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting. Delehanty seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned 6:43 p.m.

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Neil Ramsey, Mayor

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Reneé M. Major, City Clerk