

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, September 11, 2017
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were City Administrative Officer Reneé Major, 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 6:04 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the August 14, 2017 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Cook motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The August 2017 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. Hewitt noted the insurance premium tax revenue was higher because it fell early this month. Cook asked if drainage work under Woodland Road would fall under drainage expenses. Booth replied that it will be classified as sewer expenses.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Berthold informed the Council of an incident that occurred the previous Saturday. A woman on a Polaris ran into Berthold's police car. Berthold explained that he had finished checking on Owl Creek Country Club and turned onto North Osage Road. As he approached Forest School Lane headed toward Station Road, a crew cab sport utility was driven through a front yard, hit an embankment, and then collided with the side of his police car. The driver left the scene on the Polaris. Lt. Berthold stopped her on Lucas Lane, and she was arrested for DUI. The Anchorage Police Department is working with the City Attorney on the case because the Polaris was not covered by insurance. Lt. Berthold suffered some injuries, which required rehabilitation.

An article reminding residents of the requirements to operate golf carts on public roadways within the City of Anchorage will be published in the next newsletter.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton reported two minor projects had been approved during the month. A Historic Preservation Commission meeting was not needed for August.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard requested the City send a Reach Alert to remind residents of the order deadline for the Fall Canopy Tree Campaign. The number of tree orders submitted so far is low.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances – Second Reading

McGarvey stated that it does not change any of the ordinances. The City uses American Legal Publishing Corporation to take care of the housekeeping of the codes. Hagan motioned to approve the adoption of the supplement. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Variance Request – Eric Abell, 11705 Cedardale Road

Eric Abell presented plans for the addition of a three-car garage to his house. His neighbor, Mr. Stein, voiced concerns for the plan. Ramsey explained that Louisville Metro's BOZA will make the final decision on the variance. The City of Anchorage hears the request and sends their recommendation to Louisville Metro BOZA. There are other places on the property to locate a garage. Mr. Abell will submit revised garage plans to be reviewed by Wetherton and Ramsey for further consideration.

Real Estate Sign Fine Appeal – Alla Chopovsky

Ms. Chopovsky was not in attendance. The Anchorage sign ordinance has been in effect for over fourteen years. Council did not make a motion. The fine remains \$75.00, and Ms. Chopovsky will be invoiced.

Waiver ABC Temporary License Fee for Anchorfest and Harvest for Hope

Ramsey motioned to waive the ABC temporary license fee for Anchorfest and Harvest for Hope. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Helicopter Landing Site Permit

Major explained the Evergreen Real Estate helicopter landing site permit for John Schnatter had been processed, including inspections. Booth conducted inspections on the lights. There are sixteen lights that turn on and off just before or after landings and takeoffs. Booth also verified the flight paths are correct. Major reported that the permit fee has been paid, and the same helicopter as listed on the temporary permit is being used. Hagan inquired about the flight frequencies so far. Chief Hayes said there were eleven flights reported for the month of August. Major noted the reports are turned in quarterly. McGarvey informed Council that he verified no

building permit was needed for the recently built springhouse building on the Evergreen Real Estate farm, which currently houses electrical components for the landing site lights and will contain water supply elements in the future. Ramsey motioned to approve the application and allow the Mayor to sign the permit. Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Fidelity Account Setup Update

A resolution to establish a Fidelity account and specify the signors as Mayor W. Thomas Hewitt, Diane Cook, Cecilia Hagan, and Reneé Major. The account will be established using a U.S. Treasury money market account. Hewitt, Ramsey, Major, and Ritchie will work together to choose short duration investments for the account. Wetherton motioned to approve the resolution. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Attorney General's Opinion on Ordinance for Discharging Firearms

McGarvey recapped the Attorney General's reply to Anchorage's request for an opinion on firearm regulations. Noted were two constitutional amendments from the past ten years, which limit the rights to regulate firearms and give Kentucky residents the right to hunt. The Attorney General said the City is permitted to regulate the discharge of firearms but not the right to bear arms. The current Anchorage Ordinance limits the right to discharge a firearm. The Attorney General refrained from issuing an opinion on a hypothetical ordinance to regulate bow hunting.

Ramsey asked about the endangerment to residents from bow hunting. Cook stated the City does not have an ordinance against bow hunting. McGarvey clarified that wanton endangerment laws apply to bow hunting and can be enforced by the Anchorage Police Department.

It was mentioned that the deer population appears to be increasing. Discussion followed about a relatively unknown bacteria infection, Leptospirosis, that can be transmitted from wildlife to pets or humans. The Mayor recommended an article be published in *The Anchor Age Newsletter* about it since Anchorage has an abundance of wildlife.

Google Agreement

The Uniform Agreement with Google is on file at Jeffersontown City Hall. Other cities in Louisville have not been satisfied with the means of installation by Google. Google is trenching in unacceptable places (middle of the road) and using micro trenching. The newly drafted amendment to the agreement allows cities to collect a franchise fee of 3%. Cook inquired about the effective date of the franchise fee. Major stated the effective date will be the date the agreement is signed by Google, and the fee will be based on gross revenues. McGarvey asked Ramsey about the level of importance for Louisville to have Google. Ramsey replied that it is very important for economic development, internet access in low income areas, and as a choice other than cable. McGarvey confirmed for Major that Anchorage would retain the right to tell Google where they can trench. Major said that it was her understanding that Google would not place sheds or huts in Anchorage. Ramsey motioned to approve the Google Agreement. Hagan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Coyotes

Anchorage resident, Nancy Dillman, expressed her concerns over the coyote sightings in Anchorage. She made a request for the coyotes to be trapped and removed. She informed the Council that in a speech to the Masters of Fox Hunting, Dr. Stan Garrett explained coyotes adapt well to city life, live seven years longer in cities, and populations tend to explode. However, reducing the coyote population may result in an increase in the deer population. A good contact for coyote behavior and trapping information is the Jefferson County Game Warden, Christian Casper.

An executive session was not needed. Hagan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk