

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

Monday, September 09, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Neil Ramsey, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, City Administrator Reneé Major, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard, and Anchorage Public School Superintendent Kelley Ransdell. Council members Bill Wetherton and Jason Walters did not attend the meeting.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Ramsey requested a correction to Hagan’s statement about size and mass in the Anchorage residents appeal. It should read “the statement that size and mass was not considered is clearly erroneous.” Hagan motioned to approve the August 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes with Ramsey’s correction and subject to the transcript of the meeting taking precedence. Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ritchie explained that the cost of the new security cameras is the amount listed in administrative capital.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported the new security cameras are up and functioning at the Police Department, Public Works, and City Hall buildings. The cameras produce very clear images, and include thermal images and motion detection.

Hagan asked about the vehicle theft on August 4, 2019. Hayes replied that keys were left in the vehicle, and the car has not been located.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Lucy Spickard said the fall tree canopy campaign is in full force and order forms are in the current newsletter. Spickard thanked the City for continuing to pay for half of the canopy campaign trees. A tree has been ordered and will be planted at City Hall to honor former Anchorage Police Officer and Public Works Director Erwin Booth.

OLD BUSINESS

School Crossing Guards

Anchorage Public School Superintendent Kelley Ransdell informed City Council that no new funding has been found for providing school crossing guards past October 31, 2019. Wilson said only cities with their own police forces are affected by this. The Ridge Road crossing has two guards, and Station Road at Evergreen Road has one guard. Ransdell submitted a request for a state decision on the Attorney General's decision on what schools are permitted to do to cover crossing guards. Anchorage police officers must be available to respond to emergencies, therefore cannot be crossing guards. Hayes researched hiring off-duty officers, but it is cost prohibitive. Volunteers are not a reliable, long-term solution. Hewitt said the City should proceed with the plan to hire crossing guards.

Southern Wildlife Resources – Coyote Trapping

Major spoke with John Gossett of Southern Wildlife Resources. He reported no coyotes had been caught in the live traps and recommended using cable restraints or foot-hold traps. Each of which do not injure animals. He did not recommend using low-velocity projectiles or electronic calls. Major will meet with Mr. Gossett tomorrow to discuss deer assessments. Ramsey asked Anchorage resident Nancy Dillman if they had seen coyotes recently. Dillman stated they had not nor had they seen any before their pet was attacked. The Council agreed to switch to cable-restraint traps to capture coyotes.

Deddens Variance Request Status

Major announced a compromise was reached for the Deddens' shed addition to meet the setbacks and allow the existing roof to be redone. The new plans will not need a variance.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Mayoral Appointment for City of Anchorage Tax Assessor: Mr. Lee Bailey

Major introduced Lee Bailey, the Mayor's appointee for tax assessor. Hagan motioned to approve Mr. Bailey as the Anchorage tax assessor. Wilson seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Bids for Hazelwood Road Pedestrian Crossing Bridge at Wagner Park Trail

Burkhead said there was only a small difference in the bids from Rush Paving and Flynn Brothers Construction. He recommended using Flynn Brothers Construction based on previous experience and their ability to complete the work quickly. Cook motioned to accept the Flynn Brothers Construction bid. Hagan seconded and all approved.

Declaration of Surplus Property

Burkhead requested the Public Works Ford F550 truck with snowplow and salt spreader be declared surplus property so it can be sold. A new truck has already been purchased and is being detailed now. Ramsey motioned to declare the vehicle as surplus property and allow it to be sold. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bee Keeping Ordinance

Anchorage residents Guillermo and Theresa Camoriano discussed the current Anchorage nuisance ordinance that prohibits bee keeping. They would like to see an ordinance passed that allows bee keeping. They gave information about fly zones around hives and setbacks from property lines. McGarvey said if the City passes an ordinance to allow bee keeping, it would also pass an ordinance to repeal the ordinance banning it.

Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS

Hagan asked if Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS, now that it has merged with several other Fire and EMS departments, has signed off on the previous Anchorage agreement regarding communications and run times. McGarvey will send them a letter to get confirmation of the agreement and get a run matrix. Albert Entwistle is retiring from the board, so Anchorage does not have a member on the new Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS board.

An executive session was not required. With no further business to discuss, Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Hagan and was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk