

**Minutes  
of the  
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**April 14, 2008  
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, Bill Wetheron, Susan Mitchell, Dan Heiskell, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; Public Works Director Erwin Booth; City Attorney John McGarvey; Police Chief Chris Winders; and guests Diane McAllister, Les Aroh, Jay Foley and Aaron Thompson with Evergreen Real Estate, Joe Roehrig, and Steve Kottkamp.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 10, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Rublein motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Wetheron, and Council voted unanimously to approve.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The City's check register and financial report for March 2008 were presented. The Mayor instructed questions be directed to Treasurer Johnson or McKinley.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Winders presented the March 2008 police report. He is in the process of re-applying for a highway safety grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 which the department has received in the past.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The minutes from the March 2008 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented. Two applications were approved at the meeting and a third will make suggested changes and present again this month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mitchell read the second reading of an ordinance establishing the Anchorage tax rate on real and personal property for the tax year 2008-2009 at the rate of \$.416 on each one hundred dollars of the 2008 assessed valuation. Heiskell seconded the motion. This is a 5.5% increase in net revenue from 2007-2008. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Last month Council requested Booth look into the possibility of purchasing a used truck for the maintenance department. McGarvey explained that to do so would require the City to bid out for the vehicle and, when compared to a new truck purchased under state pricing, the savings would be minimal. Booth recommended the dependability of a new truck and stated that the vehicle would also be pre-equipped for a snow plow. No motion was necessary to approve and no objections expressed.

McGarvey stated that Middletown City Council had had a first reading of the three complimentary ordinances on Anchorage's agenda. These three ordinances are: 1) an ordinance transferring incorporated property to the City of Middletown; 2) an ordinance accepting a transfer of incorporated property from the City of Middletown; and, 3) an ordinance closing the public right-of-way of Johnson Avenue (now known as Glenbrook Road). Written consents must be received from affected parties before Anchorage can have a second reading. For this reason McGarvey suggested Council pass on the second readings this evening.

Jay Foley and Aaron Thompson were introduced to Council to discuss an easement between LG & E and the City to put in a pad and duct-work between the firehouse and the new bank building. The City will be responsible for maintenance to equipment in this easement. LG & E has presented a contract for approval. Ramsey presented a resolution that would allow the Mayor to represent the City in entering into an agreement with LG & E. Seconded by Wetherton Council unanimously approved.

Evergreen Real Estate also requested from the City a general utility easement and drive-through for the new bank. A resolution was presented by Durham to allow Council members Wetherton and Ramsey to negotiate a contract with Evergreen Real Estate subject to McGarvey's review. Evergreen has offered \$6,500.00 for use of the easement. Seconded by Mitchell, the resolution was unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A resolution was presented by Mitchell that would allow those affected by the sewer project to finance with the City the cost over a five-year period at an interest rate of 4.2% per year on the unpaid balance. Ramsey seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Ramsey presented a first reading of an ordinance authorizing a discount for early payment of the sewer service assessment fee to the City.

MAC Construction is in the final stages of paving the streets affected by the sewer project. Roehrig explained that several of these streets have steep drop-offs that Council may want to address. Options for improving conditions would be reinforcing, striping or putting reflectors on street edges or signage making known street conditions. Council member Mitchell will work with Roehrig to determine the best and most cost-effective way to handle.

Wetherton presented the first reading of an ordinance amending the floor area ratios of the City's zoning regulations. Ramsey stated that he had concerns about the benefit of the ordinance and stated that it created additional problems, such as the ease of making home improvements. McGarvey explained that since the City has been working over the past two years with FAR moratoriums, restrictions have been fine-tuned to fit the community. It has been designed to discourage over-development and preserve property values by supporting the integrity of the community. Mitchell stated that though Zoning Officer Sweet originally had concerns with the ordinance, specifics have been worked through to the point she now supports it. The City will set up residents' meetings in the near future so that homeowners can find out exactly what they can add to their property before a second reading of the ordinance. McKinley will also compile this information on all properties in the City for Council members review. Durham asked if the objective could be met with the Impervious Surface Ordinance alone. McGarvey replied that it was possible.

Ramsey presented a resolution proposing amendments to the City's CN zoning to expand permitted restaurant uses and to permit outdoor service of alcoholic beverages. The resolution was seconded by Wetherton and unanimously passed. McGarvey will forward to Metro and, after review, will come back to Council in ordinance form.

Heiskell presented a resolution proposing amendments to Rural Residential (RR), Residential Estate (RE), and Residential Single Family (R-1 and R-2) regulations to remove community residence, family care home, and family day care home uses. Durham seconded the motion and Council unanimously passed.

Currently the insurance tax premium rate for the City is 5%. Cities currently do not know if they are getting all revenues due. When cities change the tax rate, the state sends a letter that informs insurance companies of the revised rate, all residences in the revenue area, and where these revenues are to be paid. For this purpose, the City will have McGarvey review.

Heiskell presented the first reading of an ordinance imposing impervious surface area restrictions on residential development in the City.

McKinley presented the City's tree removal bids for the removal of 60 trees, the pruning of five, and the removal of storm debris from Hobbs Chapel and Cemetery. Most of the hazardous trees are older trees that have been on the watch list for years due to age, damage from paving and snow plows, and draught conditions. She presented information on the three lowest bids. As Tree Care has worked well for the City in the past, quoted the job complete in 30 days, and will use equipment in Hobbs Chapel that will protect the ground, Heiskell made the motion to accept their bid. Durham seconded the motion and Council unanimously passed the motion. McKinley will suggest Tree Care begin with the Hobbs Chapel property first.

McKinley asked for direction on drainage and culvert problems in the City. Many culverts are non-functioning and in times of heavy rains are blocking flow and causing water to pool on streets. According to ordinance, homeowners are responsible for the upkeep of their culverts and, if necessary, the City can have them cleaned and invoice residents for the cost. Durham suggested we include this in the City newsletter, do a mass e-mail to residents, and a personal letter to those homeowners with problems.

The City will be forming a Bike Trail Committee to evaluate proposed paths through Anchorage for the Louisville Loop. Metro will need the City's recommendations by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Durham made the motion, seconded by Rublein, to adjourn the meeting. Council unanimously approved and the meeting closed at 7:55 p.m.

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W. Thomas Hewitt,  
Mayor

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Nan Schlindwein,  
City Clerk