

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**April 13, 2009
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Dan Heiskell, Brian Rublein, Susan Mitchell, Bill Wetherton, Neil Ramsey, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schindwein; Public Works Director Erwin Booth; Police Chief Chris Winders; Treasurer Renee Major; and guests Eric Taylor, Charlie Busa, and Diane McAllister.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the March 9, 2009, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Wetherton motioned to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Mitchell and unanimously approved by Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for March 2009 were presented. Mayor Hewitt stated that there has been extraordinary income this year due to a large FEMA reimbursement.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the February 2009 police report. Wetherton asked for clarification regarding missing persons in the report. Winders replied that the AWOLs were from Bellewood Children's Home.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There was no March meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

FORESTRY BOARD

Diane McAllister presented the minutes from the March Forestry Board meeting. She stated that the trees purchased from the 2009 Canopy Campaign should be planted this week – weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mitchell did a second reading of an ordinance establishing the City of Anchorage tax rate on real and personal property for the tax year 2008-2009. Durham seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Heiskell presented a resolution that designated McKinley as the applicant agent who will complete and process paperwork necessary to apply for FEMA funds for the January ice storm damage expenses. Ramsey seconded and Council unanimously passed the resolution.

McKinley presented seven bids that the City received for the removal of 79 hazardous trees and the pruning of eight others. The lowest bidder, Kentucky Tree, Inc., recently worked for the City and McKinley declared their work satisfactory. Proof of insurance and workers' comp has been provided. The company has also done post-storm cleanup work for the City of Windy Hills. McKinley recommended the low bid from Kentucky Tree. Ramsey made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to accept the recommendation and Council unanimously approved.

Tree Care, Inc., was hired the day after the January ice storm hit to clear specific streets in the City. The City requested but never received payroll documentation to support the company's \$90,000.00 invoice. Melinda with Morgan and Pottinger is pursuing this information through the bankruptcy attorney for Tree Care. This holdup will cause the City to re-submit the application packet to FEMA for reimbursement.

Council member Mitchell presented the possibility of the City opting into a system that would allow City Hall to send out voice alerts on residents' cell phones. McKinley contacted Dean Alert about the system and, based on 765 households, two cell phones per residence, the cost would be approximately \$2,400.00 per year. Ramsey voiced opposition to the expense for the system saying that, with next year's revenues going down, it was not a needed expenditure.

Wetherton asked about the status of Metro Louisville storm debris removal. McKinley stated that additional manpower has been added to Metro maintenance and that crews were currently in the City.

At 6:26 p.m. City Council adjourned.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Nan Schlindwein, City Clerk