

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

April 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Dan Heiskell, Susan Mitchell, Neil Ramsey, and Bill Wetherton. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk Alice McKinley, Treasurer Renee Major, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Chief of Police Chris Winders, City Attorney John McGarvey, Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, guests Diane McAllister, Eric Taylor, and Greg Green representing T-Mobile.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the March 14, 2011, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Ramsey requested a correction regarding his reference to Grasshoppers, Inc. He indicated they performed general tree work at his home, not as a result of last year's straight-line winds. Heiskell asked that his recommendation to extend Surrey Lane to Ridge Road be added to the minutes. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes with the correction and addition. Hagan seconded. Approval was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's March Check Register and Financial Report were presented. A preliminary Financial Report had initially been distributed; Majors provided Council and the Mayor with the final month end report that reflected updated interest. There were no questions for Major.

POLICE REPORT

Winders reported that three cars were broken into the previous Sunday evening. Two events occurred in the Arbor Court area and one on Somerhill Place. Two iPods and cash were taken. An email was sent to everyone on the City's group email distribution list informing residents of the incidents along with a reminder to remove valuables from vehicles. Hagan said she appreciates the email bulletins to residents. McKinley mentioned that two residents suggested that Council consider adding telephone alerts as well.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the Commission's March 15, 2011, meeting were presented for review. Wetherton had nothing to add and there were no questions from Council regarding the minutes.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Minutes from the February and March meetings were provided. Chairman McAllister informed Council that there was a very good turnout for the Arbor Day Program and Tree Give-Away events. The speaker was excellent, and over 40 residents attended the presentation. In total, 199 trees were given away; the 200th was planted at Wagner House. Heiskell inquired about distributing copies of the updated "Forever Green" CD to residents. McAllister stated one had been included with every Forestry Board Calendar in 2008. McKinley noted that Martha Marcus's children installed a memorial bench south of City Hall as a tribute to their mother.

OLD BUSINESS

2010-2011 Tax Rate Ordinance – For the second reading of the ordinance, Mitchell motioned to approve the ordinance to establish the City of Anchorage tax rate on real and personal property for fiscal year 2010-2011. Wetherton seconded. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ridge Road Failure – McKinley reported that the situation is deteriorating. She will meet with the RJ Corman engineer on April 18th. She noted that the Surrey Lane easement is under water after heavy rains, and said that the entire area has drainage issues that are compromising the road and embankment. Hewitt suggested Council members meet on site to review the problems firsthand.

Hwy. 146 Railroad Crossing at Bellewood – Last month Wetherton requested this item be placed on tonight's agenda so a formal vote could be taken regarding the study. Ramsey made a motion to discontinue the engineering study for the Quiet Zone at this location and to request a refund. Wetherton seconded. McKinley noted that the City should get back approximately \$5,900 in unused funds. With no further discussion, a vote was taken and all approved.

T-Mobile Easement Request – Last month's minutes reflected two options: bore or trench. T-Mobile wants to bore. This will provide minimal disruption for the police and will not tear up the parking lot. Greg Green, Operations Manager for T-Mobile's proposed project, noted the existing copper line runs through the police station and that avenue of installation is no longer an approved option. T-Mobile needs a utility easement through the current access easement to run the fiber optic cable. McKinley communicated with T-Mobile after last Council meeting; they agreed to pay \$1,150 for the temporary inconvenience to the City, but rejected paying rent earlier than the contractually agreed upon date. Ramsey suggested the City continue to pursue an earlier start of rent payments. Wetherton asked if the new fiber optic cable would provide any benefit to the City. Green noted it would allow 4G and make the tower more attractive to other service providers looking to rent space from the City. McGarvey said the City needs to see the actual agreement so that he can properly review it, and he noted that the City needs to be completely indemnified. McKinley noted Excel is negotiating the actual agreement on

behalf of T-Mobile and she will contact them again. Hewitt indicated a special meeting may be necessary since time to make a decision on this request is pressing.

NEW BUSINESS

City Hall Chimney Repairs – A large leak has developed in the upstairs kitchen area. Roofers have checked and indicate the problem is not the roofing. There are four, closed-off fireplaces. Water is getting in through the old bricks, mortar, flashing and crown. Bids to repair were secured and presented. Booth was not comfortable with the experience level of the lowest cost company. Heiskell recommended the City contact Joe Dean who did similar work for him. Ramsey suggested that Tim Steinrock also be contacted before a decision is made on who to hire for the repairs.

1400 Walnut Variance Request – New owners, Andrew and Christina West, have pets (two sheep, one miniature donkey, and 12 chickens) they are housing in a barn/shed that is located approximately 35 feet from the northern property line. City Ordinance requires a setback of 75 feet for any structure that houses livestock. Because the property layout and zoning setbacks are not conducive to installing a new barn, they have requested a variance. It was recommended that a motion be postponed for 90-days to consider the request and gain feedback from adjacent property owners.

2601 Anchor Way – The State of Kentucky required cities to confirm boundaries and all addresses in their jurisdiction. Investigation uncovered one home, 2601 Anchor Way, is actually located in Louisville Metro. Annexation records confirm the boundary. The 4.45 Acre property is comprised of two parcels, the larger (approx. 90%) contains the house and outbuildings in Louisville, and the smaller (approx. 10%) in Anchorage that encompasses a utility easement and the first 30 ft. of the driveway to the residence. It's been confirmed that the property is not in the Anchorage School district. McGarvey stated that the City/County Merger Compact prohibits annexations until 2013. Hewitt recommended the City talk with the owner to explain the situation.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.