

**Minutes  
of the  
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**August 11, 2008  
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Bill Wetherton, Susan Mitchell, Brian Rublein, Neil Ramsey, 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; Treasurer Renee Major; and guests Stephen Kottkamp, Richard Kovats, Peter and Nick Goutos representing the Bellegrove Development, and realtors Judie Parks, Luly Reinhardt, and Mike Farrar.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the July 14, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. After a revision, Ramsey motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mitchell, and Council voted unanimously to approve.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The City's check register and financial report for July 2008 were presented.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Winders presented the July 2008 police report.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The minutes from the July HPC meeting were presented to Council.

**FORESTRY BOARD**

The minutes from the July 7, 2008, Forestry Board meeting were presented. Mayor Hewitt directed questions of Council members to Diane McAllister, Forestry Board Chairman.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hewitt announced that three ordinances related to the transferring and receiving of property with the City of Middletown and the closing of Johnson Avenue would be discussed during executive session.

The second reading of an ordinance repealing an earlier ordinance that established a supplemental tax for trash collection and recycling services was presented. Wetherton made the motion, seconded by Ramsey, to approve the ordinance and it was passed unanimously.

McGarvey opened a discussion regarding City ordinances designating City officials. Some ordinances are no longer pertinent while others need to be established for current official City positions. The Mayor directed McKinley to work with McGarvey to write ordinances defining duties, powers, compensation, and, if applicable, a bond requirement and oath, and have ready for a first reading at the September meeting.

With Barb Sweet vacating the position, the Mayor has appointed Monica Westhusing as the City's Tax Assessor. Paul Bergmann will become the City's Alcohol and Beverage Control Officer. Rublein made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to accept both appointments. The motion was unanimously passed.

Richard Kovats, contractor and owner of the home at 11701 Hazelwood Road in the sewer project area, was introduced to discuss a late fee imposed on him by the City. Mr. Kovats was charged a late fee for turning in the sewer assessment fee agreement outside of the required timeframe. He stated he did not receive the City's notifications as correspondence was sent to the Hazelwood address rather than his business address. A resolution was presented by Rublein, and seconded by Ramsey, to allow Mr. Kovats to forgo the late fee, and Council unanimously approved it.

McGarvey, Wetherton, and Durham have reviewed plans for an innovative rain garden/stormwater control plan on the Bellegrove Development. The rain garden will be more attractive than a standard detention basin but will be more costly to create and require higher maintenance. McKinley stated that the City will modify the existing drainage ordinance to allow for this and future innovative stormwater retention solutions in the City. Wetherton made the motion, seconded by Ramsey, to approve the rain garden/stormwater control plan subject to the approval of the documents and a long-term maintenance plan.

The appeals of three realtors' sign violations were presented. Ms. Parks said that when contacted about the violation she was told that if she removed the violation immediately, she would not be fined. Council voted unanimously to decrease the fine by 50%. Mr. Farrar said that though selling real estate in the City for 15 years, he did not fully understand the City's sign regulations. By a vote of 4 to 1, Council reduced his fine by 50%. Ms. Reinhardt also appealed her fine and, with a vote of 4 to 1, the fine was reduced by 50%.

Council went in to executive session at 6:50 p.m. and came out at 7:00 p.m. to close the meeting.

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W. Thomas Hewitt,  
Mayor

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Nan Schlindwein,  
City Clerk