

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

**August 9, 2010
6:00 p.m.
City Hall**

The Council members in attendance were Dan Heiskell, Susan Mitchell, Neil Ramsey, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk Alice McKinley, Police Chief Chris Winders, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Clerk/ Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, guest Diane McAllister, and two individuals who did not sign-in.

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the July 12, 2010, Regular Meeting of the City Council were presented. Hewitt asked if there were any corrections. McKinley stated that Cece Hagan emailed a correction to the minutes with regards to Bellewood Director Jerry Cantrell request for permission for a 19-year old to remain at Bellewood until his 21st birthday. Ramsey and Hewitt concurred with Hagan. The minutes will be corrected. Wetherton moved to accept the minutes with the correction, seconded by Ramsey, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and Financial Report for July 2010 were presented. There were no questions concerning any items or entries.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders stated that last month he reported on some cars that had been gone through near Cave Spring Place. The police are currently waiting on DNA results related to those incidents.

Winders also reported that the City received an \$11,000 grant from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety for overtime traffic enforcement, specifically seat belt enforcement.

Heiskell asked Winders about ambulance response time. Winders said he could not answer on behalf of the Fire Department, but that he understood emergency response time was within 10 minutes. Winders stated 911 Ambulance and Fire are dispatched from MetroSafe, unlike police calls that are routed to Anchorage Police if the caller identifies themselves as an Anchorage resident. It was recommended that a reminder be placed in an upcoming newsletter about emergencies and calling 911.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Minutes from the July meeting were provided. Wetherton had nothing additional to add, and there were no questions from Council.

FORESTRY

Minutes from the last Forestry Board meeting were presented for review. Chairperson McAllister mentioned that the Fall Canopy Campaign would be featured in this month's *Anchor Age*. There were no questions for her.

OLD BUSINESS

American Legal Publishing of Cincinnati annually completes a supplement for the City. McGarvey explained that the Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances officially places all new approved ordinances into the City's published Code of Ordinances. Supplement 2010 S-14 encompasses FY-2010. Mitchell moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Ramsey, and all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the proposed Ordinance to Permit Golf Carts on City Roadways and the state safety equipment requirements. Hewitt stated few golf carts meet the road-ready requirements and will need to be retrofitted with lights and other safety features. Ramsey questioned McGarvey about the fines. Winders said he felt they were a good range. Hewitt explained that the fines will provide the police with additional enforcement power. McGarvey noted that there are several "serial violators" in the community and the increased fines for subsequent violations were added to address continued infractions. Mitchell asked about seating. McGarvey replied the state law defines the maximum number of passengers and that each must be seated. McGarvey suggested, and everyone agreed, to issue Anchorage vehicle stickers as proof of inspection. Wetherton inquired about re-inspection, and McGarvey said it's not required by state law. When asked what's done today when someone is driving a golf cart on a roadway, Winders replied that every golf cart the police see on the road is stopped. Mitchell gave the first reading of the ordinance.

Council reviewed the petition submitted by Kevin Gambill to appeal the \$200 Civil Penalty he was assessed due to ongoing issues at the 903 Bellewood construction site. McKinley said Gambill lives in Pennsylvania, submitted his appeal by email, and he could not attend the meeting. She stated Gambill is subcontracting work and the workers are violating the construction-tree preservation permit. The contractor, Michael Cadden, was fined in June over protective fencing that was down, and he paid that penalty. He said this violation was not his. Ramsey questioned Booth regarding his preemptive conversation with Gambill as noted in the appeal, and was informed that conversation occurred after the fact. Mitchell recommended, and Council concurred, that the Civil Penalty stand and the Gambill and Cadden can work it out between themselves.

At Hewitt's request, McKinley spoke to the agenda item concerning the current 25-mph speed limit and increased traffic in the downtown area as well as more pedestrian and businesses. Discussion took place to lower the speed limit to 15 mph and/or to add stamped asphalt that looks like cobblestones, to slow down vehicles. Heiskell did not want to entertain the stamped asphalt saying he felt it looked too formal for this environment. Hewitt reminded Council that a special committee was established to consider options for the triangle at Station and Evergreen Roads and that those recommendations should be considered in the overall plan. Wetherton

recommended decreasing the speed limit to 15 mph from the railroad tracks to the stop sign on Evergreen, and up Station to the Bellewood crossing. Hewitt suggested extending the 15 mph zone on Evergreen to Osage to encompass the crosswalks. Ramsey said he could support the drop in speed limit, and Hewitt asked McGarvey to draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

McKinley presented Council with an overview of MSD's Storm Water Quality Management Program (SWQMP). As a co-permittee with MSD, the City of Anchorage will more thoroughly document its storm water control measures, erosion and sediment control, illicit discharge, and other management practices. Council members each received copies of Anchorage's SWQMP Plan. McKinley also advised Council that EPA will visit the City within 12 months of the new MS4 permit to review records. Heiskell asked if this was a good time to resurface the Impervious Surface Ordinance. McGarvey stated the proposed ordinance only addressed residential areas, but that in downtown Anchorage, impervious surface has increased significantly and should also be considered. Hewitt asked McKinley to check with the League of Cities to see how other upscale communities have addressed these issues without monopolizing city resources.

Hewitt mentioned that Rob Davenport has approached the City about using Wagner Park for a dog show fundraising event for Bellewood Home for Children. The current rule is no parking at Wagner Park, and Davenport is requesting an exception to allow cars to park on the lawn. Ramsey suggested Davenport use Bellewood's property, since they have more than adequate space. Hewitt said they are tying the dog show with a picnic to which attendees might bring alcohol beverages, and Bellewood cannot have alcohol on its property.

Other requests have come from residents asking to expand the use of Wagner Park to allow private parties. Neighbors have complained the City is too strict. Currently the City limits use to public events and no live music. Wetheron and Mitchell will work with Hewitt to see what can be done.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.