

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**December 8, 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; Police Chief Chris Winders; City Attorney John McGarvey; Treasurer Renee Major; and guests Ken Putlak, Stephen Kottkamp, Connie O'Connell, Stuart Ray, and Eric Taylor.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 10, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Durham made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ramsey, and Council unanimously approved. The minutes from the November 12, 2008, Special Meeting of City Council were presented. Rublein made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mitchell, and unanimously approved by Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for November 2008 were presented. Mayor Hewitt stated that after December's books have closed, budget projections will be recalculated for the remainder of the fiscal year.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the November 2008 police report. The department recently received a grant for \$6,000.00 to be used toward the purchase of firearms. He reported on recent car break-ins in the City and stated an arrest would be made later in the week. Mayor Hewitt asked that an article be put in the next "Anchor Age" informing residents that they could drop off unwanted firearms to the police department. The firearms will be turned over to the Kentucky State Police who have a program in which the firearms are sold to federally licensed firearm dealers. The funds from those sales support the purchase of defensive weapons and body armor for officers throughout the state.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The minutes from the November HPC meeting were presented.

FORESTRY BOARD

The minutes from the November Forestry Board meeting were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

In October, solicitation permits were issued to six representatives of Freedom Sales, Inc. After several complaints from residents that included soliciting at residences on the "no solicitation" list and selling after dark, a letter was sent to Freedom Sales notifying them that these complaints would be addressed at the December City Council meeting. No representative from the company attended the meeting to defend these complaints and the solicitors' permits were revoked.

Durham made the motion to accept a resolution that allows the City to subsidize the planting of canopy trees on private roads and public access easements. With the approval of this resolution, residents on private streets and neighborhood associations will be able

to participate in the annual campaign where half of the cost of trees and plantings are paid by the City. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the resolution unanimously passed.

It was recently found that the Kentucky Secretary of State's office had no record of a 1985 annexation of property into Anchorage. At the time, the annexation was put into ordinance, recorded in Jefferson County and the State's Department of Local Development, but the Secretary of State's office had no record of receiving the information. Mitchell made the motion to accept a resolution that states the City recognizes the need to provide the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office with a GIS map, and affirms the annexation took place in 1985. Rublein seconded the motion and the resolution passed unanimously. McKinley has had a GIS map drawn up, had it certified, and will forward this, along with the resolution, to the Kentucky Secretary of State's office.

Mitchell did a first reading of an ordinance creating a new section of Chapter 35 of the code of ordinances setting policies and procedures regarding collection of past due assessments for services and service districts. With the recent installation of sewers in a portion of the City, the City now collects sewer assessment fees. This ordinance will amend the ordinance that deals with the collection of taxes to include any fees the City collects.

McGarvey asked Council to pass an resolution that, for those residents who live in the new sewer project area and who, as of December 8, 2008, have not signed an agreement or paid the assessment fee, be required to pay interest and penalties on the amount due dating back to June 15, 2008. Rublein made the motion, seconded by Ramsey, to pass the resolution and Council unanimously approved.

Ken Putlak was introduced. He requested Council review fines he received for tree permit violations. After discussion, no one presented a motion for the reduction of the penalty so the amount of the civil penalty was sustained.

Due to the recent sewer project, property owners of two lots in the area have requested the empty lots they own be deemed conservation easements, forbidding future development and allowing them to forego sewer assessment fees for the properties. Mayor Hewitt stated that generally the value of a property adjacent to an undeveloped lot increases 20%-30%. At the same time, the City benefits from the green space. Wetherton asked if the grant would be reversible. McGarvey stated that the action was reversible only by City Council. Rublein made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to authorize the City to pay for the cost of the appraisals and legal fees involved. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk