

**MINUTES
CITY OF ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

Monday, December 12, 2011

6:00 p.m.

City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Susan Mitchell, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein 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, Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, and guests Diane McAllister, Eric Taylor, and Trip Pottinger.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 14, 2011, Regular Meeting of City Council were reviewed. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Ramsey seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's November Check Register and Monthly Financial Report were presented for review. There were no questions for Major. The Mayor noted that the City's finances are as expected after taking into consideration the recent \$100,000 loan pay-down.

POLICE REPORT

Ramsey commented on the drop in residence and business checks during November. Winders said the fluctuation did not concern him; constituents are still using the service and he expects the number to increase in December when residents typically are out of town.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the Commission's November 15, 2011, meeting were presented to City Council. Wetherton mentioned that discussion regarding possible development of the Cottonwood-Hobbs estate on Evergreen Road is on tomorrow's HPC agenda. Mitchell inquired if the home is worth saving. Both Wetherton and Ramsey said it had been several years since they were inside, but even at that time the condition was dismal. McKinley noted there is one prospective buyer who would like to keep the estate intact, but the seller and buyer cannot agree on price. If developed without sewers, there could only be four homes constructed. It would be extremely expensive and difficult to bring in sewers.

FORESTRY BOARD

The minutes from the Forestry Board's November 7, 2011, meeting were submitted for review. Mitchell complimented the Forestry Board on the attractive 2012 calendar.

OLD BUSINESS

Council members were reminded that their copies of the 2011 Fiscal Year Audit are available from the City Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS

The Forestry Ordinance has not been finalized and was tabled until January.

Hagan completed the first reading of the Ordinance to transfer maintenance and operating responsibilities for Forest School Lane to the City.

The Mayor presented to Council his list of 2012 Appointments. He noted one change. Greg Smith has been designated City Engineer in addition to Flood Safety Officer. Wetherton made a motion to approve the appointments as presented, Mitchell seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Anchorage resident Trip Pottinger inquired about a speed hump in front of Owl Creek Country Club since children cut across the road in this area. Mayor Hewitt said the City had not been asked to look at that area, and no complaints had been received. However, he thought it was a good suggestion and said it will be considered. McKinley stated that a speed table (longer and lower) might be appropriate for this spot.

The City's existing cable agreement with Insight Communications expires December 31. Major just received a one-year extension agreement in today's mail, but City Attorney John McGarvey has not had an opportunity to review it. She asked that Council consider a resolution to permit the Mayor to sign the agreement before the year end deadline subject to McGarvey's review and approval. Ramsey made the motion, Mitchell seconded. The motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Alice McKinley, City Clerk