

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

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

The Council members in attendance were: Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, Susan Mitchell, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; City Attorney John McGarvey; Police Chief Chris Winders; and guests Jay Foley, Rick Hill, Joe Roehrig, Bill Bardenwerper, and Stewart Ray.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the January 7, 2008, Special Meeting of City Council were presented. After a revision by Durham, Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ramsey, and Council voted unanimously to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register for January 2008 was presented. The treasurer will forward the January 2008 financial report to Council members on Monday, February 19th when he returns to work. Durham questioned the multiple payments toward the sewer project. McKinley replied that one of the charges was carried over from the previous month.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the January 2008 police report. Last month he reported on multiple burglaries on Anchorage Woods Circle and Captains Bridge Way. An arrest was made last month and, when interrogated, the robbers told police that they had been scoping Anchorage City streets for about a year but had found the presence of too many people a hinderance. They also told police that they had entered a home in the City and found a female exercising, then left without being noticed. The suspects have been charged with break-ins in Oldham and Shelby Counties, as well as other break-ins they were responsible for in Jefferson County. Chief Winders reported that these suspects were not linked to recent burglaries in Forest School Estates.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There was no Historic Preservation Commission meeting in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Bardenwerper, representing Village Solutions, reported to Council on the progress of the development at the 11301 – 11305 Park Road property. The Metro Planning Commission has approved the plans for the property and recommended the zoning change from R-E to OR. McGarvey will draft an ordinance that allows for the rezoning and will present at a special meeting of City Council for a first reading before the March City Council regular meeting. Allowing for the 30-day appeal period, the property could close mid-April. Hill reported that the Presbyterian Church will move their parking area off the Bellewood property and resituate it on the church property. The retention basin planned on the rear, right portion of the property has been approved by the City of Anchorage and will go to MSD for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Jay Foley, with Evergreen Real Estate, was introduced. He has submitted to City Hall a letter of intent to purchase the 1,632 square feet of property between the firehouse and proposed bank. The letter of intent includes a purchase price of \$4,000.00 and a closing

date of March 31, 2008. As the wedge is zoned residential, unless re-zoned, the land cannot be used as a drive for the bank except with a possible lease or license agreement.

McKinley presented a report on Bellewood Children's Home that the City obtains each year at this time. Information gathered from the Cabinet of Health and Family Service stated the home has not filed for any new licenses and McKinley found no areas of concern for the City.

While working on the sewer project MAC Construction found the layer of gravel and pavement well below required standards on the section of the Locust Lane cul-de-sac at Cold Spring Road. MAC presented proposals to reconstruct the street from the stop sign at Cold Spring and back Locust Lane through the cul-de-sac. A proposal that conforms to MSD standards and will be warranted was \$42,566.00. Another proposal to reconstruct with a lesser depth without warranty was presented for \$35,393.00. McKinley consulted with Flynn Brothers, a contractor who has had Metro and Anchorage paving contracts over the past three years. Flynn said MAC costs were not out of line considering prevailing wages and mobilization costs. Because MAC Construction is on-site, this charge would not be a part of their bid. McGarvey informed Council that the City could either declare an emergency on the basis the street is the single point of access to many residents and a delay in repairs would impede access of emergency vehicles, or the City would need to bid it out. Council member Ramsey will have a contractor he is in contact with give an estimate of the repair cost, and if the City finds MAC comparable in price, the City will declare the project an emergency and give the job to MAC Construction. The issue will be further discussed at the Special Council Meeting scheduled for February 26th.

MAC Construction has requested an extension of their contract on the sewer project. Roehrig explained that delays have hampered them from completing the project on time as mandated by the contract. With the unexpected need to replace culverts, the error they made in being able to blast the streets, and delays due to the cold weather, they have found themselves unable to make their time commitment. Roehrig reported that MAC Construction has recently been using three crews on the job and are working crews 5-10 hour days and 1-8 hour day each week. Roehrig expects the project to be completed by the end of April. Durham made the motion to allow for the contract to be extended, seconded by Ramsey, and unanimously passed by Council.

Chief Winders presented two bids for a generator for the police department. The department has received \$25,000.00 in federal grants that can be used to cover the cost. The lower bid which the Chief recommended was provided by Varitech, widely used in Anchorage. The generator runs on natural gas and can be fired up in 19 seconds. Ramsey made the motion, seconded by Durham, to approve the Chief's recommendation. Council unanimously approved. McKinley stated that the unused generator could be transferred to City Hall for use.

The City needs to increase its line of credit with Commonwealth Bank from \$1 million to \$1.7 million. Mitchell made the motion, seconded by Rublein and unanimously passed by Council, to authorize the Mayor to represent the City in entering into an agreement with Commonwealth Bank for the purpose of securing the line of credit.

Council went into executive session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss real estate issues. They came out of executive session and back into the regular meeting with no action taken. Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk