

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**February 9, 2009
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Dan Heiskell, Brian Rublein, Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetherton, 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 Eric Taylor, Stephen Kottkamp, Judy George, Pat Welsh, and Stuart Ray.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the January 12, 2009, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Rublein motioned to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Ramsey and unanimously approved by Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for January 2009 were presented.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the January 2009 police report. \$6,000.00 worth of firearms has been purchased using grant money from Homeland Security.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The minutes from the January HPC meeting were presented.

FORESTRY BOARD

The minutes from the January Forestry Board meeting were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

With extraordinary income expected this year from FEMA reimbursements – matching expenses incurred from the September storm and January ice storm – Mayor Hewitt does not anticipate the need to make changes to the current fiscal year budget. McKinley submitted expenses to FEMA in the amount of \$108,000.00 for cleanup done in the City after the September storm. She anticipates reimbursement in the amount of \$92,000.00 by March or April. An early estimate of \$130,000.00 will be submitted to FEMA for cleanup after the recent ice storm. Booth and police officers took pictures to support the City's expenses. A generator will be purchased for City Hall for future power outages.

An emergency ordinance was read by Heiskell that imposes a moratorium on certain residential zoning compliance certificates within the City to allow a study of revisions to the floor area ratios for residential development to be completed. Ramsey seconded the motion and Council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance. City Hall will do a mailing to the 73 residents in the City who cannot put in over 1000 square feet of additions to their homes. This mailing will ask for feedback on the proposed restrictions.

The Mayor introduced resident Pat Welsh, Chairperson of the Anchorage Emergency Preparedness Committee. She reported on the success of the committee during the recent ice storm. By 3:30 the morning of the storm she and Judy George were making calls to many of the City's elderly residents. Those with power outages were moved in with other residents in the community who had power. Welsh also reported on a pandemic possibility in the next few years and the need for preparedness by residents and governments.

McKinley stated that to complete the review of the City's personnel guidelines two revisions need to be voted on. Chief Winders asked that the policy change for police department personnel to cap accumulated vacation hours at 200. When employees accumulate more than 200 hours, the City would pay out the overage at the current hourly rate of the employee. He also requested that, since it can be difficult for officers to take holiday hours, they be paid for holidays unused as of October 31st of each year. The Municipal Order was presented that covered these two revisions. Heiskell made the motion, seconded by Rublein, to include these changes. Council unanimously approved.

The Mayor explained that the City will lead a study to look into the triggers of the recent power outage to determine if there is anything the City can do to help reduce future power outages.

McKinley reported that Metro government will furnish debris pickup to all streets in the county. Residents can go to the website louisvilleky.gov, to find out when the crews will be in the area. The Mayor stated that Anchorage may send crews through the City after Metro crews have gone through to help residents with the remaining debris. McKinley reported that LG & E will be trimming trees in City easements sometime this year.

Council went in to executive session at 6:49 p.m., came out at 6:59 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein
City Clerk