

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

February 14, 2011
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Susan Mitchell, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein and Bill Wetherton. Mayor W. Thomas Hewitt presided. 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, City Attorney John McGarvey, Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, and guests Jerry Miller, Louisville Metro 19th District Councilman, and Stephen Kottkamp.

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

Mayor Hewitt introduced Metro Councilman Miller and invited him to address those in attendance. Miller is holding weekly meetings for 19th District constituents to meet with him to discuss issues and share ideas. The first Tuesday of every month he will be at the Anchorage Café from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the January 10, 2011, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Wetherton moved to accept the minutes and Rublein seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mitchell asked about the boiler repairs at Wagner House. Booth stated that Wagner House has now been placed on an annual repair schedule with a heating contractor. He also noted that there had been an air conditioning leak last year that caused some water damage in the house, but fortunately the leak was discovered early and extensive damage was avoided.

POLICE REPORT

Catalytic converter thefts across Louisville had recently been featured in the news. Several arrests were made this week, one by the 8th Division. Hopefully this will prevent the problem from migrating into Anchorage.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

No January meeting.

FORESTRY BOARD

No report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Hewitt reported that T-Mobile responded with the three options presented. Ramsey requested a conference call be scheduled, and that he and Wetherton receive copies of the T-Mobile contract for that meeting. McKinley has easement information available. It was noted that the City takes title to the cell tower in 2013. McGarvey mentioned that AT&T does not have a similar plan to run fiber optic cable at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

McKinley provided an overview regarding the warning system, gates, and the issues encountered securing timing sequences on the gates at the Bellewood Road railroad crossing. The state no longer provides timing sequences. St. Matthews hired HDR (old Rudy Engineering) to develop its timing sequence for the Chenoweth Lane crossing. HDR can do the same for Anchorage, and the costs were noted in the letter provided to Council. The City must also secure an accurate traffic count. KIPDA has equipment that might be able to run the traffic count, and there would be no cost if KIPDA does it. Another option for Quiet Zone qualification is a wayside horn at the crossing. McKinley noted the sound would be concentrated and intense, but the actual train whistle less disruptive overall. Mitchell stated the City has already spent \$4,200, and the additional \$5,800 for the timing sequence study is just a prelude to the \$250,000-\$500,000 needed if the City to make the crossing a Quiet Zone with four-quad gates. Ramsey inquired about the City's goal; is it not safety? Residents in the area are asking for a Quiet Zone at Bellewood Road. There is already a Quiet Zone that includes the two Glenbook Road crossings and the Evergreen Road crossing. No action was taken by Council.

The hazardous tree removal bids were received. Just 12 trees are scheduled for 2011. Of the 5 bids, the lowest were Arbor Worx and Kentucky Tree. Booth noted that both had previously completed tree removal work for the City, and that there were several complaints and traffic issues with Kentucky Tree. He recommended that Arbor Worx be given the contract even though they did not submit the lowest bid. Their work last year had no complaints or issues when they removed 70 trees. Mitchell motioned to accept the Arbor Worx bid, seconded by Ramsey. All approved.

Ramsey and Hagan briefly mentioned that they met with representatives from Bellewood Childrens Home to discuss recent violation issues.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.