

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

January 10, 2011
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Dan Heiskell, 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, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Officer Brian Warren, Fire Department Captain Bill Rockwood, and guests Diane McAllister and Eric Taylor.

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 13, 2010, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Rublein moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Mitchell. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There were no questions from Council regarding the check register. Hewitt asked about the zoning fees listed in the YTD December financial report. Major stated the approximate \$25,000 was a misclassification of zoning fees by the former treasurer as City assets. The error was corrected in 2010. Hagan inquired as to franchise taxes. Major indicated they are Cable Commission taxes. The amounts have to be certified by the Sheriff's Department before they can be collected which is why the discrepancy from prior years.

POLICE REPORT

Hagan asked about missing persons. Warren said there were seven for the reporting period, all children from Bellewood.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Minutes from the December meeting were presented for review. Wetherton had nothing to add and there were no questions from Council regarding the minutes.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Minutes from the December meeting were provided. There were no questions for Board Chair McAllister.

OLD BUSINESS

McKinley noted some changes to the December Mayoral appointments. One of the Forestry Board members resigned, and two new members, Liz Ferguson and Sherri Stallings, were added. Also, the Mayor changed the appointment of Greg Smith to that of Flood Safety Officer, and Tony Hilinski to that of City Engineer. Wetherton motioned to approve the changes; seconded by Ramsey. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS

McKinley introduced a request from T-Mobile for AT&T to run fiber optic cables from the junction box on Park Road to their cell tower. She has been working with T-Mobile on several options. Because of constraints on the existing utilities easement for the cell tower, T-Mobile is asking to secure an easement across the police parking lot in front of the station so AT&T can either run a fiber optics line underground or overhead. An access easement currently exists but it is for vehicular access. Ramsey expressed concern that an easement might prevent future expansion of the police station. He asked McGarvey if the Council could require permanent indemnification of the City in case of any future damages to the cables; McGarvey stated Council could. The Mayor appointed Ramsey and Wetherton to work on the issue on behalf of the City. Mitchell moved to approve and Hagan seconded. There was no opposition.

Council discussed a recent review of public records received from the Kentucky Division of Regulated Child Care. He asked Hagan to bring Council current on the issues. The City's settlement agreement with Bellewood states that no resident on the Bellewood campus can be a danger to himself or others. Hewitt proposed a letter from the City through McGarvey regarding compliance with the settlement agreement. Hagan and McGarvey will work to draft a letter.

Guest Eric Taylor asked the City if the assessment appeal dates had been set. McKinley noted the original dates overlaid winter break at school, but the appeals dates have been changed to February 22-24 to avoid this conflict.

The Council went into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and they came out at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Alice McKinley, City Clerk