

**MINUTES
of the
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 9, 2007
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Bill Wetherton, Dan Heiskell, Susan Mitchell, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Director of Public Works Erwin Booth; City Attorney John McGarvey; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; Police Chief Chris Winders; Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; and guests Richard Kovats, Eric Taylor, Stephen Kottkamp, Mike and Nadine Brewer, Ann Stivers, and Greta Chessler.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the June 20, 2007, special meeting were presented. Wetherton made the motion, seconded by Durham, and unanimously approved by Council to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for June 2007 were presented. The Mayor directed Council members to McKinley at City Hall with questions.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the June 2007 police report. Wetherton asked about a complaint he had received from a resident regarding an unauthorized vehicle on the road at the time of the Fourth of July parade. The Chief reported that he had spoken with a resident who had driven a riding mower to the parade.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The June 2007 minutes from the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kovats, a contractor representing the homeowner of 11605 Cedardale Road, was in attendance to appeal fines of public works and forestry violations. He agreed that the violations were legitimate, but said none were a blatant disregard of the City's ordinances. He explained that though the drainage issues were not done as presented by the City's engineer and forester, they were done in a manner that worked well, validated by Director of Public Works Booth. Council member Wetherton said that while he and Booth had visited the site to review one violation, they had found another. He felt fines incurred were thus appropriate. McKinley stated that Mr. Pearman has incurred \$1,350.00 in fines and that a recent stop work order has since been lifted. Kovats said he had wanted to explain to Council how the infractions had occurred so his company would not be discredited in the community and would like for the amount of the fines reduced. Mitchell made the motion to reduce the amount of the fines from \$1,350.00 to \$900.00 which was seconded by Durham. Council unanimously supported the motion.

Mitchell did the second reading of an ordinance adopting the City's annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of City government. Durham seconded it and the motion unanimously passed.

Council addressed an appeal to a public works violation at 11601 Cedardale Road. McKinley explained that because of unauthorized trenching at 11605 Cedardale Road, the homeowners had trenched their yard to redirect the runoff. McKinley explained that, after realizing they had needed a permit to trench, the homeowners immediately repaired the area to its original state. Heiskell made the motion, seconded by Durham, to reduce the fine from \$75.00 to \$10.00.

Durham read the first reading of an ordinance creating a new section of Chapter 153 of the code of ordinances to permit, subject to certain restrictions, the posting of signs as a directional aid to homes for sale that are being held open for inspection. Mike Brewer read the new ordinance and found it to be a good compromise. The Mayor will meet with area realtors to present the new ordinance in the near future. Because of the numerous appeals Council deals with each month relating to realtor signs, the Mayor would like to form a committee to deal with the enforcement of the sign ordinances and review appeals.

When City Hall was being renovated a few years ago, the original heating and air conditioning unit was left operational and currently services the upstairs and small meeting room in the building. There have recently been numerous repairs made to the unit and at this point it is non-functional. Three companies have presented bids for new units. McKinley suggested disregarding the bid from Middletown Air Conditioning and Heating as it was high. A John Waters Company representative explained to her that the previous unit was oversized which probably led to its early demise. The City has used John Waters for electrical work and Booth explained that their work was satisfactory. The other bidder, Robbins Heating and Air Conditioning Service Company, the low bidder,

has been used by the City, but only for small jobs. The Mayor asked McKinley and Booth to work with Council member Heiskell to confirm that the units being compared are the same size and are sufficient. Durham made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to accept the lowest bid presented by Robbins Heating and Air Conditioning Service Company.

The 2007 road paving and drainage bids were presented by Booth. Bids were submitted from four companies with individual pricing on road and drainage projects. To ensure the best pricing, he recommended accepting bids for projects from two different companies, Flynn Brothers and Reid Brothers. Mitchell made the motion, seconded by Durham, to accept the recommendation. Council unanimously approved.

McGarvey discussed the amendment to the FAR ordinance which recently had a first reading. Included was a change that allowed building flexibility to homes in RE zoning constructed at least five years prior to the date of the ordinance. Postcards will go out to homeowners to notify them of a residents' meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st before the second reading of the ordinance takes place.

Because of his appointment to City Council, Council member Wetherton became a non-voting member of Anchorage's Historic Preservation Commission. Mayor Hewitt recommended Clyde Ensor to fill the open voting position in HPC and asked Council for their approval. Heiskell made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to accept the Mayor's recommendation.

The regular August City Council meeting has been re-scheduled to a special meeting for Monday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Brewer asked Council if there have been reviews done in the past on Mark Timmons and Associates, who provides the City with arborist services. He also wanted to know if the company worked from a job description. As Chairman of the Anchorage Forestry Board, Brewer is having difficulty with Andrea and Mark attending their monthly forestry meetings and returning phone calls from forestry members. Council member Heiskell stated, that as a previous member of the forestry board, he saw a lot of value in Timmons and Associates and found them to be well qualified. McKinley suggested a job description could be obtained from the City's forestry ordinances. As soon as Mike has reviewed these, he and the Mayor will meet to discuss the issues.

Stephen Kottkamp asked when the Bellewood Bridge would be open for traffic. Booth replied that the cap stones are now being placed on the headwalls. The road will then be paved and he expects the road to be open in the next couple of weeks.

Council went into executive session at 6:52 p.m., came back into regular session and adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk