

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**March 10, 2008
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, Bill Wetherton, Susan Mitchell, Dan Heiskell, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; City Attorney John McGarvey; Treasurer Jim Johnson; Police Chief Chris Winders; and guests Jay Foley, Rick Hill, Joe Roehrig, Tom Brewer, Eric Taylor, Bill Bardenwerper, and Steve Kottkamp.

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 11, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Durham, and Council voted unanimously to approve. The minutes from the February 26, 2008, Special Meeting of City Council were presented. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes and, seconded by Rublein, were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for February 2008 were presented. Ramsey asked if more costs would be incurred for salt for City streets. Johnson replied that City maintenance was expecting two more deliveries this month. He also reported that the 2008 property assessments have gone out and appeals have taken place.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the February 2008 police report with no questions or concerns raised.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The minutes from the February 2008 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented. Ramsey asked if there was any activity in regard to the Cottonwood Estate. Wetherton replied that he had received a call from a couple interested in the property but had not been able to reach them.

OLD BUSINESS

Mitchell read the second reading of the ordinance changing the zoning from R-E (Residential Estate) to OR (Office/Residential) on the property located at 11301 Park Road. Rublein seconded the motion and the Council voted unanimously to approve. Bill Bardenwerper, representing Village Solutions, was introduced and requested an additional 30-day extension on the purchase agreement contingency period. Durham made the motion, seconded by Rublein, to extend the contingency period another 30 days. Council unanimously approved the motion.

The Mayor and the Council discussed Evergreen Real Estate's request for an easement across City property for a drive-through for the new bank. The City will not consider selling or leasing the piece of property. The City will schedule a residents' meeting to get feedback from the community and invite bank officials to field questions. Up to three Council members can attend. McKinley will contact Foley when the meeting date is set. The Fire Board will be meeting next week to determine if they have any issue with the City granting this easement.

Roehrig explained a new problem with Locust Lane cul-de-sac that occurred when the contractor began excavating for the repairs approved at the February City Council meeting. While excavating the cul-de-sac in preparation for the repaving project it was discovered that the soil was more unstable than previously anticipated. A specialist in paving design was brought in who suggested digging down an additional twelve inches. Geo-textile fabric was laid, then surge stone. A dump truck rolled over the area to confirm the strength of the base support which was deemed adequate. The estimated cost is now at \$49,345.00. With this update, the roadwork will now be warranted. The motion was made by Ramsey, and seconded by Wetherton, to approve the additional expense to the cul-de-sac repairs. Council unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Last month a City maintenance worker hit an ice patch and totaled the City's 2001 F-250 truck. McKinley reported that insurance will pay \$14,000.00 after the \$1,000.00 deductible. The City must pay for the striping on the new truck but the cost of the lights will be covered by insurance. The City is self-insured with an infrastructure fund that will cover the purchase price of the new truck after the insurance pay-out. Under state pricing the City can get a new, comparable truck for \$30,063.00. Council member Ramsey suggested Booth price a used truck. As the snow plow on the truck was oversized for the vehicle, Booth suggested that the City invest in a new, appropriately sized snow plow. Mitchell made the motion, seconded by Durham, to deem the old snow plow surplus, which was unanimously approved by Council. The snow plow will be put on GovDeals and sold.

Wetherton voiced appreciation to City maintenance for their excellent work on streets during the recent snow fall. Booth will detail the procedure for snow removal and the maintenance of City streets in inclement weather at the upcoming Town Meeting.

Mitchell read the first reading of an ordinance establishing the Anchorage tax rate on real and personal property for the tax year 2008-2009 at the rate of \$.416 on each one hundred dollars of the 2008 assessed valuation.

Council went into executive session at 6:45 p.m. and came back into regular session at 7:05 p.m. with no action taken.

Rublein read the first reading of an ordinance transferring incorporated property to the City of Middletown.

Rublein read the first reading of an ordinance accepting a transfer of incorporated property from the City of Middletown.

Rublein read the first reading of an ordinance closing the public right-of-way of Johnson Avenue (now known as Glenbrook Road).

Rublein made the motion, seconded by Durham, to adjourn the meeting. Council unanimously approved and the meeting closed at 7:17 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk