

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**May 12, 2008
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetherton, Dan Heiskell, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schindwein; Public Works Director Erwin Booth; City Attorney John McGarvey; Police Chief Chris Winders; and guests Peter Goutos and David Buechler with Village Solutions, Joe Roehrig, and Steve Kottkamp.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the April 14, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Ramsey motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Durham, and Council voted unanimously to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for April 2008 were presented.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the April 2008 police report. The new generator has been installed and the department has acquired a new portable breathalyzer. Heiskell asked why arrests had more than doubled from the previous month. The chief replied that, with extra hours paid for by a highway safety grant, the increase in officers on the street generated the greater number of arrests.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The minutes from the April 2008 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

The insurance tax premium rate for the City is at 5%. Cities currently do not know if they are getting all revenues due from insurance premium taxes. When cities change the tax rate, the state sends a letter that informs insurance companies of the revised rate, all residences in the revenue area, and where these revenues are to be paid. For this purpose, the City will have McGarvey present an ordinance at the next City Council meeting to increase the tax rate at the smallest increment possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Roehrig presented an update on the sewer project. There are several concerns of residents that need to be addressed, small in scope but mean a lot to individual property owners. These will be addressed in the next few weeks. Anything that is not resolved with MAC Construction to the satisfaction of the homeowners will be directed to McGarvey. Roehrig reported that state approval of the sewer lines could be anytime between mid-May until mid-June.

At the April Council meeting, a resolution was passed to allow those affected by the sewer project to finance with the City the cost over a five-year period at an interest rate of 4.2% per year on the unpaid balance. A resolution was presented tonight to allow for a ten-year payment period to finance the cost at a rate of 4.75% per year on the unpaid balance in addition to the five-year financing option. Both plans will have payments due each September 15th. Council member Ramsey supports these rates as long as the City

isn't absorbing a loss. Heiskell made the motion, seconded by Ramsey, to pass the resolution and Council unanimously supported it.

Last month an ordinance had a first reading authorizing a discount of 4% for early payment of the sewer service assessment fee to the City. Council decided to increase the discount from 4% to 6%. Ramsey did a first reading of an ordinance that changed the rate from 4% to 6%, to stimulate homeowners to pursue their own financing from a bank. To receive this discount full payment of assessment must be paid by June 15th.

Durham made the motion to declare the police department's old generator surplus and to give it to the Anchorage Fire Department. Ramsey seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

McKinley presented an appeal from the homeowner of 1700 Evergreen Road. The homeowner had received a letter from the City stating that she had thirty days to clear obstructions from the blue-line stream on the rear of her property or she would be fined. The homeowner stated in a letter to the City that she needs to maintain the structure over the stream to allow potential buyers access to the rear of the property. McKinley explained that this is an issue with Kentucky Division of Water as well as a City ordinance. The homeowner will be informed that she must adhere to the letter she received.

A Bike Trail Committee was formed by the City after it was understood Metro Louisville planned to run the northeast corridor portion of the Louisville Loop through the City. The committee, formed by residents in the path of the proposed trail, has met twice to determine the least intrusive path for the City, with two more meeting planned in the next week. Metro is trying to connect the Loop from around Valhalla on Shelbyville Road, through Tom Sawyer Park, to connect to River Road in Prospect. An option the committee will propose to Metro is to come up Avoca Road, to Ridge Road, along the railroad right-of-way crossing to Highway 146 right-of-way to Whipps Mill Road. Suggestions from the committee must be received by Metro Parks by June 1st.

Heiskell did the first reading of an ordinance restricting children's homes uses in the City, (excluding Bellewood Children's Home). He suggested taking out the words "that are publically operated" in Section 1(a) and Council members agreed.

Council went in to executive session at 6:50 p.m. and came back in to regular session at 7:04 p.m. At this time the motion was made by Ramsey, and seconded by Durham, to approve the hire of Renee Majors as City Treasurer. Council unanimously supported the motion.

Roger presented the resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a deed, on behalf of the City, to transfer the real property known as Tract 2, on the minor subdivision plat of record in deed 7927, page 899, in the Office of the Clerk of Jefferson County, to Bellewood Village Development, LLC, assignee of Village Solutions, for purchase price on purchase agreement between the City and Village Solutions, less \$35,000.00 to be withheld for environmental remediation of two underground storage tanks found on the property, said sum being the maximum exposure for the City for any environmental remediation associated with the transferred real property. The resolution was seconded by Ramsey and unanimously passed.

Council ended at 7:09 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk

