

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

May 9, 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. 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. Guests included Brian Sullivan, Darryl Herbertz and Michael Bryant from T-Mobile; Jerry Cantrell, Sally Pendelton, Julie Greenwell, Curry Nicholson and Ann Walthall representing Bellewood Home for Children; Stephen Kottkamp; and Dodie McKenzie.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the April 11, 2011, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes; Ramsey seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's April Check Register and Financial Report were presented for review. Wetherton asked Major about the money owed to Sam Thomas. She replied that the Civic Club's book/cash account has not yet reached \$1,000 this year; that is the threshold when a payment is disbursed. Hewitt noted that property tax collections are up. Major stated invoices were mailed early and that payments have been coming in steadily since then.

POLICE REPORT

Winders noted no vehicle break-ins since his report last month. Internet scams are the latest issue, and a lot of people fall for them despite all the warnings. Hewitt inquired if there were any complaints over Derby weekend with both restaurants fully booked. Winders said there had been no complaints at all. McKinley also confirmed City Hall did not receive any complaints.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the Commission's April 19, 2011 meeting were presented. Wetherton had nothing to add, and there were no questions from Council.

FORESTRY BOARD

Chairman McAllister was unable to attend, but minutes from the Forestry Board's April 4, 2011 meeting were submitted for City Council's review. There were no questions regarding the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Hewitt modified the agenda to allow Cantrell to address Council before moving on to Old Business.

Bellewood Director's Report – Cantrell presented a brief summary of Bellewood's relationship with the City for the past 8 ½ years. He expressed his regret for lack of communication and compliance on Bellewood's part which created concern in certain situations, and he apologized. He then introduced the Bellewood staff and Board members in attendance that would assist in the presentation to Council. Nicholson provided an overview and history of Bellewood Home for Children and outlined the various programs and age groups served: Residential Treatment (12-18), Transitional Living (by state law to age 21) and Independent Living (18-26), but the latter two limited by the Settlement Agreement with the City of Anchorage to age 18. Walthall spoke directly of the Settlement Agreement and the Conditional Use Permit approved by the Jefferson County Zoning Board. She detailed the exception requests made to the City and acknowledged that the four 19-year olds denied since August 2010 were no longer in school. Greenwell outlined the clinician classification levels, staffing ratios, and intake and review processes. She spoke specifically of the "dangerous to themselves or others" verbiage in the agreement and how this condition is determined. Hagan asked if a written admissions policy document is available, and Greenwell said one would be provided. Hagan also injected an idea concerning critical reports – hearing facts directly from Bellewood instead of written police reports. Greenwell acknowledged the benefits of doing so and asked Council for their suggestions on how this should occur. Ramsey asked if the police were being called too early or too late. Winders said things have improved; they no longer receive calls that can be taken care of internally and do not need police intervention. Pendleton then spoke of community involvement and the goal of teaching kids self-sufficiency. Wetherton inquired about resident tutors or mentors on campus, and Greenwell and Cantrell both commented on long-term relationship objectives, even after a child leaves Bellewood. Since youths are schooled on campus, Heiskell asked about Bellewood residents participating in organized sports, and he was told of a connection with Eastern High School that allowed them to play. Cantrell

concluded his report with an ongoing commitment to rebuilding trust with the Mayor, Council and the citizens of Anchorage.

Resolution: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Funds – Mitchell moved to authorize the Mayor to make application and execute necessary documents to secure KOHS funding for the Police Department. Wetherton seconded the motion and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ridge Road Failure – A base survey of Ridge Road from Glenbrook to the east City limits has been completed. Stantec prepared a base map that details the entire area including easements, the railroad right of way, drainage areas, and property lines. Ramsey said the entire area needed to be drained, and thought 3 or 4 drainage pipes under the road to the railroad tracks would suffice. McKinley noted that she heard from R.J. Corman; they have the necessary equipment and would be happy to build a retaining wall – at the City’s cost. Hewitt indicated he’s waiting for the official road closing to be finalized before moving forward with this project.

T-Mobile Easement Request - An information coversheet, proposed Amendment to the Tower Lease Attachment Agreement, and detailed drawings for the proposed project were included in Council’s packet. Ramsey and McGarvey asked for a new indemnification clause that is not mutual, since the City cannot indemnify another party. McGarvey will rewrite. Sullivan noted the financial consideration of \$2,500 – market rate and double the previous offer of \$1,150. He stated boring will be minimally invasive, only one hole will be dug, and no cables will be seen when completed only the conduit from the pole going underground. Wetherton noted the absence of a time limit and expressed concern about blocking access for the Police Department. Following discussion, Hewitt asked for a motion. Ramsey moved to approve the Amendment subject to the following caveats to satisfy Council’s remaining concerns: Indemnification language to be prepared by McGarvey and incorporated into the Amendment; a clarification of installation timeframe; a statement regarding no disruption to police department access and service; and financial consideration of \$3,000 for the expanded easement. Hagan seconded. A vote was taken and all approved.

With no further business to discuss, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.