

**MINUTES
CITY OF ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

Monday, November 14, 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, Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, and guests Diane McAllister, Eric Taylor, and Matthew and Beth Barnickle.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 3, 2011, Special Meeting of City Council were reviewed. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Hagan seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's October Check Register and Monthly Financial Report were presented for review. Major stated that a software upgrade resulted in more detailed report information. She also noted the addition of infrastructure (road) expense detail previously not available. Major was asked about the three-year variances in insurance premium tax revenue, capital improvements and police gas expenses, and she satisfactorily answered Council's questions on these subjects.

POLICE REPORT

Winders said that during the past two months the East End of Jefferson County was hit hard with 35-40 break-ins, all with similar characteristics. Fortunately only two occurred in Anchorage. APD was able to secure a palm print from one scene which resulted in a match with LMPD records. There have been no additional incidents since that individual was arrested. A couple of recent thefts from cars were not part of the same series. The October Police Activity Report was shared with Council. Hagan inquired about the increase in missing persons for a second consecutive month, and was told they were all youth from Bellewood. Winders stated that the same three youths took off several days in a row and those events escalated the numbers.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the Commission's October 18, 2011, meeting were presented to City Council. Wetherton mentioned that HPC was scheduled to meet the following evening, and that restoration feasibility for the Hardy house on Bellewood Road, and the Cottonwood-Hobbs estate on Evergreen Road were on the agenda.

FORESTRY BOARD

The minutes from the Forestry Board's October 3, 2011, meeting were submitted for review. Also provided were recommendations from Mark Timmons and Andrea Hanlon, the City's Foresters, regarding changes to the Forestry Ordinance violation fees. McKinley noted that contractors, not residents, tend to be the biggest offenders. Hewitt asked for a first reading at the December meeting, and requested Council review the recommendations beforehand. McAllister mentioned that the Forestry calendars were scheduled for delivery to residents the week of November 21st.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Winders requested Council designate a police car as surplus so it could be sold. Ramsey made the motion; Wetherton seconded, and all approved.

Copies of the 2011 Fiscal Year Audit will be available next week. Council members were asked to stop by City Hall and pick up a copy before the December meeting.

The Industrial Disposal contract expires at the end of the year. Heiskell made a motion to renew it for one additional year; Mitchell seconded. The motion carried without opposition. McKinley noted that the contract would possibly be bid again next year. Hewitt suggested that it be put out as a Request for Proposal and not a Request for Bid the next time.

New Anchorage residents, Matthew and Beth Barnickle of Park Road, spoke of the train horns and how disruptive they are. In April, Council unanimously voted to discontinue the engineering study for a quiet zone at the Bellewood Road crossing, and the Barnickles asked the City to reconsider the study. It was suggested that perhaps Louisville Metro could help with the cost since former Metro Councilman Hal Heiner had secured funding to help with the quiet zone for Chamberlain Lane. McKinley noted that Anchorage will now be in District 17 due to redistricting as a result of latest census figures, and that this topic can be broached with Glen Stuckel, the Metro District 17 Councilman, once the redistricting is effective.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Alice McKinley, City Clerk