

**Minutes  
of the  
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**October 13, 2008  
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Bill Wetherton, Susan Mitchell, Brian Rublein, Neil Ramsey, Dan Heiskell, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; Public Works Director Erwin Booth; City Attorney John McGarvey; Police Chief Chris Winders; Treasurer Renee Major; and guests Jerry Cantrell and Vicki King from Bellewood Children's Home, John Carroll, Diane McAllister, Bill Rockwood, Darren Winslow, Stephen Kottkamp, and Jay Foley.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He introduced Boy Scout Troop 110 and their troop leader, Tim Adams. The scouts attended the meeting as a requirement to achieve their "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 8, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council, were presented. After a correction, Wetherton made the motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mitchell, and Council voted unanimously to approve.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The City's check register and financial report for September 2008 were presented. Mitchell stated that she appreciated the check description now included in the reports. The Mayor asked if clean up costs from the recent storm were included in the report. Major replied that these bills will be included in the October report.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Winders presented the September 2008 police report. The new generator worked well during the recent power outage. He reported on five thefts from vehicles on Glenbrook Road. A call from a resident alerted police of a suspicious person walking in the neighborhood. Police stopped the subject, found some of the stolen merchandise, and an arrest was made. Almost all of the stolen property was later retrieved.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The minutes from the September HPC meeting were presented to Council.

**FORESTRY BOARD**

The minutes from the September 2008, Forestry Board meeting were presented. McAllister reported that at the last forestry meeting Mark and Andrea, with Timmons and Associates, made several suggestions to the board that they hoped to incorporate. She will speak with City Attorney McGarvey to discuss legal issues regarding the canopy program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jerry Cantrell, Director of Bellewood Children's Home, was introduced. The Children's Home would like to construct a building to house a school and gymnasium on the property and, before seeking donations, wanted the approval of the concept from Council. The project would need to go through the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission, forestry, and zoning. Council members Mitchell and Wetherton will meet with Cantrell to check the location of the proposed building.

Darran Winslow, representing Larry Townsend, was introduced to Council. He requested the penalty be removed from Townsend's tax bill. It was determined no penalty had been incurred and the matter was dismissed.

Jay Foley, representing Evergreen Real Estate, was presented and asked Council to consider a variance on the sign ordinance. Ordinance 153.12 states that all signs within the CN zoning be constructed of wood. Commonwealth Bank, at 1402 Evergreen Road, requested the sign on the front of their building be made out of a satin brushed, brass finish. The resolution to allow the variance was presented by Ramsey, seconded by Rublein, and passed unanimously.

The amendment to C-N zoning allowing for the outdoor service of alcoholic beverages will be presented by McGarvey at next month's City Council meeting. The amendment will include serving alcoholic beverages until midnight, allowing for service on properties not abutting a residential property with a residence, and for the establishment to serve alcoholic beverages within a certain distance from the building.

The amendment to C-N zoning adding a dance instruction studio as a permitted use will be presented at next month's meeting of City Council.

The amendment to R-R, R-E, R-1, and R-2 zoning regarding residential regulations will be created and presented at the next City Council meeting. The City will conform to Land Development Codes established in Metro regarding day cares.

Ramsey did a first reading of an ordinance amending ordinance #4, Series 2008 that authorizes a discount for early payment of the sewer service assessment fee to the City. The amendment will extend the discount period to August 20, 2008.

McKinley presented emergency expenses incurred during the recent storm. She had contacted Tree Care to handle storm debris and tree removal because of the reputation they had with the City, their competitive pricing, and their availability. She stated the

City had sixteen road closings immediately after the storm. The bill for this service came to \$62,500.00. Ramsey expressed concern about the high cost. McKinley presented an explanation of the cost. She stated that the City might consider paying a retainer to a tree company for first response in case of future emergencies.

Mitchell made the motion by reading the emergency ordinance to extend the moratorium on certain residential zoning compliance certificates to allow for a study of revisions to the floor area ratio for residential development. The emergency ordinance remains in effect for four months and does not require a second reading. Council committed to setting up two residents' meetings to get questions and concerns, meeting with local real estate agents, and making a final decision within the four month period. Heiskell seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Ramsey voted against and Heiskell, Rublein, Durham, Wetherton, and Mitchell voted for its approval. The ordinance passed.

Police Chief Winders asked Council to deem two police vehicles surplus. Ramsey made the motion, seconded by Mitchell, to deem the vehicles surplus and Council unanimously approved. The vehicles will be sold to another local police department.

At 7:10 p.m. Council adjourned.

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W. Thomas Hewitt,  
Mayor

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Nan Schlindwein,  
City Clerk