

**MINUTES
CITY OF ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

**Monday, September 12, 2011
6:00 p.m.
City Hall**

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Dan Heiskell, Susan Mitchell, Neil Ramsey, and Bill Wetherton. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk Alice McKinley, Treasurer Renee Major, Chief of Police Chris Winders, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler, and guest Diane McAllister.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the August 2, 2011, Special Meeting of City Council were presented. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes; Wetherton seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's August Check Register and Monthly Financial Report were presented for review. The Mayor noted that the only exceptional expense was the \$100,000 pay down on the Wagner house loan.

POLICE REPORT

Winders reported that Louisville Metro had recently arrested four suspects associated with the area break-ins, including an incident in Anchorage. When arrested, one suspect was in possession of the Anchorage property that had been taken.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the Commission's August 16, 2011, meeting were presented to City Council. Wetherton mentioned there's a Special AHPC meeting scheduled for the following evening to update the guidelines.

FORESTRY BOARD

The minutes from the Forestry Board's August 1, 2011 meeting were submitted for review. McAllister was questioned about the hazardous tree removals, and she clarified that the City is only removing dead trees. Twelve were removed in 2011 and there are very few on the list for 2012. McAllister noted that Mark Timmons had reviewed the City's tree ordinance. He had made suggestions for updating the ordinance, especially the penalties which were too low, and the size of trees required to be replanted after a tree removal. She had not heard back from the Mayor or City Attorney and would like their feedback before making recommendations to Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance to Adopt the Code of Ordinances Supplemental – Hagan motioned to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance to adopt the 2011S-15 Supplemental prepared by American Legal Publishing. Ramsey seconded. The ordinance passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

AT&T Wireless Equipment Change – AT&T is requesting to install six additional 4G antennas along with the three new 3G scheduled for existing equipment replacement. Currently there are three antennas at 165-ft; this would change that number to nine and add a substantial amount of weight. McKinley suggested a physical tower inspection, not just an analysis that's done from the ground, to insure the tower can support the added weight. Ramsey agreed, but said AT&T should pay for the inspection and not the City. Wetherton inquired if they are fully insured in case of a fall, and McKinley stated they are and the City has insurance documentation.

Insight/Time Warner Merger – Majors, the City's representative on the 23 small cities Cable Commission, reported on the proposed merger and impacts to the City. The City of Anchorage has a rate regulation with Insight and they cannot raise rates without the City's approval. Not all cities have this protection. The Cable Commission was in process of extending the Insight contract when it received word of the merger. Majors noted that Anchorage's franchise doesn't expire until December 31, while Louisville Metro's actually expired in July and they are operating without a new agreement. This topic will be back on the Commission's agenda for September. Additional information will be forthcoming after that session.

Anchorage Fire Department 100th Anniversary – the Civic Club will honor the Fire Department at Anchorfest on October 11th and the Mayor encouraged all Council Members to attend. General comments were made concerning talk of merging the various fire districts with Metro, and several Council Members felt there's a lot of misinformation going around. There is small city representation on the Merger 2.0 Committee, but the Mayor noted small cities are underrepresented. Fortunately the small cities have tremendous lobbying contacts in Frankfort who are working hard on our behalf.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Alice McKinley, City Clerk