

**MINUTES OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, July 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Jason Walters, Bill Wetherton, and Hunter Wilson. Diane Cook did not attend. Also in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Forestry Board Chairperson Jan Ruzich, and Forestry Board member Lucy Spickard. Guests included Seth King, Debbie Lichtenfels, Roberts and Carter Sartor, Emmanuel Nidhiry, Phillip Kash, Kelley Ransdell, Judy George, and coaches and members of the Anchorage Public Middle School Academic Team.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Ramsey congratulated the Anchorage Public Middle School Academic Team, their coaches, parents, and school representatives on being the 2022 Junior National Academic Champions and 2022 Quick Recall State Champions. Wilson motioned to make a resolution for Mayor Ramsey to proclaim July 11, 2022 as Anchorage Middle School Academic Team Day in the City of Anchorage. Delehanty seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously. Mayor Ramsey signed the proclamation and presented each member of the academic team with a proclamation certificate.

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the June 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Delehanty seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wilson asked about the check issued to Leadsonline LLC and the refund checks. Police Chief Hayes explained Leadsonline LLC is for software used by the police department. Major said the City refunded building bond deposits held by the City. The oldest deposits held will be reached to determine if they need to be escheated to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes said he has received eight employment applications since last month, when City Council and the Mayor approved extending the distance for take-home vehicle mileage. Hayes reported that a school resource officer (SRO) will be hired for the upcoming school year. The Anchorage Independent Public School has the funds to pay for the SRO. Hayes discussed the

SRO work schedule, applicants for the position, and said city attorneys are working on a Memorandum of Agreement. He also discussed current opening for officers and his plans for dispatcher positions.

Hayes stated that there has been a 200% increase nationwide in the use of rifles to shoot police officers. The current protective vests used by Anchorage officers are effective for five years and will expire in May. Hayes is obtaining quotes for new vests, rifles, and ammunition for officers and will apply for a grant to cover the costs. Officers receive an equipment allowance, which can be used to purchase vests for additional protection.

Hayes announced that two new security cameras were installed in the parking lot area behind the post office, and they should be operational by the end of this week.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton reported that the June meeting was lengthy because of so many applications, and that all applications were approved. He also confirmed for Council that the Historic Preservation Commission continues to disapprove vinyl materials.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Forestry Board member Lucy Spickard discussed the work involved in creating the proposed amendment to add bamboo to the City's nuisance ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending the Acts of Nuisance Ordinance (Bamboo) – First Reading

Spickard and Walters discussed the proposed ordinance amendment for adding bamboo to the current nuisance ordinance. The Mayor and Council discussed enforcement of and fines for violation of the ordinance. Section §92.99 Penalty will continue to apply for any violations. Wilson conducted the first reading of the ordinance amending section 92.02 of the code of ordinances for the City of Anchorage to define the cultivation of bamboo without appropriate barriers or containers to be an act of nuisance under Chapter 92.

Surplus Inventory – Ford Explorer Police Vehicle

Wilson motioned to declare a 2014 Ford Explorer Police Vehicle as surplus inventory. Walters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Major said a ribbon cutting for the pedestrian bridge honoring Mayor Hewitt, located on Hazelwood Road, is being planned for early August to coordinate with the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year. Reach Alerts will be sent, and information included in [the Anchor Age Newsletter](#).

Major reported that, in June, Kentucky Division of Water audited the MSD Co-permittee records of Anchorage. The City was notified that it passed.

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. McMahon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk