

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

**Monday, January 09, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Karin Tyrer, Patrick McMahon, Bill Wetherton, and Hunter Wilson. Also in attendance were City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator René Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, and Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, Clerk/Office Manager Angie Chick, and Forestry Board Chairperson Jan Ruzich. Mayor Neil Ramsey, and Council member Matt Delehanty were absent. Guests included Jacob Conway, Corey Kennedy, Tito Godoy, Matt Kersey, Liz Pratt, and Patrick Sparks. .

Wetherton made a motion to nominate Hunter Wilson as presiding officer for the January 09, 2023 City Council regular meeting. McMahon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Anchorage City Council welcomed the LG&E (Louisville Gas and Electric) crew who restored power to sections of Anchorage at Christmastime during extremely cold weather. Crew members Jacob Conway, Corey Kennedy, Tito Godoy, Matt Kersey, and Brandon Edwards were presented with a gift and certificate of appreciation for their outstanding dedication and service. An article to recognize their work will be published in the Anchor Age Newsletter in February.

Wilson welcomed Karin Tyrer as a new member of the Anchorage City Council.

**MINUTES**

Tyrer motioned to approve the December 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes. McMahon seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Cook noticed 40% increases in fuel expenses for both public works and police departments. Chief Hayes explained that City policy recently changed to allow take-home police vehicles to be driven without limitation in Jefferson County. Melton noted that zoning fee income increased because of demolition fees paid and license income increased due to ABC license renewals, which had been forgiven in part during the pandemic. McGarvey asked about the hybrid Ford Explorer police vehicle, which is the first hybrid police vehicle in Jefferson County. Chief Hayes said, expenses for the two-year-old vehicle are about one third that of non-hybrid vehicles. Cook asked about an increase in police equipment repair expenses. Chief explained that the expense is all for vehicle repairs and that parts are more expensive due to inflation.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes presented the annual UCR report and went over the highlights, including a safety comparison between Anchorage and surrounding neighborhoods. Hayes mentioned a burglary that took place in December in Anchorage that appeared to have been planned. He also stated that check washing (counterfeiting and forging) is one of the most prominent criminal issues here. Wetherton thanked Chief Hayes and his department for doing an excellent job.

The attached activity report was discussed.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Wetherton reported that last month’s meeting went well, and all applications were approved. He informed City Council that a search is under way to hire a professional to complete the Historic Preservation Guideline renovations. A guideline revisions committee met a week ago and will meet again to choose the professional for the job.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Ruzich announced that the Forestry Board Arbor Day event is coming up in March. Cook thanked Ruzich for her volunteer work in Anchorage, for example setting up for events and taking photos during events.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Davis Tyler, 11508 Ridge Road – Civil Penalty Appeal**

Prior to this meeting, Mr. Davis Tyler submitted a letter to City Council appealing a fine he received for demolition of a structure in the AHPC (Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission) District and failing to make an application and obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to the demolition of the former structure (metal shed) and installation of a new outbuilding. McMahon noted that the fine was already reduced since AHPC could have charged a separate fine for each offense (demolition and construction), forestry, and zoning but instead, only one fine was issued. Wetherton supported issuance of the fine without a reduction and stated the new structure would not have been approved by AHPC had an application been made. Mr. Tyler was not in attendance. Cook stated the fine could have been \$500.00 and made a motion to keep the fine of \$250.00. McMahon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Hazardous Tree Removal Bids**

Public Works Director Gary Burkhead reviewed hazardous tree removal bids for removing thirty-six trees, grinding out stumps, removing all debris, and pruning four trees. He recommended accepting the lowest bid from Podges Lawn and Tree Service. McGarvey reminded Council and explained for the new councilmember that whenever Council chooses bids, they can accept the best bid even if it is not the lowest bid. Tyrer motioned to accept the lowest bid, Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Bellewood/U-Spiritus Certification Letter for Calendar Year 2022**

Bellewood/U-Spiritus submitted their annual certification letter to Mayor Ramsey. Based on recent news reports, Tyrer asked whether the Bellewood/U-Spiritus campus would be receiving new children, and it was confirmed that they will not receive them until state authorities approve it.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Wetherton made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Council entered executive session at 6:27 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

No action was taken, and with no further business to discuss, Wetherton motioned to adjourn the meeting. McMahon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Hunter Wilson, Presiding Officer

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Reneé M. Major, City Clerk

## ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ACTIVITY REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2022 YTD TOTAL	2021 YTD TOTALS
ACCIDENTS	2	0	3	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	0	20	15
ALARMS	13	14	17	7	15	14	5	13	11	14	16	21	160	165
AMBULANCE/ FIRE RUNS	4	4	7	5	12	9	4	6	15	17	9	18	110	100
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	1	1	0	11	11
APS (SCHOOL SECURITY)	30	22	47	37	52	3	2	37	32	37	38	14	351	237
RESID/BUSINESS CHECKS	4839	5013	5142	4674	4351	4843	5131	4242	4777	4874	3966	4282	56134	55098
MISSING PERSON	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
CITATIONS & WARNINGS	161	186	210	175	189	201	223	187	203	179	175	211	2300	1985
UNIFORM OFFENSE REPORTS	3	3	4	4	6	0	1	6	3	2	3	7	42	33
ARRESTS	9	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	20	16
TRUCK STOPS	1	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	4	1	0	16	13
OPEN DOORS	2	5	5	3	0	1	1	3	9	1	1	1	32	38
CRIME PREVENTION	69	71	77	67	84	62	28	82	105	90	69	58	862	774
TOTAL	5134	5323	5514	4978	4716	5139	5398	4583	5160	5222	4281	4612	60060	58490

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Alarms— Fire/Burglar	<b>Reports</b>	
Ambulance/Fire Runs— assist EMS on call	22-004676	12/1/2022 Old Harrods Creek
Assist other agency--Backup Metro, Middletown, EMS on call for service	22-004768	12/8/2022 E. Arbor Dr.
APS (School Security)-- officer walk thru, morning drop off security at 2 locations, events at school	22-004813	12/11/2022 Anchorage Pointe
Missing person- person reported as missing and entered NCIC	22-005027	12/21/2022 Anchorage Woods Circle
Uniform Offense Reports- calls that resulted in a criminal case opened	22-005086	12/27/2022 Ridge Rd
Truck Stops- Commercial vehicles stopped in violation of KRS or Ordinance.	22-005079	12/29/2022 Homewood Rd
Open Doors- discovered during Residential/Business/School checks	22-005082	12/29/2022 Shelbysville Rd
Crime prevention- vehicles checked for valuables, excess mail in box, church security on Sundays etc.		