

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

**Monday, March 13, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Matt Delehanty, Karin Tyrer, Bill Wetherton, Diane Cook, and Hunter Wilson. Also in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, and Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton. Patrick McMahon was absent. Guests included Forestry Board Chair Jan Ruzich, and Anchorage Independent School District Representative Sara Tyler.

In Mayor Ramsey's absence, Wetherton motioned to appoint Council Member Wilson to act as the presiding officer of the meeting until Ramsey arrived. Delehanty seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Tyrer motioned to approve the amended January 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes. The minutes were amended to include a copy of the Anchorage Police Department (APD) Activity Report current through December 31, 2022. Cook seconded. All voted to approve, and the motion passed. Wetherton motioned to approve the February 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes including the January 2023 APD report. Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cook noted that personal property tax and insurance premium tax revenues have increased substantially compared to the prior period. Melton stated the City receives the majority of personal property revenue and insurance premium tax revenue from outside sources, and noted prior period payments were reduced creating a larger difference.

**POLICE REPORT**

Hayes stated the men who burglarized a home in Anchorage Woods have been arrested as had one of two car thieves. Several unlocked vehicles were ransacked in the Arbor Estates area. House in Springhill Gardens was burglarized this past weekend. Two female run-aways from Bellewood Children's Home were safely returned. The number of citations has increased. Delehanty stated he received several complaints about minors driving golf carts. Ramsey asked that another newsletter article reminding parents of the laws be published in April. Cook commended the Anchorage Police Department for all their diligence and hard work. Ramsey asked that a newsletter reminder about requesting police surveillance at their homes while away be published.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Wetherton said the Commission reviewed several applications and the meeting went well.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Ruzich stated that Arbor Day will be celebrated at City Hall Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with the tree give-away after the program. The program will feature a speaker from the Olmsted Parks Conservancy. A Reach Alert message will be sent following the meeting to inform residents that any left-over free trees could be picked up on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Compensating Rate**

Major discussed the relevance of the compensating rate calculation. Wilson asked that it be notated in the letter to the Mayor and City Council that a clarification be included that states the 2023 tax rate of \$.329/\$100 of assessed value has not changed from 2022.

### **Tax Rate Ordinance – First Reading**

Ramsey asked for discussion about lowering the ten percent discount rate to five percent for fiscal year ending 30 June 2023. Melton stated that approximately 80% of taxpayers have paid with the discount in 2022. Without objection from City Council, Ramsey amended the rate to a five percent discount. Cook gave the first reading of the 2023 tax ordinance with a tax rate of \$.329/\$100 and five percent discount if real and personal property taxes are paid on or before 31 May 2023.

### **Resolution Declaring March 15, 2023 Arbor Day**

Ramsey stated that he would like to declare March 15, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Anchorage. Without objection from City Council, Ramsey signed the proclamation.

### **Anchorage Public School**

Ramsey recognized Sara Tyler as the Anchorage Independent School District representative. Tyler stated the Anchorage PTA auction was very successful raising approximately \$197,000 for a new art program initiative at Anchorage Public School.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Coffee with the Mayor on March 14<sup>th</sup>, Arbor Day Event on March 15<sup>th</sup>, Tree Give-away (leftover trees) on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and deadline to sign up for (first edition) April e-newsletter is March 20th.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:38 p.m., Wilson motioned to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Cook seconded, and the motion was passed. The meeting resumed to open session at 6:41 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Wetherton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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Neil Ramsey, Mayor

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Reneé M. Major, City Clerk

## ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 ACTIVITY REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2023 YTD TOTAL	2022 YTD TOTALS
ACCIDENTS	4	0											4	2
ALARMS	8	11											19	27
AMBULANCE/FIRE RUNS	12	5											17	8
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2	0											2	1
APS (SCHOOL SECURITY)	41	25											66	52
RESID/BUSINESS CHECKS	4886	5022											9908	9852
MISSING PERSON	0	0											0	1
CITATIONS & WARNINGS	97	203											300	347
UNIFORM OFFENSE REPORTS	3	3											6	6
ARRESTS	1	0											1	10
TRUCK STOPS	0	0											0	4
OPEN DOORS	7	4											11	7
CRIME PREVENTION	65	64											129	140
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5126</b>	<b>5337</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10463</b>	<b>10457</b>

Alarms-- Fire/Burglar  
 Ambulance/Fire Runs-- assist EMS on call  
 Assist other agency--Backup Metro, Middletown, EMS on call for service  
 APS (School Security)-- officer walk thru, morning drop off security at 2 locations, events at school  
 Missing person- person reported as missing and entered NCIC  
 Uniform Offense Reports- calls that resulted in a criminal case opened  
 Truck Stops- Commercial vehicles stopped in violation of KRS or Ordinance.  
 Open Doors- discovered during Residential/Business/School checks  
 Crime prevention- vehicles checked for valuables, excess mail in box, church security on Sundays etc.

**Reports**

23-000371 Evergreen RD Found Property  
 23-000477 East Arbor RD TBUT Auto  
 23-000504 Ridge RD TBUT all others \$500 or more

TBUT-Theft by Unlawful Taking