

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

**Monday, April 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Karin Tyrer, Bill Wetherton, and Hunter Wilson. Also in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator René Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, Clerk/Office Manager Angie Chick, and Forestry Board Chair Jan Ruzich. Guests included Ed Wyler.

Mayor Neil Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence in the wake of a mass shooting that took place in Louisville that morning.

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the March 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes. McMahon seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wilson asked about the decrease in franchise tax revenue. Melton stated that the City has not received payment from LG&E yet.

A mandatory compensating tax rate meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, April 10, 2023. No residents attended. The compensating rate is the rate that will create the same tax revenue as the previous year based on the new property assessments. The rate can be recalled if it increases more than 4%, the current rate is not above that level and only requires the City to hold a public meeting and pass an ordinance. Cook asked, who sets the 4% limit? Major said it was established in Kentucky House Bill 44.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes said, after investigation of a possible burglary in Springhill Gardens, it was determined that wind blew the residence open. Hayes replied to Wilson's question about whether the increase in citations was due to an increase in traffic, stating it is a result of officers' diligence. Cook reminded everyone that citations do not create revenue for Anchorage. Major confirmed that there is no direct revenue. Hayes also reported that new Flock cameras have been installed at all streets entering the City.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Chairman Bill Wetherton reviewed the projects presented at the previous Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Council members received a copy of the April 3, 2023 Forestry Board meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Real and Personal Property Tax Rate Ordinance – Second Reading

Cook conducted the second reading of the 2023 Real and Personal Property Tax Rate Ordinance. The fiscal year 2022 – 2023 tax rate will be \$0.329 on each one hundred dollars of the January 1, 2023 assessed valuation of all real and personal property. A 5% discount of the value of the face amount will apply to payments received at City Hall postmarked May 31, 2023 or before. Wilson motioned to approve the 2023 Real and Personal Property Tax Rate Ordinance. McMahon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Impervious Surface Variance Request – 1707 Springhill Road

David and Leiah Galownia at 1707 Springhill Road submitted an impervious surface variance request of approximately 500 square feet for building a deck over and beyond an existing patio. Their property is already over the impervious surface limit, so they plan to create a rain garden that would offset 1,400 square feet of impervious surface. The owners submitted an engineered drainage and design report. Anchorage Engineer/Flood Safety Officer Greg Smith reviewed the plans and report, and he supports the variance. Wilson motioned to approve the variance and appreciates the plan offsetting some of the existing overage. McMahon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Waiving City Alcohol License Fee – Anchorage Civic Club – Spring Fling

Wilson motioned to waive the Anchorage alcohol license fee for the Anchorage Civic Club's 2023 Spring Fling event at Wagner Park. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

McMahon asked the status of the gazebo planned for Wagner Park. Anchorage is getting a draftsman to draw the plans that will be presented to Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission for approval.

City Insurance Renewal Status

Major contacted three recommended companies and is collecting bids for the fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). Wilson motioned for a resolution to authorize Mayor Ramsey to select and approve the City insurance coverage starting in FY2024. McMahon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Anchorage resident Ed Weyler discussed the need for the City to remove trees, specifically around powerlines. Recent storms caused power outages – some outages lasted several days. Mr. Weyler reminded Council that his family and others rely on the power for medical reasons. Ramsey explained that the City has an annual hazardous tree removal program to remove dangerous trees.

Major stated the City Forester is scheduled to meet with the Louisville Gas & Electric (LG&E) arborist within the next few weeks so Major will ask that LG&E include Meadow Lane Court/Shady Lane on the list of street easements to prune.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Fling event at Wagner Park, April 14th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cook thanked the committee that worked on transitioning from the printed City newsletter to the new digital email format.

Wetherton expressed concern that LG&E used eminent domain to get approval to put pipelines through Bernheim Forest.

ADJOURNMENT

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Cook seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

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	0										4	5
ALARMS	8	11	18										37	44
AMBULANCE/FIRE RUINS	12	5	20										37	15
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2	0	0										2	1
APS (SCHOOL SECURITY)	41	25	25										91	99
RESID/BUSINESS CHECKS	4886	5022	6139										16047	14994
MISSING PERSON	0	0	0										0	1
CITATIONS & WARNINGS	97	203	343										643	557
UNIFORM OFFENSE REPORTS	3	3	8										14	10
ARRESTS	1	0	5										6	11
TRUCK STOPS	0	0	2										2	5
OPEN DOORS	7	4	9										20	12
CRIME PREVENTION	65	64	75										204	217
TOTAL	5126	5337	6644	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17107	15971

Alarms-- Fire/Burglar
 Ambulance/Fire Ruins-- 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
 23-000916 03/07/2023 Anchorage Woods
 23-000974 03/11/2023 Springhill Gardens Dr
 23-001009 03/13/2023 Beech Rd
 23-001025 03/14/2023 Anchor Way
 23-001111 03/17/2023 Old Harrods Creek Rd
 23-001183 03/22/2023 Old Harrods Creek Rd
 23-001219 03/24/2023 Springhill Gardens Dr

Crim Trespass 1*
 Burglary
 JC3
 Investigtn (atmpt car break in)
 Investigation (Threats)
 Theft All Other
 Investigation (Alarm)