

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

**Monday, April 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Patrick McMahon, Karin Tyrer, and Bill Wetherton. Matt Delehanty and Hunter Wilson were absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, and City Zoning Officer Paul Bergmann. Mayor Neil Ramsey joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Guests included Jeff Tull, Cole Smith, Tyler Jury, Jill and Greg Smith, Chuck Martin, Renae and Jason May, Nancy-Lynne Walters, Nancy and Doc Trentham, Tabb Ormsby, John Walsh, and Andrew Archibald.

McMahon motioned to appoint Diane Cook to preside over the meeting until Mayor Ramsey arrived. Wetherton seconded. All voted in favor. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Tyrer motioned to approve the March 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Melton explained that the new trash contract monthly rate had taken effect in March. Tree removal expenses have increased due to the increase in the number of trees removed.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes stated the surplus police vehicle sold for \$3,500. Current traffic data shows a decrease in traffic on Log Cabin Lane and Woodland Road after the new traffic law went into effect. Hayes will apply for a Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Grant to cover payroll costs for officers enforcing traffic control. Flock cameras have not yet been installed by Louisville Metro.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton stated three of the six applications were approved. The remaining three applications were either incomplete, approved conditionally, or review-only without final approval.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Tyrer stated 250 trees were given away as part of the March Arbor Day event. Forestry Board is now focusing on the Fall Canopy Campaign and the 2025 City calendar design.

OLD BUSINESS

Impervious Surface Variance Request – Jury, 907 Glenbrook Road Pending

Tyler Jury presented and discussed his renovation project, showing the elevations and direction of stormwater runoff. Adjacent property owner Cole Smith asked that he be able to meet with Jury's engineer at Prism Engineering Thursday, April 11 before a final decision to grant a variance is made by City Council. Tyrer mentioned concerns from a neighbor, Mike Farrar, of runoff from the corner of Log Cabin Lane and Glenbrook Road toward Farrar's property that he would like addressed. Tyrer motioned to appoint McMahon to represent the City Council as a contact to resolve this contingency in granting the required variance contingent on a favorable outcome by Smith. Wetherton seconded. All approved. Cook asked Jury to communicate with McMahon who would inform the Council of the status by April 13.

Impervious Surface Variance Request – Rhoden, 11605 Valley View Road Approved.

Major stated after receiving the written approval from the adjacent property owners, Richard and Ashley Nash, the variance was considered approved per the Minutes of the March 11, 2024 City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Compensating Tax Rate

Major stated that the required public meeting to discuss the compensating rate for 2024 was held at 5:45 p.m on April 8. There were no attendees and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Major explained the real and person property tax rate calculations required for the compensating rate. Without any further discussion, the first reading of the 2024 Tax Rate Ordinance was presented.

2024 Tax Rate Ordinance First Reading

Tyrer introduced and read the 2024 Tax Rate Ordinance.

Spectrum Operating Hours for Maintenance

Resident Jeff Tull shared his late night (1:15 a.m.) encounter with an unidentified Spectrum subcontractor in an unmarked vehicle performing equipment repairs in the easement area on his property. Anchorage Police Department was contacted and an officer responded. Tull asked that City Council consider an ordinance or measure to restrict hours for non-emergency/essential maintenance. Ramsey responded that these late night operating hours present a safety risk for both residents and contractors. Pursuant to the Maintenance clause on the current Spectrum franchise agreement with the City, Ramsey stated that operating during the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. is an aggressive business practice. In conjunction with the City Attorney McGarvey, a letter would be drafted and sent to Spectrum/Charter requesting restricted hours for maintenance and proper notification be given to residents and the Anchorage Police Department. Ramsey would share the drafted letter with City Council members prior to sending it. Ramsey thanked Tull for bringing this to the City's attention.

Variance for Fence Height and CUP Response – Owl Creek Country Club, 12400 N. Osage Road

Tabb Ormsby, Landscape Architect, for Owl Creek Country Club discussed the three areas that require variances where the proposed fence heights exceed seven feet. **Area 1:** pool would require an eight-foot high fence and retaining wall (four-foot wall plus four-foot chain link fence); **Area 2:** sports court would require a 13-foot fence and retaining wall (three and a half-foot wall plus 10-foot fence), and **Area 3:** sports court area would require a 10-foot fence for protection from wayward golf balls. Discussion followed about lighting on the new courts. Andrew Archiball stated additional light fixtures would not be installed beyond the 10-foot fence height. McMahon motioned to support the fence variances to the Louisville Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment (BOZA). Tyrer seconded. All voted in favor of the variance.

Cook stated that the City received an email notice that comments were due to the case manager for the conditional use permit (CUP) application filed by Owl Creek Country Club by April 10, 2024. Cook stated that after the public meetings and discussion with neighbors, the following list of recommendations was discussed: 1). wind/sound baffle fence blankets for pickleball and hybrid pickleball courts, 2). approved landscape plan including 25-foot tree spacing, 3). court lights should be modified to reduce glare, 4). Recreational court hours of operation be: October 1 to April 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and May 1 to September 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 5) in lieu of a 15-foot landscape buffer, a sound baffle blanket be installed on the tennis court fence closest to North Osage Road. Several residents expressed concerns about excessive lights and noise, and insufficient mature landscaping. Ramsey asked Ormsby to email the final landscape plan to Major. Jill Smith asked for clarification on the parking requirements based on 1,000 members not 300 memberships. Cook made a motion to recommend to BOZA these previously referenced recommendations for the CUP. McMahon seconded. All voted in favor. Cook volunteered to attend the BOZA public meeting on behalf of the City as she has done in the past for other public meetings at BOZA. All council members were in agreement.

Employee Handbook Revisions

McGarvey stated the revisions were still pending.

Anchorage Public School (APS) Auditorium Renovation

Resident and head of the Anchorage Children's Theatre, Nancy-Lynne Walters, wanted City Council to be aware of a major renovation at the school that was concerning to her. The concerns included lack of information and communication, removing (plastering over) the theatre signature or autograph wall, reducing and raising the stage making the first several rows obsolete, adding rows to the balcony behind a glass partition that would be undesirable. Walters confirmed there are no proposed exterior changes and construction is to start on May 27, 2024 per the plan. The

next APS board meeting is April 15 for public comment. Walters encouraged the mayor, council members, and residents to attend the April 15 board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 17 – Artist Guild of Anchorage Artist’s Showcase
- April 23 – 6:00 p.m. City Council Special Meeting – Tax Ordinance 2nd Reading
- April 26 - Civic Club Spring Fling

ADJOURNMENT

Wetherton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ramsey adjourned meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk

**ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2024 Monthly Activity Report**

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2024 YTD TOTAL	2023 YTD TOTALS
ACCIDENTS	0	2	3										5	4
ALARMS	21	15	24										60	19
AMBULANCE/ FIRE RUNS	10	7	10										27	17
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	0	1	2										3	2
APS (SCHOOL SECURITY)	30	30	62										112	41
RESID/BUSINESS CHECKS	5067	5501	7373										18541	9908
MISSING PERSON	1	0	1										2	0
CITATIONS & WARNINGS	330	366	263										959	300
UNIFORM OFFENSE REPORTS	3	4	2										9	3
ARRESTS	0	0	0										0	1
TRUCK STOPS	0	0	0										0	0
OPEN DOORS	2	1	3										6	11
CRIME PREVENTION	39	59	65										163	129
TOTAL	6103	5986	7798	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19887	10436

Alarms-- Fire/Burglar
 Ambulance/Fire Runs -- assist EMS on call
 Ass ist 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- pers on 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.