

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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**City of Bethel
Transportation Commission**

Regular Meeting of

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:27 PM, at the City Offices, Bethel, Alaska, By Chairman Williams.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Wally Richardson, Thor Williams, Richard Robb
Bob Himshoot Jr.

Absent: Doreen O'Brien, Gloria Rhodes, James Bock,

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion

M/M by Wally Richardson & 2nd by Rick Robb, to approve the minutes of the Feb 4, 1996, regular Commission meeting by all, as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion

M/M by Wally Richardson, 2nd by Rick to amend the agenda by adding: Item C New Business: Transfers
Item E Old Business: David Kutch
Agenda approved as amended. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Chief Liu Read the taxi cab update report, See attached. He stated that 3 citations for late payments of monthly fees were issued and Cab drivers were more responsive in paying their fees on time this month.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Wally stated that she had received several complaints that Korean cab drivers were overcharging for rides to older people that don't speak good english.

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Wally also suggested that the City might reconsider the \$100.00 per month charge for sales tax as it is a small percentage of their estimated income.

Bob Himshoot said hello to everyone.

Thor stated that a cab price war is on. He pointed out that the cabs he rode in didn't have prices posted the way they should. He also said that the Transportation Commission is going to give a report to City Council on April 9th.

Wally said the meeting will be good to build better working relationships between the Council and the Commission.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Teresa Williams made a comment about raising the tax on cabs. She felt the cab industry has paid enough in their taxes without the benefit of improved roads etc. She asked where the money goes.

Wally explained that all revenue goes into the general fund and it is against the law to have revenue go into specialized funds.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Betty Evans Chauffeur Appeal

Chief Liu stated that the Charges against Ms Evans were reduced to misdemeanor assault. Conviction of a misdemeanor with this use of force is still justification to revoke a permit for 5 years.

A conversation ensued with Ms Evans that determined that she is taking anger management classes and will be attending alcohol counseling by order of her probation.

motion

A motion was made by Wally 2nd by Bob to give Betty Evans a conditional Chauffeur permit providing she comes to the April 4th Transportation Commission Meeting to show that she has completed the anger

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management course or that she has been attending. That she read chapter 5.0 of the vehicle ordinance, understand it and obey all laws, not consume any alcohol and obey the court ordered probation. Understanding if these conditions are not followed that her permit will be revoked. Further, she is to review back to the Commission ever 3 months, June, Sept, and Dec., for the length of her probation. Voice vote passed by all present.

ITEM B: Record Keeping for Dispatch Permits

Rick Apologized for not getting together a proposal. He said he'd have something by next month.

Bob said he would look further into an affordable voice activated recording system and report at the next meeting.

ITEM C: Ride Along With Taxi Drivers

Thor referred to the list of cab drivers ,willing to participate, that Teresa Williams had given to the Commission. He highly recommended that the Commission Members ride along with some of these drivers and learn more about the industry.

ITEM D: Update on Section 5.20

Thor stated that the City Council passed the lawyers version of the ordinance. Now the Council is wanting to amend a portion of the proposed ordinance. It was referred back down to the commission level and will be looked at in the April meeting.

ITEM E: David Kutch

Chief Liu read out of the November Transportation Commission minutes the conditions of David Kutch's permit.

Chief Liu stated that Mr Kutch is in violation of his conditions.

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motion Wally made a motion 2nd by Bob, to revoke David Kutch's conditional permit because of his violation of the conditions set down by the Commission. Voice vote, passed by all present.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Change to Chapter 2.25

a. Setting a limit to the number of cab drivers allowed to sit on the Transportation Commission.

b. Dismissal from the Commission for unexcused absences.

Thor asked that these be made agenda items for the next meeting.

ITEM B: Plaque for Virginia Turner for her years of service.

After a short discussion about the cost of plaques Chief Liu agreed that certificates are more practical and he would take care of it.

ITEM C: Transfer of permit

Chief Liu stated that, Mr. Miller is buying a cab from Mr. Himshoot Sr. All the paper work is good and he recommended this financial transfer of this permit.

motion Motion made by Wally, 2nd by Bob to allow the permit to be transferred.

X. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Rick, 2nd by Bob to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Thor Williams