

**PORT COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 17, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Richardson, at 7:34PM

ROLL CALL:

Present were Kreider, Richardson, Rodgers & DeSousa, Port Director Elliott.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Rodgers to approve 5/15/00 minutes as stands, seconded by Kreider, & passed unanimously.

AGENDA:

Additions to agenda, New business:

Rodgers:

C. East side of Brown slough, bridge bridge to seawall.

DeSousa,

D. South ramp at small boat harbor.

Motion made to approve agenda by DeSousa, 2nd by Rodgers, Passed.

PORT DIRECTORS REPORT:

The Bids for the Small Boat Harbor security cameras are scheduled to be opened 2pm on Wednesday 7/19. There have been several security companies show interest. However, only 1 company, sent a representative to Bethel to actually look over the project.

Elliott advised depth soundings are being taken on a regular basis, both off the upriver seawall and the dock face. At this time the sinkhole off the dock face is stable and the addition of the 3200 tons of rock to the river side of the seawall bulkhead seems to be holding. There has not been any sign of erosion behind the seawall since the rock was placed.

Richardson voiced concerns about the possible water action effecting the erosion of the seawall and even the city dock. Elliott stated city manager Mr. Herron had been in touch with Sen. Stevens, who had found some money in the Corps of Engineers budget that could possibly be available to us to fix the upriver seawall. Possible diverting the main channel or putting in a breakwater to slow the effects of the current were mentioned.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Rodgers reported there had been some questions about the city's liability in connection with the road maintenance in Kasayulie Sub, and possible repercussions.

Governor Knowles is due in town for the grand opening of the new Nat'l Guard hangar and the new courthouse. Gov. Knowles will be lunching with the city council. Per Mr. Elliott he is also scheduled to tour the seawall.

Mr. Rodgers also asked if anyone had news on commercial fishing. No one knew of any more scheduled openings. There was discussion as to the poor return of fish.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Kreider: Was sad summer seemed so short, hoped we would have more warm weather.

DeSousa: No comments

Richardson: Asked about the water truck, if it was being kept available to the port And he was glad to hear people said it was being used on the city streets.

He also asked if Faulkner was going to repair the seawall face where he had damaged it. Mr. Elliott said he had been asked to do so.

DeSousa: requested that Mr. Rodgers bring the fact that fireman Bruce Perry has been watering the streets with the city truck on his own time and that he deserves a commendation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Questions to the status of existing camera's #3 & 4. #3 still gets intermittent static and poor transmission, camera #4 is still cloudy, possibly needs some adjustment. We will be getting 6 more cameras on the city dock along with the 6 cameras at the small boat harbor; they were part of the bid.

The cameras used at the small boat harbor, will be taken down and stored in the office during the winter per Mr. Elliott.

Mr. DeSousa suggested we consider purchasing one of GTE's old bucket trucks next time they have one for sale. This would make fall removal and spring putting up of the small boat harbor cameras easier and would allow easier maintenance of the cameras on the dock.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Kreider is concerned about children swimming in the small boat harbor both the standpoint of the safety of the children and the liability of the city. Mr. Elliott says he and all of the port attendants chase the children away from the floats every time they find them there. As soon as they leave the children come back and start swimming again, the police have been requested to assist in talking to the children about not swimming there, but they don't seem to have any more effect than the port attendants do. Per Mr. Rodgers, we need "NO SWIMMING" sign to release the city of the liability if someone is hurt. Mr. Elliott says he will look into getting some more signs up, in addition to the numerous signs already up for other things.

Mr. Richardson, suggested one large sign on each side with all the rules and regulations posted.

Mr. DeSousa thought public service announcements on KYUK and in the papers would be useful.

B. Mr. Kreider, wanted to know if we could put up orange whipper style markers indicating the sides of the ramp on the south side as he and several others have gotten too far over and gone off. Several other commission members said they felt people would just tie their boats up to them.

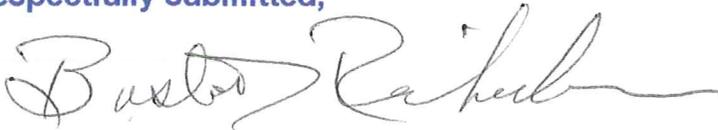
Mr. Elliott agreed that people would just tie up to them and said the real problem is people who rev their jet boats up and wash out the gravel he puts there, leaving big holes. If there was someone way to get people to not rev their boats up so they did not washout the gravel, there would not be holes to fall into beside the ramps and if someone accidentally goes off it would not be a problem.

C. Mr. Rodgers said he had checked and the city owns the eastside of Brown slough from the bridge to the seawall & we need to protect this area from erosion and misuse. He wanted to know if the old "I" beams and seawall could be used to secure the side of the slough. Mr. Elliott said the old "I" beams were used in the refurbishing of the dock face last year. But he would incorporate this in the Corps of Engineers request for the upriver seawall, as this was all a part of the same area. This request should be for the area from the Brown Slough Bridge to the small boat harbor entrance. He also said he had been removing old drums etc from this area in preparation for dumping dirt. There are lots of old cars currently in this area; they will also need to be disposed of. Mr. Rodgers stated he thought these might be villager's cars, but if Mr. Elliott were to dump dirt there making it difficult for these vehicles to move in and out, the villagers would find another place to park.

- D. Mr. DeSousa said his concern was with the big hole off the side of the south boat ramp, and the subject had already been covered. He did have a question as to getting budget approval to add more slabs extending the ramp further into the boat harbor. Mr. Richardson, replied that as long as you keep extending the ramps, people will just back farther up. Since Mr. Elliott has just filled the hole next to the ramp, this problem is not immediately in need of fixing. Mr. DeSousa asked Mr. Elliott to talk to the Corps of Engineers to see if they had any suggestions in how to take care of this recurring situation.

With no further business, Mr. DeSousa made a motion for adjournment, it was 2nd by Kreider and passed, meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Buster Raheul". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Buster Raheul".