

PORT COMMISSION MEETING

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PORT COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 20, 1992

CALL TO ORDER Allen Desousa called the regular Port Commission meeting of July 20, 1992, to order at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Bruce Nerby, Allen DeSousa, Grant Fairbanks, John Hawkins, Buster Richardson. Absent (Excused): Manny Konig. Also present were: Port Director - Stuart Greydanus and Suzanna Maloy.

APPROVAL/MINUTES M/M by Nerby, 2nd by Fairbanks to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/AGENDA M/M by Nerby, 2nd by Fairbanks to amend the agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Wintersteen: Add Item E to Agenda. Bethel Fuel Sales would like to change billing time from 30 days to 90 days.

Fairbanks: Move Item D up to the first item to be discussed due to the fact that Nerby has to leave at 9:00 p.m.

PORT DIRECTOR REPORT Port Director report submitted to commission in writing. Port Director also elaborated on issues regarding:

A. Ralph Doyle using City land:

1. Need to set up lease for Ralph Doyle to use land for storing gravel and be charged wharfage on gravel that came onto the beach.

2. Suggested that set it be set up for bids.

B. J. B. Crow refuses to report fish tonnage and pay moorage claiming "riparian rights".

1. Fairbanks suggested that the Port write letters to attorney asking what J.B. Crow's rights are.

2. Richardson suggested billing Inlet Salmon for wharfage and/or fish tonnage.

3. Greydanus will talk to Acre and ask him for the amount. He will also call Alaska Dept of Fish and Game and ask for total fish tonnage for Bethel and then charge the difference to J.B. Crow.

C. Dredging of Small Boat Harbor:

1. Possibility that this will occur during the month of September after the finger floats are removed for the season.

2. Fairbanks suggested posting a sign to alert boaters where the water is shallow during low tide.

M/M by Hawkins, 2nd by Richardson to accept Port Directors Report. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS OF
COMMISSIONERS**

Fairbanks: Add to next month's agenda the issue regarding Bush Air landing at the small boat harbor. Also wanted to know if there was any information regarding the derelict boats in Brown Slough. Greydanus stated that Brown Slough needed to be dredged and that the Port would need to find funding for this project, then the Port would be able to deal with the derelict boats.

Richardson: Phones at the small boat harbor are good. Greydanus stated that we are having problems with destruction and repair of the phones and that we are in the process of ordering new phones from GTE. Richardson also reported that the gravel that was put in the ramps at the small boat harbor has been disturbed by a jet boat; but, he did think the gravel was a good addition.

Hawkins: Appreciated Howard Elliott welding the ladders onto the seawall.

DeSousa: The log barrier that was required to be put on the Yute Biat has not yet been installed. Greydanus stated that he would follow-up on it.

Wintersteen: Questioned whether there were any more complaints about the late night noise from Ben Barne's operation. Greydanus stated that there had not been any complaints from the surrounding residences.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Wintersteen added Item E to agenda. Bethel Fuel Sales change in billing dates.

COMMITTEE REPORT DeSousa presented draft letter to Kit Duke regarding ownership of the Bethel City Dock. It was discussed in its draft form and would be followed up after a response was received.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD None

OLD BUSINESS Port Ordinances - changes from attorney's office.

M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Richardson to accept changes of Port Ordinances regarding small boat harbor (Chapter 14.1) made by attorney and minor changes made by Hawkins and DeSousa. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

M/M by Nerby, 2nd by Hawkins to accept changes made in attorney's letter regarding remainder of Port Ordinances. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Establishing Port as a department.

1. Greydanus stated that nothing will change if Port is a department, it will make the dock run more easily and efficiently. He already has the responsibilities of a department head, but is not actually defined as a department.

2. Any construction projects will be discussed with Public Works and will still try to do all projects in-house.

3. There would be a raise in pay for the Port Director, but it will be offset by the overtime that will not be utilized.

4. DeSousa mentioned that the Port is now the 5th largest port in Alaska since Greydanus has become the Port Director. This is an indication of the Port's ability to function as an independent department.

M/M by Nerby, 2nd by Hawkins to add to City Council agenda the issue of the Port becoming a separate department with Port Director as department head be brought before the next Council meeting on July 28, 1992. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Wintersteen will add this issue to the next City Council meeting on July 28, 1992.

ITEM B: Wharfage relief on herring

1. Fairbanks suggested keep rate as it currently is and talk about it over the winter. His reasoning was that Kuskokwim processors paid the lowest price for fish, second to Goodnews Bay. His suggestion was to offer Inlet a break on wharfage if they would pass it on to the fisherman, i.e. more money per pound for fish.

2. Greydanus stated that he had called other ports and their response was that processors were charged for both inbound and outbound fish. Seward, in particular, was quoted as charging for inbound and outbound herring.

M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Hawkins to retain inbound fish wharfage and eliminate outbound wharfage for herring. Voice vote. For: Wintersteen, Richardson, Hawkins. Opposed: Nerby, Fairbanks, DeSousa. Tie vote. Motion fails.

M/M by Fairbanks, 2nd by Hawkins to take a 5 minute break.

Nerby leaves meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

ITEM C: Storage agreement on dock.

1. KTC will charge two rates to take boats out of the water and put them back in. The Port in turn will charge one month storage and collect monies for taking boat out of water. The Port will then bill KTC for the monies. We would also be able to charge the customer extra to pay for administrative overhead.

2. Fairbanks suggest having the customer pay with 2 separate checks; one payable to KTC and one payable to City of Bethel. This would save time on billing and any liability on the part of the City of Bethel.

M/M by Fairbanks, 2nd by Wintersteen to let KTC handle their own billing and keep our storage agreement the same. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

ITEM D: Ordinance 208 - Lease of property

1. Greydanus informed the commissioners that Harry Falkner, Jr. wants to lease land on the dock to store gravel that is to be used in Napaskiak. The Port will then be paid with gravel.

2. Fairbanks suggested that the gravel be "paid" on a regular basis versus paid at the end of the season.

M/M by Hawkins, 2nd by Richardson to support lease agreement and include in the lease that payment will be in the form of gravel at the "going rate" and that gravel will be delivered prior to the completion of the job.

ITEM E: Change in frequency of fuel thruput billing dates.

1. Wintersteen read letter from Warren Holbert and explained that it was heard at the last City Council meeting, but was postponed to the next meeting to be held on July 28, 1992.

2. Wintersteen also reported that the finance committee had a meeting and recommended that the billing be changed from 30 days to 90 days.

3. Greydanus reported that the billing had been 90 days, but that when Bethel Fuel Sales purchased the company from Chevron, that the billing had changed to 30 days.

M/M by Fairbanks, 2nd by Hawkins to concur with Finance Department recommendation to change billing to Bethel Fuel Sales from 30 days to 90 days. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Fairbanks abstained his vote due to conflict of interest.

M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Hawkins to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 9:55 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

9:55 P.M.