
City of Bethel
Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting
August 4, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Tom Hildreth.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Thomas Hildreth, Bruce Day, Sharon Neth, Richard Russell

Absent: Wally Richardson, Helena Andrew, John Hastie (excused)

II. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No people to be heard.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon Neth/Bruce Day moved to table minutes until next meeting.

Passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Richard Russell/Bruce Day moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

V. CHIEFS' REPORTS

A. Acting Fire Chief Bruce Perry

Acting Fire Chief Bruce Perry stated that they are working on an YKHC Grant for ambulance, first priority \$60,000 Second priority \$3,500. Should know something in about thirty days? The city is matching \$60,000 funds.

B. Police Chief Gary Eilers

Police Chief Eilers stated that the managers report was not submitted, due to new hire error would be in next packets. Spoke to Tad Miller and he will get stats on take home vehicles. Copy of stats will be given to commission before next meeting. Talk about a school grant - matching grant for school Liason position.

Tom Hildreth commented on traffic changes, can we get the State to get notice out to the public through Tundra Drums and on the bulletin boards. Stop signs on 1st road of housing, let the public know, major changes at Watson's corner.

An agenda item - Road Construction Traffic Patterns.

Chief will meet with the construction crew soon and report back to the commission on what the final plans are going to be, to get the public informed.

VII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Dick Russell presented information from the Internet about Juvenile crimes, a neighborhoods watch for all to read at their leisure.

Bruce Day had no comment.

Sharon Neth had no comment.

Tom Hildreth- kids in housing area.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A. Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site

Sharon Neth Alcohol delivery site, any information of freight from the attorney. It has to be at least 200 ft. from all churches or school grounds. 4 full time employee's \$250,000, esimated in salaries and benefits.

*Residential requirements - data base/prepaid freight possibilities.

*Locations - The old fire station, old library and bus barn.

Discussion on church and a variance if the door is on the opposite side.

*Priorities to be submitted to Council:

Old Library

Bus Barn

Kusko Inn area

Item B. Community Watch Programs

Tom Hildreth - Dave is working on this.

Chief Alaska Police Standards 2 day seminar in Anchorage on August 8th & 9th.

Commission member Tom Hildreth will be attending along with Office Kammer. 1st phase communities watch ideas and ways to get started. Looking into a Block Grant for \$30,000 with a match of \$2,500.00 from the City. Waiting on updated paperwork.

Chief Eilers stated that he is working with the school to try getting the DARE program started back up. He had a meeting with the new principal and thinks that he will really push for the liaison grant.

Dick Russell passed out Resolution 97-2. Discussion and some changes suggestions.

Dick will work on this and get a correct copy to me to include in the next agenda packet.

Tom Hildreth states anyone has Resolutions from now on, please submitt to Ginger before the next Commission meeting to be put into the agenda packet.

Dick Russell/Bruce Day table Resolution 97-2 until next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C. Curfew/Siren

Information about siren and curfew needs to be advertised to make parents aware that we can cite parents if their children are out past curfew. The information should be given to all the schools to be put in their newsletters. We should start the Siren when school starts.

Item D. Off - road Vehicle Regulations

Discussion about making an off-road vehicle ordinance. As a guide we should use Sand Point's and check with Nome. We need route mapped out that can be used for ATV's. Would like to have Chief Eilers version of what he thinks should be in the ordinance and do a map of the routes that can be used. This is to be included in the packet for the next meeting.

Bruce Day/Dick Russell motions to table Off - road Vehicle Regulations until next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Change of Ordinance

Discussion on different wording on how to submit this to the council. Dick Russell came up with this:

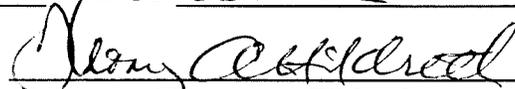
Recognizing that there must be in place a uniform process for removing committee or commission members, the Public Safety Commission would also like for there to be in place a mechanism for fair hearing.

Dick Russell/Sharon Neth makes a motion to submit a motion to Council on the Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

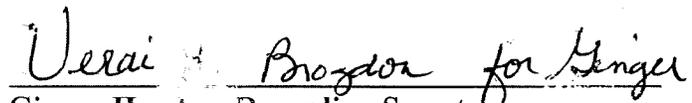
X. ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Neth/Dick Russell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. A voice vote passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1997.


Chairman Thomas a. Hildreth

Attest:


Ginger Haydon, Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION #97-2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS
IN BETHEL**

WHEREAS, Bethel has seen a recent increase in the incidence of truancy, vandalism and assaults by youth, often during daylight hours; and

WHEREAS, Bethel residents continue to be concerned for their safety and the safety of their families; and

WHEREAS, the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages continues to be a serious problem affecting public safety in Bethel; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be strong interest among Bethel residents to establish some form of Neighborhood Watch.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bethel Public Safety Commission, to support the establishment of a Neighborhood Watch program for the citizens of Bethel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a task force be formed by the Bethel Public Safety Commission, together with the Bethel City Council, City Administration and concerned citizens to develop this program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bethel City Manager and Administration be urged to seek outside funding to help support this program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1997.

ATTEST:

Tom Hildreth, Chair

L.J. Warren, City Clerk

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