



# CITY OF BETHEL

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## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES Regular Scheduled Meeting October 8, 1998

**PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**7:30 p.m.**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Chairman John Guinn.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Guinn, Blake, Notti, Trailov,  
Absent: Andrew, Charlie, Hamilton  
Others Present: John Malone, Nick Hively

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/M Blake/Trailov to approve minutes from the July 9 meeting. Approved- unanimous

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/M Notti/Blake to approve agenda. Approved- unanimous

### **V. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Malone reported that the year 2000-2002 State Transportation Improvement Plan nominations had been submitted to the Department of Transportation. These nominations were taken from the recently adopted Transportation Element of the city's Comprehensive Plan. These nominations involved several road rehabs and three new roads in the Blueberry Subdv and BIA Road areas. The nomination packets were available for Commissioner's review.

### **VI. PLANNER'S REPORT**

Mr. Malone reported that the VFW would be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. The VFW has requested that an additional street name be added to the small stretch of Akiak Drive. from Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway to the VFW post. The proposed additional name would be Veterans Way. This additional name would be commemorative only and would not effect any street addresses on Akiak Drive. Mr. Malone further reported that this would be similar to the city of Anchorage commemorating a portion of C Street in Anchorage as the Eisenhower Corridor. In discussion, the Commission supported the proposal.

Mr. Malone also reported that the Alaska Coastal Zone Management Grant that is administered through the Dept. of Community and Regional Affairs is being renewed for FY99 and will be signed by City Manager, Bob Herron shortly.

Mr. Malone announced that a new cemetery site is being investigated with BNC. Ground water intrusion into burial sites at the current new cemetery has become a significant problem. BNC had originally granted the city the 15 acres that is now the new cemetery on Ptarmigan Road. It is hoped that a land exchange can be worked out between the city and BNC for a new site in which the Ptarmigan Road site would be conveyed back to BNC in exchange for a more ground suitable area, perhaps in west end of the city. This proposal is on the BNC 's board meeting agenda for their meeting of October 15. As an interim measure the old cemetery located near the Teen Center will receive alterations to the boardwalk system near the Teen Center, thus opening up additional burial sites that should accommodate the communities needs for at least the next year.

Mr. Malone gave further detailed reporting on the road nomination projects under STIP (State Transportation Improvement Plan) for fiscal years 2000-2002.

Mr. Malone reported on the status the Bethel mapping project currently underway by Mc Clintock Land Associates. This project is being funded by Bethel Utilitis Corp. and BNC. Mc Clintock Land Associates completed the aerial photo portion of the project this summer. The City of Bethel may again have the opportunity to buy into this project. This buy-in would require the approval of BNC and BUC. Marc Stemp, CEO of BNC has given BNC's approval for this. We are waiting for Bill Mc Clintock's reporting of his meetings with BUC to see if they also concur. This mapping project would be a great benefit to the City in the future design of the new water and sewer projects. Currently, the topography needed for each design phase of the pending sewer and water projects needs be conducted through ground surveys. The City's buy-in to this project could possibly be funded with the next cycle of community block grants administered by DCRA.

**VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

There were no people to be heard.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

(NONE)

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

ITEM A: RESOLUTION 98-1. A RESOLUTION TO CONVEY LOT 15, USS 4117 (PIT LAKE PARK) TO THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER AND ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD MEMORIAL PARK. (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mr. Guinn introduced Resolution 98-1.

Mr. Guinn opened the public hearing.

No public testimony was offered.

Mr. Guinn closed the public hearing.

Commission member discussion followed. There was no opposition to the proposed resolution.

M/M Notti/Blake to approve Resolution 98-1. Approved-unanimous

ITEM B: RESOLUTION 98-2. A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL GRANT BETHEL UTILITIES CORPORATION A UTILITY EASEMENT ON CITY OWNED LOT 1, BLOCK 9 PTARMIGAN-TUNDRA VIEW SUBDIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL POWER AND OTHER SERVICES TO THE LULU HERRON CONGREGATE CARE FACILITY. (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mr. Guinn introduced Resolution 98-2

Mr. Guinn opened the public hearing.

No public testimony was offered.

Mr. Guinn closed the public hearing.

Commission member discussion followed.

Mr. Malone reported that the AVCP Housing Development Corp. had omitted in their early design considerations for the LuLu Herron congregate care facility the need for electric and other utility access to this new facility. The City, as owner of the land, now needed to grant Bethel Utilities Corp. such an easement. The location, size and condition of granting of this proposed utility easement were included in the Commissioner's meeting packets. Mr. Blake raised the concern that if the easement was known about from the beginning, he would have been in favor of buried utilities instead of overhead poles. Mr. Guinn informed Mr. Blake that BUC will not accept the maintenance of buried utilities and that they are not as cost effective to maintain.

M/M Notti/Blake to approve Resolution 98-2. Approved-unanimous.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

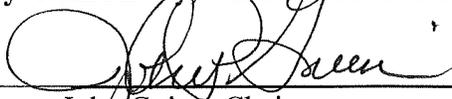
M/M Notti/Blake to adjourn. Approved- unanimous

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

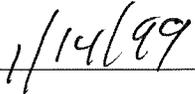
**Prepared By:** Nick Hively, Administrative Assistant

**Approved:**

  
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John Guinn, Chairman

**Date:**

  
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