

City of Bethel
Transportation Commission
WORK SESSION Meeting of
October 23, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Acting Chairman Himshoot.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Doreen O'Brien, Bob Himshoot Jr., & Richard Robb

III. BUSINESS

Item A: River Cab Ordinance Revision

1. Licensing & fees

(a) It was discussed and agreed upon by members present that all River Cabs comply with section 5.20.110 Fees, of the City Ordinance. It was suggested to change the current (C) to read "River Cabs must pay \$25.00 monthly river cab permit fee in addition to the fee schedule in (A) above."

(b) Under 5.30.020 River Taxi Permit Required it was suggested that (B) be added to read. "A river Taxi permit must hold a current City of Bethel Taxi Permit as per 5.20.110 (C)"

(c) Under 5.50.010 Dispatch Service License Required. It was decided to present two choices to the City Attorney and to allow him to make the final ruling as to which version would be most appropriate for the unique situation in this region. (Added to the end of 5.50.010.)

Choice A

"Non-Bethel Based cab companies not using a Bethel phone number may use a licensed VHF Radio Dispatch Service."

Choice B

"River Cabs must comply to FCC license requirements the same as Bethel Based Cab companies."

Choice C. Add 5.30.070, to read

“All Non-Bethel Based River Cab Companies need not have a Bethel Dispatch Service Permit but must comply with their local city dispatch requirement.”

(d) Add A to 5.20.040 Vehicle Inspections

“ River cab Permits require a minimum of two inspections per year. One upon presentation of their application and another during the month of February.”

2. Vehicle Requirements

Add (D) to 5.20.090 to read.

“ River Cab Requirements”

1. Four Wheel drive vehicle with at least 12" clearance.
2. VHF Radio
3. Dual Battery System
4. All equipment listed in A through C of 5.20.090 in addition to a come-a-long or winch; ground and air flares, carbon monoxide detector, first aid kit; safe alternate form of heat, ie., candles, canned heat etc.; one wool blanket, one survival/space blanket for each potential passenger.
5. The driver should carry clothes appropriate for the weather conditions to include but not limited to: winter; hat, boots, gloves, coat.

It is requested that the City Attorney investigate the legality of requiring River Cab drivers to be residents of the State of Alaska. The reasoning behind this is for the safety of passengers on the river, and that a resident has had at least one year of winter driving experience.

IV. ADJOURNMENT - 9:35pm