



# CITY of BETHEL

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## MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 25, 1977

### COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:50 P. M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:50 P.M.  
Present: Council Members Elliott, Peltola, Stichick, Charles.  
Absent: Council Members Hinsvark, Hickling, Guinn.

### INVOCATION

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Elliott to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 1977, Regular Council Meeting, and the Minutes of the April 14, 1977, Special Council Meeting as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. M/M by Councilwoman Charles to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 1977, Special Council Meeting as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilman Stichick to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

None other than those contained in council packets distributed prior to the meeting.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Bartlett reported that a law suit has been filed against the City with reference to the sale of City Sub-division lots, and a restraining motion is to be heard on April 26, 1977. In addition, the Superior Court, 4th Judicial District has moved to dismiss pending municipal cases under Ordinance Nos. 40 and 79. The Ordinances referenced intoxication as a criminal offense which is considered invalid.

In addition Ordinance No. 75 is sufficiently vague as to require amendment. Manager Bartlett indicated to Council that Ordinance Nos. 40, 75, and 79, will be amended and introduced for consideration at the Council Meeting of May 9, 1977.

FINANCE REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola reiterated the fact that a Committee to study the feasibility of a Mayoral/Council form of government has been established. As a result, Mayor Peltola indicated that it would be beneficial if the Committee also investigated first class city status. M/M by Council Stichick that the Council support the investigation of first class city status. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed. Mayor Peltola also presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission that Mr. Bob Carpenter fill the existing vacancy on the Planning Commission. M/M by Councilman Elliott that the Council approve Mr. Bob Carpenter for the existing vacancy on the Planning Commission. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Stichick reported that the Public Safety Committee will meet on May 3, 1977.

Councilwoman Charles presented to Council the recommendation of the Transportation Committee that a survey be conducted to determine the need for a public bus transportation system and other recommendations embodied in the Committee's Minutes of March 4, 1977.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to accept the Special Transportation Committee Minutes of March 4, 1977, as presented to Council. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous.

Councilman Elliott acting as the Chairperson of the Public Works Committee stated that the meeting of April 21, 1977, had to be postponed as they lacked a quorum, and that Mr. Sig Knudsen had informed the Committee that he no longer had time to act as a member and requested that the Committee replace him.

Mayor Peltola reported that the Finance Committee had meet on April 22, 1977 and reviewed the City's financial report through February 28, 1977. The Committee plans to finish their reveiw of the report at the next meeting to be held on May 13, 1977. M/M by Councilman Stichick to accept the Finance Committee Minutes of April 22, 1977, as presented to Council. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. John Schuler requested that the City trench the sides of the City Sub-division roads to alleviate future drainage problems during spring break-up, and asked that the City provide some type of Public Alert when they are doing extensive road work that might be an inconvenience to individuals residing in the Sub-division. His request was referred to the Public Works Committee. Mr. Harold Sparks asked that there be some investigation into the use of City equipment to plow individual driveways on a preferential basis. His request was referred to the Public Works Committee. Councilman Elliott acting as the Chairperson of that Committee stated that the City had no plans to start plowing individual driveways. He suggested that individuals requiring snow removal services group together and hire blocks of time from local contractors to perform such services as a means of reducing the overall cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Item A. Ordinance No. 94  
(AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF BETHEL IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF PLANNING, DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING THE BETHEL COURT BUILDING LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL; FIXING THE DATE, FORM, TERMS AND MATURITIES OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND PROTECTIVE FEATURES.)

M/M by Councilman Stichick to table Ordinance No. 94 indefinitely. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: Peltola, Charles, Elliott, Stichick. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Introduction of Ordinance No. 97  
(BETHEL PORT FACILITY REGULATIONS)

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance No. 97. for a first reading and recommended a public hearing be held on May 9, 1977. In addition Manager Bartlett introduced for Council's consideration Amendment No. One, which extends the lease period of the Agreement for the Construction and Operation of Municipal Dock Facilities at Bethel, Alaska, between the State of Alaska, Department of Public Works and the City of Bethel from ten (10) to twenty (20) years. M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the Council accept Ordinance No. 97 to be published in accordance with statutory and code requirements and that a Public Hearing be set for 7:30 P.M. on May 9, 1977 in Council Chambers. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: Charles, Peltola, Elliott, Stichick. Motion passed.

Item B. Bethel Area Fire Protection/Prevention Program Grant Application.

Councilman Stichick reported that the grant had been reviewed by the Public Safety Committee who recommended its approval. M/M by Councilman Stichick that Council approve the submission of the Bethel Area Fire Protection/Prevention Program Grant Application. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: Peltola, Stichick, Elliott, Charles. Motion passed.

Item C. Water and Sewage Construction Program Grant for the City of Bethel's Civic Center and Kuskokwim Community College.

Councilman Elliott stated that the water and sewer proposal was discussed by Mr. Volkman, Mr. Jerry Korthious, and himself in a work session held by the Public Works Committee. The Committee was in favor of its submission. M/M by Councilman Stichick that the Council approve the submission of the Water and Sewage Construction Program Grant for the City of Bethel's Civic Center and Kuskokwim Community College. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: Peltola, Charles, Stichick, Elliott. Motion passed.

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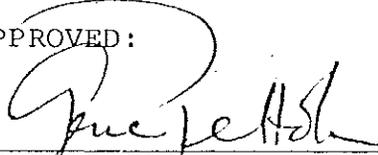
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Item D. Bethel Alcohol Treatment Center Grant Application  
(FY 1978)

Manager Bartlett stated that the grant was a continuation grant request and in most respects comparable to the FY 1977 proposal with the exception of a five percent (5%) monetary increase for FY 1978. M/M by Councilman Elliott to approve the submission of the Bethel Alcohol Treatment Center Grant Application. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: Elliott, Charles, Peltola, Stichick. Motion passed.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to adjourn. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. by Mayor Peltola.

APPROVED:

  
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GENE PELTOLA - MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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ALTHA J. HILL - CITY CLERK