

- CALL TO ORDER Mayor Bainton called the meeting to order at 7.30.
- ROLL CALL All members present except for Councilmember Reich who was out of town on business.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Chris to approve the minutes of the 5/27/86 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.
- motion M/M by Warner, 2nd by Carpenter to approve the minutes of the 5/29/86 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Warner to approve the agenda with the following changes:
- motion a. New Business, Item B to read Ordinance 172
b. New Business, add Item C - Resolution 485
Voice vote, motion carried.
- MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR'S REPORT
- Mayor Bainton informed Council that the PATC Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, June 17, at 7.30 pm at the Log Cabin.
- MANAGER'S REPORT MANAGER'S REPORT
- City Manager Widom reported to Council on the following items:
- a. the City has received \$4,000,000 from the State for erosion control
 - b. George Silides is preparing alternative bid proposals for seawall work this season including
 1. pipe pile construction
 2. rock blanket
 3. combination pipe and rock placementJune 30 is the date set for going out to bid on project.
 - c. no appreciable scour along seawall this spring
 - d. the City has received a favorable bid on the supply and placement of rock purchased with State emergency money and Corps funds
 - e. Cheryl Keepers reviewed for Council the sandbag operation
 - f. review of the City Manager's report
 - g. informed Council that June 15 will be Volunteer Sunday for the sand bag project; that citizens wishing to volunteer their assistance with the sand bag operation can do so from 1 - 6 pm at the City dock - refreshments will be served

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

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There were no Councilmember Comments.

REPORTS OF STANDING
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Councilmember Carpenter informed Council that the Transportation Commission will meet on June 19 to review the final draft of the vehicle for hire ordinance.

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There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE UTILITY BENEFIT

Item A: Employee
Utility Benefit

Mayor Bainton reviewed for Council the employee utility benefit.

Councilmember Aloysius noted that it was his understanding that Council had directed Administration to discontinue the employee utility benefit effective July 1, 1985. Mr. Aloysius asked how much the benefit was costing the City. City Manager Widom informed Council that the benefit was costing the City approximately \$6600 per month.

Councilmember Chris asked if City employees were receiving salaries comparable to other agencies in the City. City Manager Widom noted that the City does not have recent figures on such a comparison.

Mayor Bainton suggested that some adjustment is needed in the benefit due to a probable increase in utility rates for the residents of Bethel.

Councilmembers Chris, Carpenter, and Mayor Bainton recommended establishing use limits for the benefit or gradually phasing out the benefit.

Councilmember Warner asked how much it would cost to substitute a holiday for the benefit. City Manager Widom noted for Council that such figures are not available at this time but that adding the holiday would increase the amount of overtime paid by the City.

Mayor Bainton suggested that new employees hired after a certain date should not receive the benefit.

Police Chief Clayton spoke in favor of retaining the benefit agreeing with Council that abuses should be corrected.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Carpenter to table the matter until the next Council meeting at which time the employees are to present written suggestions regarding the benefit. Voice vote, motion carried.

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Item B: Selection
of City Attorney

SELECTION OF CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the status of the selection for a City Attorney noting that the City needs an attorney versed in municipal law who is familiar with drafting ordinances and is able to establish a working relationship with the City Council and City Manager.

Mayor Bainton and Councilmembers Carpenter and Chris expressed their preference for extending the selection period. Councilmembers Warner and Aloysius suggested that it was necessary to get an attorney on staff.

Councilmember Chris suggested that the City should advertise for the position; that the City Council does not have unlimited power to exercise in the hiring of City staff. City Manager Widom noted that the position of City Attorney does not fall within the scope of the personnel rules and regulations in that the position is not listed within the position control matrix; that the hiring of a city attorney does not fall within the guidelines of the purchasing ordinance; that the city attorney position is a Council appointed officer, the appointment of whom is left to the discretion of Council. City Manager Widom recommended that Council act on the matter so that pending legal matters involving the City can be addressed.

motion

M/M by Chris, 2nd by Carpenter declaring an emergency situation regarding legal matters affecting the City in that the attorney under contract with the City is no longer available to address City legal matters on a full time basis. Poll vote, motion carried, Aloysius and Warner voting no.

motion

M/M by Aloysius, 2nd by Andrew directing Administration to enter into a contract with the firm of Hicks and Boyd for legal services for the City of Bethel. Voice vote, motion carried. Councilmember Chris abstained from the vote due to not being involved in the interview process.

NEW BUSINESS

MUSEUM LAND LEASE

Item A: Museum
Land Lease

motion

City Manager Widom requested that the matter be tabled until the next Council meeting. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Chris to table the matter until the next Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item B: FY '87 FY '87 CITY BUDGET
City Budget

City Manager Widom presented to Council for introduction the FY '87 City budget and presented his budget message to Council.

motion M/M by Warner, 2nd by Aloysius to introduce Ordinance 172 establishing a City budget for FY '87 and setting the ordinance for a public hearing at the June 24 Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item C: Resolution RESOLUTION 485 DECLARING JUDGE COOKE DAY
485

Mayor Bainton reviewed for Council the proposed resolution recognizing retiring Superior Court Judge for his work on behalf of the residents of Bethel and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Chris to adopt Resolution 485. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

ADJOURNMENT M/M by Warner to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10.05 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, 1986.


Marge Bainton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Wayne J. Maier, City Clerk