

CALL TO ORDER City Manager Hoffman called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7.40 pm.

ROLL CALL Present: Binkley, Hoffman, Sullivan, Veit
Absent: Buttane (travel work), Guinn, Twitchell

motion City Manager Hoffman accepted nominations for acting Mayor. M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit nominating John Binkley for acting Mayor. Voice vote, motion carried. John Binkley served as acting Mayor for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to accept the 5/14/84 Council minutes as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman to accept the 5/17/84 Council minutes as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman to approve the agenda with the following changes:
motion a. add Police Report after Mayor's Report
b. Unfinished Business add Item D - Police Dept/ Brown Slough River Patrol
c. New Business add the following:
Item D - Small Boat Harbor Ordinance
Item E - Guinn Lumber Building Lease
Item F - Calista Arbitration
d. place request for hours extension on June 20 agenda and send request to Public Safety Committee
Voice vote, motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT City Manager Hoffman reported to Council on the following items:
a. interviews for the Summer Youth Program will be held Thursday, May 31
b. all the trees were distributed under the Clean Up-Green Up program - 350 people attended the Arbor Day potluck
c. the Boardwalk from the 21 Acre Park to Housing has been completed - a post will be placed in the middle of the boardwalk to prevent motorized vehicles from using the boardwalk

MAYOR'S REPORT There was no Mayor's Report.

motion M/M by Veit, 2nd by Sullivan to set Council's summer schedule for the 3rd Wednesday of June, July and August and special meetings as required. Voice vote, motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Varnell reported to Council on the following items:

- a. the river patrol will be operational by the end of the week of May 28
- b. three wheeler complaints involving excessive speed, reckless use and under age drivers have increased - recommended impoundment of violators' vehicles if impoundment area can be found (old City maintenance facility suggested)
- c. dispatch system has lost 6 personnel since the 1st of the year - reasons cited for turnover include low pay and shift work (recommend increase in pay for dispatchers)
- d. training programs
 1. FBI conducted investigative training now scheduled for 1 week in July
 2. 2 officers attending June fingerprint class
 3. 2 officers to attend criminal code revision training at Sitka
 4. 1 officer to attend search/seizure warrant training for 1 week
 5. 3 summer youth working with the animal control program
- e. the dog pound is operational

Police Chief Varnell asked Council for direction concerning operation of the River Patrol indicating that in previous years the operation of the patrol emphasized public relations and community education and did not actively issue citations for violations; Chief Varnell asked Council if the policy should remain the same for this year.

Councilmembers Binkley, Sullivan and Veit spoke in favor of greater enforcement of regulations by the river patrol

Police Chief Varnell indicated that the major problems found on the river include no life jackets, no running lights on boats and the operation of boats by people under the influence of alcohol.

Councilmember Binkley suggested that the City sponsor a life jacket program. Councilmember Sullivan spoke in opposition to the suggestion, opposing the City competing with private business in the sale of life jackets. Mr. Sullivan recommended that the City advertise for 2 months its intend to enforce river related ordinances and to issue warning tickets during that time; at the conclusion of the 2 month advertising period to begin issuing tickets to violators.

Councilmember Binkley asked how the enforcement would handle village traffic.

POLICE REPORT CONT

Councilmember Sullivan suggested that the Coast Guard Auxiliary be asked to help provide training for VPSOs.

City Manager Hoffman informed Council that YKHC has conducted a life jacket program for the area in the past and that YKHC may be available to assist villages with a life jacket program. Police Chief Varnell agreed to contact YKHC concerning the life jacket program.

Police Chief Varnell introduced Officer Wright who in turn introduced Exxon, the City's new police dog, to Council.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES

PORT COMMISSION MINUTES

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman to accept the 5/24/84 Port Commission minutes as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

PARKS/RECREATION MINUTES

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to accept the 4/27/84 Parks/Recreation minutes as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

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Art Dull Jr. requested that Council consider extending the closing hours ordinance to 2 pm. The matter was set for a hearing at the June 20 Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT 3 to ORDINANCE 131,
CITY CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS

Public Hearing from 8.30 - 9.14 pm.

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the proposed position classification noting two areas requesting changes, fire department and dispatch. The City Manager supported the upgrading of the positions and the resulting pay increase if such an upgrading would apply to other changes recommended in the revised classification matrix.

Councilmembers Veit and Sullivan agreed to the changes but only if the changes did not involve an additional expenditure of funds at this time. Councilmember Sullivan recommended that the changes should be considered within the FY '85 budget process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CONTINUED

Councilmember Sullivan recommended that the proposed changes be adopted effective October 1.

Fire Chief Barker reviewed the request for Council asking Council to make the position upgrades effective from December 1, 1984.

Councilmember Veit asked if other positions are to be upgraded. City Manager Hoffman stated that no other positions would be upgraded but that the greatest disparity as to position classification was within the fire department.

Councilmember Veit suggested that Administration should handle such matters before coming to Council with recommendations.

City Manager Hoffman reminded Council that Council had indicated no increases in pay with respect to the position classification modification and for that reason he could not support the Fire Department request. The City Manager recommended that the position control matrix be approved and that the pay increase request be addressed during the FY '85 budget process.

Pat Barker, Eric McFarlane, John Hastie and Andy Edge spoke in favor of the request; Russ Slaten spoke in opposition to the request.

Councilmember Hoffman asked where the additional funds would come from to fund the increase in pay.

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to adopt the position control matrix with the following changes:

- a. firefighter - range 4 to range 6
- b. fire captain - range 6 to range 7
- c. fire chief - range 11 to range 12

without additional expenditure of funds.

The motion was withdrawn for the purpose of further discussion.

Police Chief Varnell recommended that the dispatch position be upgraded to compare favorable with the State Troopers and LKSD dispatch positions.

Councilmember Sullivan suggested that the dispatch position start at a higher step within the range.

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to adopt the Position Control Matrix of May 10, 1984 with the following changes:

- a. firefighter - range 4 to range 6
- b. fire captain - range 6 to range 7
- c. fire chief - range 11 to range 12
- d. dispatch - range 2 to range 3

poll vote, 3 yes, 1 no - motion failed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CONTINUED

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT 4 to ORDINANCE 146,
BUDGET MODIFICATION - POSITION CLASSIFICATION

Item B: Amendment
4, Ordinance 146

Public Hearing from 9.45 to 9.47 pm; no comments.

motion

M/M by Veit, 2nd by Sullivan to table Amendment 4 to Ordinance 146 until the June 6 Special Council meeting and to include at that meeting a hearing on Amendment 3 to Ordinance 131. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item C: Amendment
2, Ordinance 97

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT 2 to ORDINANCE 97,
PORT FACILITY MANIFEST REQUIREMENTS

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to postpone the Public Hearing until the June 6 Special Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item D: Police
Department

POLICE DEPARTMENT

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to go past 10 pm. Voice vote, motion carried.

Councilmember Sullivan addressed Council concerning his inability to continue to support Police Chief Varnell for the following reasons:

- a. lack of improvements in the police department as recommended by the grand jury report
- b. disagreement with the Police Chief on local hire policy
- c. City liability resulting from the operation of the police department

motion

M/M by Sullivan requesting Police Chief Varnell's resignation. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Veit suggested that the motion be brought back to Council with full Council present.

City Manager Hoffman spoke in support of Chief Varnell but indicated his support of local hire.

Councilmember Veit indicated a need to hire a local attorney to pursue ordinance violators.

City Manager Hoffman noted for Council that he has discussed with the City Attorney the possibility of coming to Bethel once a month to handle City cases.

Council recommended that Administration bring to the June 6 Special Council meeting a proposal concerning the possibility of the City Clerk taking the Alaska Bar Exam.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 430 REQUESTING STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS

Item A: Resolu-
tion 430
motion

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the Resolution. M/M by Hoffman, 2nd by Sullivan to approve Resolution 430 requesting funds from the State for improvements to the State Highway at Bethel. Voice vote, motion carried.

Council recessed from 10.14 to 10.25 pm.

Item B: Resolu-
tion 431

RESOLUTION 431 REQUESTING FUNDS FOR ROAD IMPROVE-
MENTS AND ROAD EQUIPMENT AT BETHEL

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the proposed Resolution noting that the Resolution calls for the expenditure of \$100,000 to purchase a grader.

Councilmember Binkley inquired if the grader that the City presently owns is no longer operational.

City Manager Hoffman noted that the City owned grader is over 30 years old and that it has been recommended by Public Works that the City purchase a new grader. Mr. Hoffman recommended that Council table the Resolution until Council has the opportunity to review the possible purchase of a new grader.

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman to table Resolution 431 until the June 6 Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item C: Day Care
Program

DAY CARE PROGRAM

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the State review of the Day Care Program.

Councilmembers Sullivan, Veit and Binkley recommended that BSS and Mother Goose Day Care be given the opportunity to address Council concerning State recommendations concerning the Day Care Program.

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to table action on the Day Care recommendations until the June 20 Council meeting and to invite BSS and Mother Goose Day Care to participate in the discussion. Voice vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS CONT

SMALL BOAT HARBOR ORDINANCE

Item D: Small
Boat Harbor

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the proposed ordinance.

Port Commission Chairperson Edge recommended that an emergency ordinance be passed concerning the operation of the Small Boat Harbor and that the river patrol boat be stationed at the Small Boat Harbor.

Councilmembers Sullivan and Veit agreed with the need to pass an emergency ordinance concerning the operation of the Small Boat Harbor.

Councilmember Binkley recommended that Council delay any action on the proposed ordinance and to set the proposed user rates for the Small Boat Harbor for a public hearing. Mr. Binkley further recommended that the Small Boat Harbor be closed until the ordinance is passed.

City Manager Hoffman recommended that Council defer action on the ordinance until the June 6 Special Council meeting.

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to table action on the Small Boat Ordinance until the June 6 Special Council meeting and to introduce the ordinance at that meeting as an emergency ordinance and to make available to the public the proposed user fee schedule. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item E: Lease of
Guinn Lumber Buildings

LEASE OF GUINN LUMBER BUILDINGS

Mr. Paul Tapp presented to Council a proposal to lease the former Guinn Lumber Buildings for use as a fiberglass repair workshop.

City Manager Hoffman informed Council that it was Administration's recommendation to advertise the relocation of the buildings in September; that Administration would consider a 4 month lease.

Councilmember Sullivan requested that if the buildings are to be leased that it be done through public notice; however, if the buildings are to be moved or sold in September, to do so and skip issuing a short term lease.

Councilmembers Veit and Binkley supported a short term lease.

motion

M/M by Veit, 2nd by Hoffman directing Administration to negotiate a maximum 1 year lease with Mr. Paul Tapp for use of the Guinn Lumber Buildings providing for adequate insurance to protect the City and to lease at fair market value. Voice vote, motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS CONT

CALISTA ARBITRATION

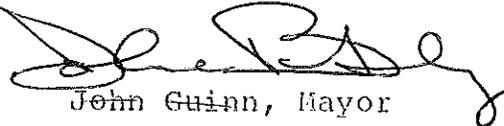
Item F: Calista
Arbitration

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to table the matter
until the June 6 Special Council meeting. Voice
vote, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Veit to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at
11.16 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE, 1984.



John Guinn, Mayor

John Binkley,
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



Wayne J. Hainers, City Clerk

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