# CITY OF BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 1981 7.30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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| MEETING TO ORDER | The regular meeting of the City Council of Bethel, Alaska was called to order at 7.35 pm by Mayor Guinn. |
| ROLL CALL | All members present except for E. Hoffman |
| APPROVAL OF MINUTES | M/M by B. Hoffman, 2nd by Twitchell to approve the minutes as read. Voice vote, motion carried. |
| APPROVAL OF AGENDA | M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by B. Hoffman to accept the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried. |
| MANAGER'S REPORT | City Manager Hoffman reported on the following items: |

(1) letter from LKSD Superintendent Carl Peterson concerning Bethel's 1st Class City Status. City Planner Stigall is to organize a meeting between LKSD and the City to discuss the matter.

(2) letter from Clark Gruening requesting the Council to support a change in the Maritime Act to permit American President Lines/Aleut Corp. to provide joint service to Alaska. Tabled until the next Council meeting.

(3) Cheryl Keepers presented a CZM update report. Additional money is available from Community and Regional Affairs for use in printing and publication of material. The City match has been reduced from 11% to 10% of the grant total. Mayor Guinn is to appoint council members to the CZM work group after the new Council is seated.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn reported on the plans for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Conference of Mayors to be held October 27, 28 and 29 at the Bethel Senior Citizens' Center. Lt. Governor Terry Miller is to give the keynote address.

AVCP request to appoint a City represent to the Oil and Gas Task force. Cheryl Keepers and Dan Boyette were appointed to the Task Force by Mayor Guinn.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Diane Carpenter reported that the Finance Committer had made its budget recommendations to the Council.

Planning - Louise Charles reported that the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting will be available for Council at its Oct. 22 meeting. The Utility Subcommittee will meet during the week of October 15.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Diane Carpenter reported on the PCB spill at Aniak. Information was requested as to any dumping that may have occurred at or near Bethel. Don Elliott reported that the soil system is different at Bethel from that at Aniak. Bethel has deep, sealed wells whereas Aniak has a shallower system of wells and is more susceptible to such spills than Bethel. Also, Bethel does test its water on a regular basis and such testing should warn the City of any impurities entering the water system. City Manager Hoffman will check into the potential problem.

Diane Carpenter asked the whereabouts of the letter from Jim Elliott as to first class status. City Manager HOffman reported that the letter has not been received as of yet.

Peter Twitchell reported that there is a need to check on street lighting and to wrap the utility poles for day glow wrapping.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The 2nd hearing on Federal Revenue sharing was held. The hearing was opened to the public. R.Goldstein requested a more definite breakdown as to how the funds are to be spent. Diane Carpenter reported that the Finance Committee had met with departments and received from them budget requests. The public hearing was closed.

Motion

M/M by B. Hoffman, 2nd by Charles to adopt expenditures submitted by the City Manager. Roll Call vote taken; motion passed.

Mayor Guinn called for an executive session at 8.15 p.m. Meeting resumed at 8.54 p.m.

Ordinance #130

City Manager Hoffman presented for Council acceptance a revised Municipal Assistance Distribution recommendation. (see attachment) Discussion as to how the budget was determined. The position of fire department instructor was eliminated from the amended expenditure recommendation. D. Schuler of the Fire Department Governing Board requested a meeting with Finance Committee and the City Manager to discuss the possibility of reinstating the instructor position. The administration is to meet with the Fire Board to see if funding of the position is possible.

The utility shop building will be placed on the ballot bacause the cost will exceed $1 million.

$20,000 was recommended for the hiring of a vet for Bethel. The details need to be worked out as to the hiring arrangements. The Council indicated it was open for suggestions on the matter of the vet.

R.Goldstein inquired as to how the new figures concerning municipal assistance funds were arrived at by Council and the Manager. City Manager Hoffman stated that recommendations made at work sessions were only recommendations, subject to change. The 75-25% split between capital projects and agency grants was the maximunm allowable. The recommended allocation is within the 75-25% split, with agencies receiving approximately 11%.

Motion

M/M by B. Hoffman, 2nd by Charles to accept Resolution ~~#130~~ 455 as amended. Poll vote was taken; motion carried 5-1, Diane Carpenter voting nay.

Riverbank Stabilization

Dan Boyette reported on a letter from the Corps of Engineers concerning the Riverbank project. The letter was referred to the City Attorney for a legal opinion.

Price Waterhouse

A discussion was held concerning accepting Price Waterhouse as auditors for the city. City Manager Hoffman stated that it would be most economical to continue with P/W.

Motion

M/M by B. Hoffman, 2nd by Charles to accept P/W as City auditors. Poll vote taken, carried.

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| NEW BUSINESS | The Council canvassed the October 6, 1981 general election. Seat 1, John Guinn; Seat 3, Antone Anvil; Seat 5, Johne Binkley and Vicki Malone will have a runoff election as the two highest vote getters out of the four candidates for Seat 5. No candidate received the required 40% thus mandating the runoff election. Seat 6, Mary Pavil. |
| Motion | M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Elliott to accept the absentee ballots. Motion carried by voice vote. |
| Motion | M/M by Elliott, 2nd by B. Hoffman to accept the questioned ballots. Voice vote taken; motion carried. |
| Motion | M/M by B. Hoffman, 2nd by Twitchell not to accept invalid ballots. Voice vote taken, motion carried. |
| Motion | M/M by Elliott, 2nd by Twitchell to set the runoff election for Seat 5 for October 20, 1981 and the canvass for that election for October 22, 1981 with new council members taking their oath of office on October 26, 1981. Voice vote was taken; motion carried. |
| Adjournment Motion | M/M by Elliott to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10.10 p.m. |

PASSED AND APPROVED:

John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk
DAte: 10/26/81