



# CITY of BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 23, 1981 7:30 P.M.

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Guinn called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and roll call was taken. Present: Elliott, B. Hoffman, Carpenter & Guinn. Late. E. Hoffman, Twitchell. Absent: Charles. Quorum.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M B. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to approve the minutes of January 26, 1981 as presented. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Hoffman recommended the following items be added to the agenda under New Business as:

- Item G. Coastal Zone Management Program
- Item H. Sales of Yellow Cab Permit

M/M Elliott/2nd B. Hoffman to add the items presented to the agenda. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

E. Hoffman requested the following item be added under New Business as:

- Item I. 5% Charge for late payments of City of Bethel  
Bills within 15 days

M/M by Elliott/2nd E. Hoffman to add the above to the agenda. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd Carpenter to approve the agenda and the additions as presented. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

## MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Hoffman gave a report on the following items:

- (1) On February 1, Hoffman received a letter from Retherford and Assoc. reporting the B.U.C. appraisal is 65% complete. They anticipate the project will be complete in April 1, 1981.
- (2) As of December 31, 1980, the City of Bethel is not participating in the Social Security Program. The City's Benefits package has been reviewed and the recommendations, along with the revision of the Personnel Rules and Regulations, will be presented to the Council in the near future.

- (3) In attendance of the 2nd Regional Government Study Conference in Aniak, Hoffman was appointed to the Study Committee to replace George Brenneman. The Committee set guidelines for the Study to follow and reviewed the scope of work performed by the consultant, Darbyshire and Associates. The next meeting is scheduled for March in St. Mary's.
- (4) City Attorney, Ben Esch is still reviewing the ILOC Ordinance, that was recently overruled by the Magistrate, and will be in Bethel to review alternatives the Council might propose.
- (5) He announced the arrival of Dave McGowen, the new Finance Director for the City.

#### MAYORS REPORT

After attending the Alaska Municipal League Conference in Fairbanks, Mayor Guinn learned that the needs and goals of small communities, such as Bethel, were not well represented. He was approached by Terry Hoefflerle, representing the Division of Community and Regional Affairs, with a proposal to start organizing a meeting with representatives from smaller communities within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta area. The meeting would focus on the needs, desires and goals of these communities and would be brought before the Alaska Municipal League.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

E. Hoffman requested the City write a letter to Calista and AVCP regarding the ILOC Ordinance and request Calista and AVCP draft a resolution supporting the Ordinance.

Elliott questioned if there funds for Luncheon Committee meetings.

Manager Hoffman answered there is funds for Luncheon meetings.

B. Hoffman, Public Works Committee, gave a report on their January 14, 1981 meeting.

M/M Carpenter/2nd E. Hoffman to accept and approve the Public Works Committee report for January 14, 1981. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Carpenter stated there was no Finance Committee meeting due to the late arrival of the new Finance Director.

Manager Hoffman introduced Dave McGowen, new Finance Director, to the Council and to the public.

Council welcomed the new Director to the City Administration and stated they were looking forward to working with him.

Rosie Porter addressed Council on the Planning Commission report of January 5, 1981 meeting.

Mayor Guinn asked if the Commission had made any recommendations to replace Andy Anderson, who resigned with the Commissions approval.

Porter answered the Commission had received 4 or 5 applications and the selection for recommendation would be made at the March Planning Commission meeting.

M/M Elliott/2nd E. Hoffman to accept and approve the Planning Commission report for January 5, 1981. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Louie Andrew, speaking on behalf of the concerned residents of Lousetown, foresaw problems to traffic the Small Boat Harbor would generate. They assume the majority of the traffic would travel through the Lousetown road since the access to the Harbor will be closer from their area. The existing road, which has been eroding into the river because of severe summer storms, would then deteriorate very rapidly. Presently, the existing road allows one vehicle to travel through safely. They asked the Council to consider building a seawall from Crow's landing to Kemp-Palucci's dock approximately 500 ft. long and extending further out about 30 ft., this would widen the 1 vehicle bypass to a 2 lane road and the Seawall would provide protection from erosion.

M/M by Carpenter/Elliott recommending the Public Works Committee review the problems and report to the Council. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Rosie Porter requested the Council consider the ILOC Ordinance by reviewing other alternatives or replace the Ordinance because it is a benefit to the community.

Twitchell reported that some people were complaining about the honey buckets not being picked up as scheduled.

Manager Hoffman stated the problem was more in the system than the honey buckets. The problems was retaining people to work on the honey bucket trucks because of the quality of the job and the working conditions. He said that if there was anyone interested in working in that department, he would be more than willing to hire them.

Discussion on the item.

Elliott stated that pay was in the low ranges and the prestiaje was more than the amount of pay you would give a person for that person. The only solution was, if there were problems in hiring people, to hire someone to drive the truck and residents could do their own dumping.

Manager stated one solution that could be considered was to place withholding containers with heaters in certain sections of the town for residents to dump their buckets and the pumper truck would suction the containers. He said there were funds available for this sort of program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A. Application for Games of Chance and Skill Permits

Manager Hoffman the following had applied for Games of Chance and Skill permits for 1981:

Bethel Regional Highschool  
Bethel Group Home  
VFW Ladies Auxillary  
K.V.N.A.

M/M B. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to accept the applications of Bethel Regional High School, Bethel Group Home, VFW Ladies Auxillary and K.V.N.A. for a Games of Chance and Skill permits. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Item B. Parvo Virus Ordinance Withdrawal

Manager Hoffman reported the Animal Control Agent has felt there was no longer a need for Ordinance #124 to be in effect and requested it be repealed. He said to repeal an ordinance, it has to be introduced and a public hearing be held in 30 days.

M/M E. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to introduce the repeal of Ordinance #124, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACCINATION OF DOGS and a public hearing be scheduled for the appropriate Council meeting and the administration properly advertise during that time. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Motion carried.

Mayor Guinn requested Frank DeBon, Animal Control Agent, be present at the public hearing should the public have any questions on the issue.

Item C. Public Hearing on Federal Revenue Sharing

Public Hearing opened at 8:21 p.m.

Manager Hoffman stated the intent of the budget hearing was to receive input from the community on how the City should spend the Federal Revenue Sharing. The proposal was to spend the budget as follows:

City Police Department	\$132,800
Road Maintenance	33,200
Administrative Services	4,000
	<u>\$170,000</u>

Public Hearing closed at 8:25 p.m.

M/M Carpenter/2nd E. Hoffman to approve the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget of \$170,000 for the City Patrol, Road Maintenance and Administrative Services. Roll call: Yeas: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Motion carried.

Council took ten minute break at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Guinn called the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Animal Control Report

Animal Control Agent Frank DeBon gave a 60 day report from November 24, 1980 to January 24, 1981. During this time, 124 animals were shot and 34 animals destroyed at the owners request. The rabies vaccination program produced 575 animals vaccinated in the following locations: Housing, City Subdivision, Housing Subdivision, B.I.A., F.A.A. Housing, Trailer Court and across the Slough, giving the City approximately 40% to 50% coverage. The rabies vaccination program must continue with more time given with consideration of a goal for 80% - 90% vaccination rate. He was awarded a rabies vaccination license but wouldn't be qualified to give parvo-virus and distemper shots.

During this time, 6 specimens were sent to Fairbanks with 1 returning with positive rabies, this animal was from F.A.A. Housing and the individual had to go undergo a series of rabies shots. At this time, no animals have returned with positive rabies.

The number of dog bites has declined and the following are the monthly statistics confirmed by Office of Environmental Health: June - 8 bites, July - 9 bites, August - 6 bites, September - 7 bites, October - 8 bites, November - 6 bites, December - 4 bites, January - 1 bite and February - none reported so far.

He recommended the 60 day shooting Ordinance be reinstated with all the shooting done by himself and the Council consider drafting a year round shooting Ordinance, mainly because of weekly sightings of foxes within the City limits.

Manager Hoffman recommended the Emergency Ordinance be reinstated for 60 days effective 2/24/81 and introduce the year round shooting Ordinance at the next Council meeting with the public hearing scheduled within 30 days.

E. Hoffman stated he didn't like anyone shooting dogs with the kids around.

Discussion on the item.

M/M Carpenter/2nd Twitchell to reinstate the Emergency Ordinance #6, for 60 days effective 2/24/81 at 12 midnight. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Twitchell, B. Hoffman/ Carpenter and Guinn. Nays: Elliott and E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

Item B. Legislative Priorities

Council reviewed and discussed each item on the list and the results are as follows:

(A) Hydro-Electric Project - Kisaralik River

M/M Elliott/2nd E. Hoffman that the City Council and other organizations send a telegram to the Legislation requesting it be included on S.B. #8 and that it's supported by the Council and other organizations. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

(B) Bank Stabilization Demonstration Project

M/M Carpenter/2nd B. Hoffman to recommend it be singled out to review the budget and further studies be done before being submitted to the Legislature. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

(C) Bethel Warehouse/Dock Expansion - Approved.

(D) Bethel Highway Emergency Parking Shoulder - Approved.

(E) Public Utilities Maintenance Shop - Approved.

(F) Small Boat Harbor Phase II - Approved.

(G) Gravel Road - Approved.

(H) Loan for purchase of Bethel Utilities Corp. - Approved.

(I) Recreational Facility/Cultural Center

(J) Centennial Center

Frank Foster of Swanson, asked for Council's consideration in buying the Theatre to be used as a Teen Center.

Council recommended to have the Parks and Recreation Committee review the issue and report to the Council

M/M E. Hoffman/2nd Elliott for the meeting to pass 10 p.m. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

(K) Napakiak Road Phase II - Approved.

(L) Pinky's Wayside Park - Approved.

(M) Repair Brown Slough Retainer Wall - Approved.

(N) Sewer Line Expansion - Approved.

(O) River Patrol Program - Approved

(P) Fish Processing Plant - Deleted.

(Q) Public Safety Facility - Approved.

(R) Anti-litter Program - Approved.

(S) Municipal Terminal - Deleted.

(T) Natural Gas Feasibility Study - Approved.

(U) Y-K State Fair Forgiveness - Approved.

(V) Family Shelter - Approved.

(W) Hostel Phase II - Approved.

(X) Industrial Park - Approved.

The following items were added to the priority list:

- (1) Day Care Center
- (2) Teen Center
- (3) Boardwalk and Bike Trail

M/M E. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to approve the following legislative priorities: Hydro-Electric Project - Kisaralike River, Bethel Warehouse/Dock Expansion, Bethel Highway Emergency Parking Shoulder, Public Utilities Maintenance Shop, Small Boat Harbor Phase II, Gravel Roads, Loan for purchase of B.U.C., Recreational Facility/Cultural Center and Centennial Center, Napakiak Road Phase II, Pinky's Wayside Park, Repair Brown Slough Retainer Wall, Sewer Line Expansion, River Patrol Program, Public Safety Facility, Anti-litter Program, Natural Gas Feasibility Study, Y-K State Fair Forgiveness, Family Shelter, Hostel Phase II, Industrial Park and the additions of Day Care Center, Teen Center and Boardwalk and Bike Trail. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Item C. Land Lease to Swansons and Elm Fisheries, East portion of  
USS 1002

Manager Hoffman stated that originally the item was going to be deleted but he was informed there is a time limit on it. He recommended the lease be introduced and a public hearing set within 30 days and within that time period, the Planning Commission would have a recommendation whether the lease is accepted or not.

M/M Elliott/2nd E. Hoffman to introduce the land lease sales to Elm Fisheries and Swansons, east portion of USS 1002 tonite and public hearing scheduled within 30 days. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

M/M E. Hoffman/B. Hoffman to amend the previous motion to include the introduction of land lease proposal to V.F.W. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Item D. Introduction of Resolution #324, A Resolution of the City Council fo the City of Bethel, Alaska requesting the Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Dept. of Health and Social Services to grant the City of Bethel the funds necessary to plan, design and construct the new State Jail Facility to be located in Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Guinn read the Resolution to the Council and the public.

Dan Branch, reported that the State was in the process of building the facility this summer. He stated that if the City submitted the Resolution, it would delay the construction of the facility and that the City might not get the contract. He suggested the Council review the proposal before submitting it in.

Discussion on the item.

M/M B. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to introduce and approve Resolution #324 as presented. Voice vote was taken and motion failed.

Item E. Introduction of Resolution #325, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bethel requesting grant funds from the Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities to purchase vehicles necessary to provide a mass transportation system for the residents of the City of Bethel

Manager Hoffman introduced the item and stated the administration had requested and received funds to purchase vehicles and subcontract the operations for mass transit program to a private enterprise.

Discussion on contracting or leasing the operations to a private enterprise.

Clark Miller suggested the issue be referred to the Public Safety Transportation Committee to review and discuss the what alternatives there are to have an adequate program.

M/M Carpenter/2nd B. Hoffman the the Resolution be added to the agenda of the Public Safety Transportation. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Council took a 10 minute break at 11:25 p.m.

Mayor Guinn called the meeting back to order at 11:35 p.m.

Item F. Introduction of Resolution #326, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bethel, Alaska requesting the Dept. of Health and Social Services, Div. of Corrections to continue contracting with the City of Bethel for operation of the State Jail at the time the existing jail facility is replaced by a new facility.

M/M B. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to approve and adopt Resolution #326 as presented. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Item G. Coastal Zone Management Program

City Planner Tony Stigall reported it was a draft work program plan mandated by Div. of Community and Regional Affairs and require the Council's adoption and approval before being submitted. This plan is designated for the city of Bethel and would serve as an update for the Comprehensive Plan.

M/M B. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to adopt the draft report of the Coastal Zone Management Program as presented. Voice vote was taken and motion carried. Abstained: E. Hoffman.

Item H. Sales of Yellow Cab Permits

Manager Hoffman reported of being notified by Norman Wallace, owner,

stating he was not interested in operating Yellow Cab Co., and plan to sell the Company to the people who operate the Riverfront Restaurant. Manager Hoffman recommended the issue be referred to the Public Safety Transportation Committee and that a the public hearing be scheduled within 30 days.

M/M Carpenter/2nd B. Hoffman to refer to the Public Safety Transportation Committee the sale of the permit for recommendation and be included in the Council's agenda within 30 days. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

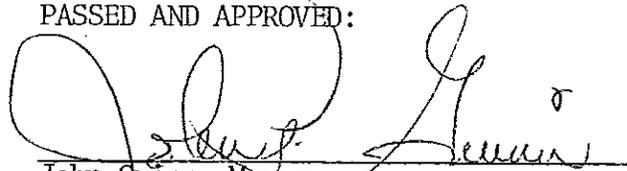
Item I. 5% Charge for late payments of City Utility bills within 15 days

E. Hoffman recommended the City start charging 5% for late payments of the utility bills.

Carpenter/2nd B. Hoffman to refer it to the Finance Committee to review the figures. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED:

  
John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Elsie Jennings, City Clerk

DATE: 3/24/81