



CITY of BETHEL

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 31, 1980

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Mayor Guinn called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and called for roll call. Present: Elliott, Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of June 19 & 20, 1980. M/M by B. Hoffman/ 2nd E. Hoffman to approve the minutes of June 19 & 20, 1980 as written. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any corrections or additions on the agenda. E. Hoffman suggested the following items be added under New Business:

1. AVCP Resolutions
2. Akiakchuk City Council

Manager Hoffman suggested the following items be added under New Business:

1. Sales Tax
2. Liquor

Under Unfinished Business:

Item A. Police Matters

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd E. Hoffman to accept the agenda as written with the additions. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd Charles to bypass Items IV through VII, to Unfinished Business, Item A. Police Matters, to go into Executive Session with Police Chief Lorn Campbell. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Council recessed at 7:45 p.m., and went into Executive Session.

Mayor Guinn called the meeting back to order at 8:05 p.m. He informed the public that Police Chief Lorn Campbell had submitted a letter of resignation. City Clerk read the letter to the public.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd Twitchell to refuse Chief Campbell's letter of resignation and the Council to support and continue to support the Police Dept. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Elliott, Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, and Guinn. Abstained: E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

ITEM B. CONSIDERATION OF BETHEL MUNICIPAL DOCK

Manager Hoffman informed the public and the Council that this was discussed at the last Council meeting where United Transportation had requested the City to transfer the contract contingent upon the sale of their company.

Discussion on the item.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to have a work session on Tuesday, August 5th, and a Special Council Meeting following the work session after additional information had been gathered. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM C. REPORT ON AQUIFER THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

Manager Hoffman reported that TWR had submitted their first monthly administrative report which consisted of the following items:

- (1) Technical Status
- (2) Cost Plan
- (3) Milestone schedule and Status Report
- (4) Milestone Log
- (5) Program Cost-Performance Curves

He stated most of it was in the planning stages. Any questions the Council had or the public, Fred Witson will be in Bethel in 2 weeks and he will be available to answer their questions.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Representatives from the City of Akiakchuk were as follows:

Mayor - Phillip Peter
Vice-Mayor - Moses Peter
City Administrator - Sam Goerge
Project Director - Jackson Lomack
Land Planner - Fritz George
Native Council Representative - Willie Kasayulie

Sam George, City Administrator, spoke on behalf of the City Council of Akiachuk and the concerned villages along the Kuskokwim River. He stated that City of Akiakchuk had passed a resolution which was passed by AVCP in Oct, 1979, hand carried to Senator Hohman and Rep. Phillip Guy's office, regarding the 1.4 million appropriated to the City of Bethel for the Kuskokwim Dredging Program and the Boat Harbor. They requested the City allot funds to the villages to plan and participate in doing their own dredging.

Manager Hoffman explained that the funds were allocated to City of Bethel because it was centerally located in the region, that there is experience men in the maintenance field which are hired on full time basis to maintain the equipment, and that buildings and equipments were available in Bethel for an effective dredging program. He stated that City of Bethel would be willing to listen to the villagers in their plans on dredging and requested their participation.

Discussion on the item.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd B. Hoffman that the villages involved in the dredging project participate formally in the planning process. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Guinn called for a recess at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 p.m. by Mayor Guinn.

John Alder, Director of Parks and Recreation, request more concern and support from the Council both financially and administratively. He, also, recommended that the Council give first priority to applicants within the State before considering "outside" applicants for the Parks and Recreation Director position.

Charles, on behalf of the Council, thanked Alder for a excellant job he has done as a Director and wished him well in his future at Nome.

Carpenter requested to make a motion that the Council set aside funds for an information booklet on Bethel.

Manager Hoffman explained that funds cannot be appropriated by motions, it has to be passed as an ordinance and through a public hearing process.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman gave a report on the following items;

- (1) John Alder's resignation to accept a job in Nome;
- (2) Insurance Coverage with Dawson Insurance at \$154,000 or a reduction of \$22,000 for this year;

- (3) PATC Applicants;
- (4) Price Waterhouse Audit;
- (5) U.S. Bureau of Censes post censes report that states Bethel's population at 3,365;
- (6) Alaska Division of Emergency Services workshop on September 8th, on Emergency Preparedness to establish an action plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Twitchell, Parks and Recreation Committee member, gave a report on their July 21st meeting and the following recommendations:

- (1) That the City Administration keep the Parks and Recreation Committee closely informed regarding the negotiations involving the City of Bethel and the Lower Kuskokwim School District for Joint-use of School District facilities until a new Parks and Recreation Director is hired.
- (2) That the City of Bethel advertise locally and within the State and give first priority to any locally qualified candidates that may apply for the Parks and Recreation Director's position. The Committee further recommends that the City not advertise and recruit from outside the State of Alaska.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd Charles to accept the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Committee of July 21st, 1980. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN YKHC AND PATC

Robert Buttane, PATC Director, reported that the budget was received for the State office and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program. The YKHC and Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse program will provide follow-up and aftercare services to the clients served by PATC.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd Charles to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between YKHC and PATC. Voice Vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM B. RESOLUTION REQUESTING GRANT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL.

M/M by Charles/2nd E. Hoffman to approve and accept Resolution #312. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Nays: Twitchell. Motion carried.

ITEM C. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH APOC

Manager Hoffman stated that APOC was asking City of Bethel, through a contract, to issue Conflict of Interest forms, which are due every year by Council members, and maintain the files for the year 1980. The contract would expire on December, 1980, and the fee for \$1,200.00.

M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd B. Hoffman for the Council to appoint Lyman Hoffman, City Manager, to administer the contract services with APOC. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Motion carried.

ITEM D. AVCP RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Resolution requesting an investigation of Bethel Police Dept's arrests and treatment of prisoners.

M/M by Elliott/2nd Charles not to approve the Resolution requesting an investigation of the Bethel Police Dept's arrests and treatment of prisoners. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, and Guinn. Abstained: E. Hoffman.

M/M by Charles/2nd Carpenter to draft a letter to the Human Right's Commission explaining the reasons for the rejection of the resolution. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter and Guinn. Abstained: E. Hoffman.

- (b) Resolution requesting the City of Bethel to take action against Bethel Taxi driver's who engage in unfair practices.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd Elliott that the Public Safety Committee review the Taxicab Ordinance and take into consideration and assess the need for penalties for the driver's who engage in unfair practices. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM E. SALES TAX

Manager Hoffman stated that to change the existing sales tax rate, Council would have to modify the Ordinance, hold a public hearing within 30 days and be approved 15 days before the election, which is on October 7, 1980.

He stated that on the Special Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, the modification of the Ordinance would be introduced. He suggested the Council talk to the Community regarding the raise of the existing rate from 3% to 4% or 5%. This change would be used to raise the City's salaries to the level competitive with the other job markets. He stated no action was required by the Council.

ITEM F. LIQUOR

Manager Hoffman introduced to the Council 2 petition questions recommended by the Special Committee:

- (1) Whether or not the City of Bethel should have a Liquor Store.

If this question passed, the City of Bethel would apply to Alaska Beverage Control Board for a license. If it doesn't pass, the City would remain as it is now.

- (2) Whether or not importation and possession of alcohol would be prohibited in Bethel.

If this question passed, an individual would not be able to transport any booze by cases, inside luggages or possess any in their homes.

He recommended that the two options be well publicized for voters to know what they are voting for. It was requested by the Legal Council that the City Administration be not involved in soliciting the petitions but recommended any members of the Finance Committee to solicit the petitions.

Discussion on the item.

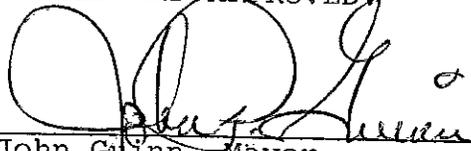
Rufus Tallent, Paster at Assembly of God, favored no possession or importation of alcohol but he suggested, if the City votes to go "wet", that possession of alcohol be limited (i.e. a gallon or a quart per family/person).

Dr. Dunn, on behalf of the PHS Hospital Administration, expressed his concern if the City was to go "wet". He gave a statistic report on the years Bethel was "wet" or "dry".

M/M by Elliott/2nd Charles requesting certain members of the Finance Committee members to monitor the petitions.

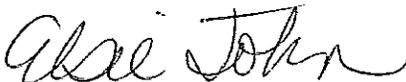
Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED.



John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elsie John, City Clerk

September 3, 1980