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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 1979

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the City Council chambers. Roll call: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Carpenter and Elliott. Gregory was excused by Mayor Elliott.

INVOCATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Elliott asked if there were any changes in the minutes of July 2, 1979.

Charles stated that on page 4, above People to Be Heard, on the subject of the APUC's 42% it was not tabled. The issue will be taken up on a later date. Also, on page 7, rewording as follows: The fuel and electricity of Buck Rogers Disco and Elm Corporation will be seperated and on Buck Rogers Disco and KCC their is a reduction in their lease.

M/M by E. Hoffman to accept the minutes of July 2, 1979 with the above corrections. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Elliott asked if there were any deletions or additions to the Agenda of August 7, 1979.

Manager Hoffman stated that he'd like to add the following to the Agenda under Unfinished Business.

ITEM D. INTRODUCTION TO MODIFICATION #1 OF ORDINANCE #116
ITEM E. RATIFICATION OF CITY COMPTROLLER
ITEM F. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Charles stated that she'd like to add the following under New Business:

ITEM E. YKHC RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FACILITY FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM

M/M by Carpenter to accept the Agenda with the above additions. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman stated that the only communications we had were sent in the Council Packets.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman stated that regarding Council's request for information on a volunteer Swimming Instructor/Life Guard Program, the Parks & Recreation Director has contacted YKHC EMS Director, Fran McAfee. She stated that they have two (2) Water Safety Instructors working with their drown proofing program in the village. At the present time there program does not include providing life guard supervision at swimming holes in Bethel. She also stated that drowning in this region could better be prevented through drown proofing classes as opposing to providing life guard services.

Manager Hoffman stated that in response to the numerous dog bites this past summer, as a immediate solution he does believe that the Mayor's declaration is the proper direction to go, but it is apparent that this re-occuring dog problem need more indepth lock. Therefore, it is recommended that the Mayor appoint a temporary Committee consisting of the following:

1 member from YKHC
1 from OEH
1 from Bethel Dog Mushers Association, and;
1 member from the general public to review the Animal Control Ordinance and make recommendations to solve this problem.

City Manager Hoffman stated that the Chairperson of the LKSD Board has request the Community School Committee Finance to complete its study of the City of Bethel's Financial responsibility if Bethel was to become a First Class City. Dr. George Brenneman has informed me that he will try to have the report to Council before September 12th.

The City of Bethel along with the State of Alaska has constructed Kilbuck Street giving the 23 homes now serviced by first avenue a second access because of the erosion on first avenue.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bud Whiting was introducted to Council by City Manager, Lyman Hoffman, as the new Finance Director.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott read the following proclaimation to the public:

> WHEREAS there has been a marked increase in dog bites during the last few months and the Doctors and medical staff at the Bethel Hospital have expressed their concern that immediate preventive meausres must be taken.
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> And Bethel has experienced rabies quarantines in 1973 and 1974 and does not wish to experience another.
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> I, as Mayor of Bethel, declare a twenty-one (21) day emergency in the City limits of Bethel commencing August 11 - 31, 1979. During this period any loose dog may be shot by authorized City Officials.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S

B. Hoffman of Public Works Committee reported that they had a meeting on August 1, 1979 and they request that the City Council approve Resolution #264, (A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO GRANT THE CITY OF BETHEL THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO GRAVEL THE LAGOON ROAD NORTH OF BETHEL HEIGHTS TO SEWAGE LAGOON,) and Resolution #265, (A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TO GRANT THE CITY OF BETHEL THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO MAINTAIN EXISTING GRAVEL ROADS AND GRAVEL KWETHLUK LANE.)

M/M by Charles to accept the report of the Public Works Committee. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Carpenter of the Finance Committee reported that T. Pufnock gave a report to the Committee on the subject of high paid employees getting utility and housing allowances. He stated that since January, it has been going to the employees W-2, begin charged for FICA only. He stated that it was against the law to give to employees utility allowances, and something should be done about low salary employees receiving utilities free.

Under Management report, Carpenter stated that Manager Hoffman reported that he'd find out the monthly basis we are billed, divide it by the number of employees, come up with a monthly average and multiply it by 20% and everybody gets that percentage as long as they are not living in City Housing.

Carpenter went on to state that Susan Dreydopple gave the Financial aspect of the Museum Policy. She stated that the shop budget is currently mixed up with the City's budget, which shouldn't be and would like to separate it and make a special revenue fund.

Twitchell from the Parks & Recreation Committee reported that J. Alder, Director of P & Rec. said that the Bowling Alley's Open House on July 15th was a success with approximately 75 people attending and that the Bowling Alley was officially opened for business on July 16th. Bowling Leagues will begin on September 4th.

Twitchell stated that Alder reported that the 4th of July was a success and the summer recreation programs were going well. Also, Alder reported that the Senior Citizens program was funded at $42,000.00 for FY 1980 by the State Office of Aging. He also reported that the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Development of Outdoor Recreation facilities which was submitted on May 15th to the Division of State Parks is presently being processed through the a appropriate channels.

Twitchell stated that Alder reported that he was working on the Parks and Recreation Department and Bowling Alley FY 80 budgets.

Charles of the Planning Commission stated that she has two recommendations as follows:

> The Planning Commission recommended that Rosie Porter be re-appointed to the Commission.
> The Planning Commission recommended that the extension of Second Avenue, behind Swanson's Store, be put in as soon as feasible based on previous motions.

M/M by Charles to accept the reports of the Parks & Recreation Environmental Health Committee and the Planning Commission reports. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mayor Elliott asked if there was any one that would like to be heard at this time?

E. Hoffman stated that several people called him and asked him if he'd ask the Council about having the Old Library saved for a Historical Site.

Manager Hoffman stated that he'd check it out.

J. Pekman commented that on the last meeting he didn't have time to speak. So he suggested that Council should put a time limitation on the subject of People to Be Heard.

Mayor Elliott stated that he would consider it.

C. Miller stated that his brother called the Fire Department regarding a Fire. Was wondering if the Fire Department would go to the Fire first and then get the information later on.

Also, said that one of his cab drivers said that one of the Patrol Officers informed them that they would be fined $100.00 by midnight for not having decals on their vehicles.

Manager Hoffman stated that he'd check into the fire dispatch. Also Modification #2 of Ordinance #110, (Vehicle for Hire), the Modification is just an introduction and in 30 days we will have a Public Hearing and nothing can be done to the cabs like a $100.00 fine until after the Public Hearing.

F. Short stated that one of his drivers were assulted last week and was told that the Police Department would check into it, and haven't done anything about it so far.

Manager Hoffman stated that Paul Barnhardt was here to comment.

P. Barnhardt, stated that he'd check into it. He stated that this was the first that he'd find out about the incident when the paper work was brought to him today 8/7/79. Kathey (Cab Driver) stated that she just brought the paperwork in.

Some discussion on the subject of the Police Department.

Carpenter stated that she has observed several City Vehicles driving pretty fast. Would the City Manager do something about it?

Manager Hoffman stated that he'd write a memo in regard to the speeding of the City Employee's driving City Vehicles and ask them to slow down.

Manager Hoffman went on to state that the City Vehicles are brought into the shop on a monthly basis for preventive maintenance.

Bethel Broadcasting Inc., and staff would like for the City of Bethel to move the Dog pound to a safer place, where kids won't stick their hands into the cages, just in case there is a dog in quarantine.

Manager Hoffman stated that he plans to move the dog pound to the dump site after the road is graveled.

Mayor Elliott requested permission from the Bethel Utilities Corporation for the location by the building to relocate the dog pound their until the road to the dump site is graveled. He stated that as soon as Bethel Utilities Corporation gives us the ok to move there we will relocate the dog pound.

Charles stated that she hopes that the Animal Control Agent will feed and water the animals.

Some discussion on the Animal Control and the relocation site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. INTRODUCTION TO MODIFICATION #2 OF ORDINANCE #110, (VEHICLE FOR HIRE)

Manager Hoffman stated that this item was requested at the last Council Meeting. It was pointed out that there was no fine for any individual that failed to display their chauffeur's permit which operating a taxicab.

Under Taxi Cab Regulations Generally all section of this would apply to the cab driver for failure to show and carry. The only distinction was that in taxicabs the cab companies would be fined $100.00 for the first three violations, the taxicab driver would be fined $100.00 for items A4 & A5, which are not equipped with a non-flashing top light and the display of the chauffeur's permit

Manager Hoffman stated that this is only the introduction of Modification #2 of Ordinance #110, (Vehicle for Hire) and not the public hearing.

On the subject of the decals the Council members stated that they should be on the front doors of the cabs. Also the numbers of the cabs should be on the rear back of the top part of the cab.

Hoffman stated that this should be introduced and a Public Hearing date be set for the 12th of September.

M/M by Carpenter to introduce ITEM A., INTRODUCTION OF MODIFICATION #2 OF ORDINANCE #110, (VEHICLE FOR HIRE) Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, B. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed.

ITEM B. REPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Manager Hoffman stated that he had Jay Livey, City Planner, to comment on the CDP.

J. Livey, stated that R. Darbyshire was here in Bethel with two of his staff members accompanying him to conduct the attitudnal survey. The Planning Commission made some recommendations to the surveyors.

Charles asked when was the completion date?

Livey said that the completion date was to be sometime in Novmeber and the Council adoption would be in December.

Manager Hoffman stated that we'll have a worksession and then a Public Hearing on the next Council Meeting in September.

ITEM C. RESOLUTION REVISING BUDGET ON ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT

Manager Hoffman stated that next two items are dealing directly with the Senior Citizens Development Program and basically what is required is the revision of the original figure from $325,000.00 to $334.050.00.

M. Knight stated that the completion date is October 15, 1979 for a period of 90 days of construction time.

M/M by Carpenter to ratify Resolution #266, (AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BETHEL TO FILE AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR A GRANT FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND STATE OF ALASK) and introduce Modification #1 of Ordinance #116, CITY OF BETHEL'S BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTMEBER 30, 1979 TO INCLUDE THE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING PROGRAM.) and set a Public Hearing date. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Carpenter, B. Hoffman E. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed.

ITEM E. RATIFICATION OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER

Manager Hoffman stated that the position of the City Comptroller, two (2) candidates were reviewed and the 1st candidate didn't accept the position so we now have Willis "Bud" Whiting, as the City of Bethel's Comptroller, we got him through the Employment Agency that we utilized.

Manager Hoffman stated that he has a 2 year contract and with a 10% salary retained. If he terminated before the 2 years he would forfeit the 10%., which is approximately $6,000.00. If he terminated within one (1) year he will have to reimburse the City of Bethel for the moving expense.

M/M by Charles to ratify the City of Bethel's Comptroller Willis, "Bud" Whiting. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mayor Elliott called for a 10 minute break.

Mayor Elliott called the meeting back to order.

ITEM F. APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mayor Elliott re-appointed Rosie Porter to the Planning Commission, Seat #2 for the term from June 1979 - 1981.

M/M by E. Hoffman to ratify R. Porter back to the Planning Commission. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. PIPED WATER & SEWER ENTERPRIZE FUND

Manager Hoffman gave a brief description of the piped and haul water and sewer system of the City of Bethel. He stated that he'd like to have these two seperated and have the water and sewer for the ASHA area seperate from the haul system.

Some discussion on the subject.

M/M by Carpenter to table the above item., Water & Sewer Enterprize Fund until September 12, 1979. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEM B. RESOLUTION REQUESTING GRANT FUNDS TO GRAVEL LAGOON ROAD.

Manager Hoffman stated that he explained earlier under the dog problem, we did received some grant funds, from the state, under the Village Safewater Program for the lagoon. The present road is not graveled and is impassable for several months during the spring, for our garbage and sewer trucks that utilize the road. Manager Hoffman asked them if we could get the road graveled with water and sewer funds. They stated that since the road is utilized primarily for sewage there would be no problem. The Department of Environmental Conservation would have to approve it.

M/M by B. Hoffman to accept Resolution #264, (REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO GRANT THE CITY OF BETHEL THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO GRAVEL THE LAGOON ROAD NORTH OF BETHEL HEIGHTS TO SEWAGE LAGOON.) Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEM C. RESOLUTION REQUESTING GRANT FUNDS TO MAINTAIN EXISTING GRAVEL ROADS AND FUNDS TO GRAVEL KWETHLUK LANE.

Manager Hoffman stated that the Legislature appropriated $100,000.00 to maintain Bethel roads. Last spring the power company had problems getting fuel to the power plant. With these funds the Public Works Committee suggested to Council for the maintenance for the Kwethluk Lane and the existing roads in Bethel.

Some discussion on the subject of cost.

Manager Hoffman stated that Kwethluk Lane would cost about 30 to 40 thousand dollars and that would leave $30,000.00 to purchase gravel to maintain the existing gravel roads.

M/M by Charles to approve Resolution #264, (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TO GRANT THE CITY OF BETHEL THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO MAINTAIN EXISTING GRAVEL ROADS AND GRAVEL KWETHLUK LANE.) Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEM D. NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY LAND LEASE

Manager Hoffman stated that the present National Guard Armory land lease did not go through the Public Hearing process and the Planning Commission agreed that the City should either exchange this land for unused State land or lease the land that the State is utilized and keep the unused for City purposes.

M/M by Carpenter that we authorize the City Manager to negotiate with the National Guard regarding a trade of land along with the negotiation with title to existing lands and if the negotiations are not successful the five lots not being used by the National Guard will be deleted and land will go back to the City of Bethel. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

M/M by Carpenter to authorize the City Manager to proceed with investigations of land leases and negotiate with lessee regarding all former City property returned for property. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEM E. YKHC RESOLUTION, REGARDING A FACILITY TO THE ELDERLY PROGRAM

Charles stated that the Steering Committee gormed by the City of Bethel, in regard to the planning facility for the Elderly, they decided to transfer the item to YKHC Board of Directors and YKHC Executive Committee.

Charles read the Resolution.

Charles stated that she brings this before the City Council for supported.

M/M by E. Hoffman to adopt Resolution #267, (A RESOLUTION REGARDING PLANNING FOR CITY OF BETHEL'S FACILITY FOR ELDERLY.) Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Charles to adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13 day of Sept, 1979.

Donald Elliott
DONALD ELLIOTT, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irene Williams
IRENE WILLIAMS, City Clerk