



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 26, 1978

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn. Councilpersons present: Guinn, Charles, Elliott, Hickling, Hoffman. Councilpersons absent: Gregory, Twitchell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve the Minutes of July 12, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Hoffman requested that the following items be added to the agenda: Under New Business, Item A. Resolution No. 242, A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TAXICAB AND LIMOUSINE PERMITS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL; Under Unfinished Business, Item D. Acceptance of a letter of agreement between the City of Bethel and the P.H.S. Hospital to renovate the Nicholson Building to be used by the City for a back-up well.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to approve the agenda with the following additions: Under New Business, Item A. Resolution No. 242, A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TAXICAB AND LIMOUSINE PERMITS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION WITH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL; Under Unfinished Business, Item D. Acceptance of a letter of agreement between the City of Bethel and the P.H.S. Hospital to renovate the Nicholson Building to be used by the City for a Back-up well. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman read a letter from Sue Greene, Special Assistant to the Governor, The Governor has vetoed the \$600,000 for the dock/warehouse facility.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported that Mr. Andrew G. Minister of the ISO will be in Bethel on August 14th to evaluate Bethel for a possible lower fire rating.

Mr. Clyde Courtnage has informed the City of Bethel that we have been awarded \$490,000 for the joint fund Civic Center Water/Sewer Project for next year. The total cost of the project is \$981,000.

Along Mission Road two of the six torpedo nets have been installed and it is anticipated that the other four nets will be installed by next week.

Maurice Wilson of the Department of Transportation Planning, has informed the City of Bethel that the State does not have plans to widen Airport Road in the near future. Under the Capital Improvement Program for 1979 and 1980 \$5.6 million is included for paving the main and cross-wind runways and the general aviation apron as well as \$1.4 million to resurface the highway.

The City of Bethel has received notice from the office of the Governor that Resolution No. 237, endorsing the Governors signature on Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse bills specifically SB 541, 542, 543, 552 were signed by Governor Hammond.

The proposed BLM Regulations for the management of off-road-vehicles is available in the City office for anyone who is interested in reviewing them.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn stated that in the past the City Council has not endorsed any polictical canidates, and requested that this proceedure be kept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson Elliot stated that the Public Works Committee will be holding a meeting some time in August.

Councilperson Hoffman stated that the Public Safety Committee will be holding a meeting next month.

Councilperson Charles stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be holding a worksession on July 31, 1978.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Franke asked the City Council why they feel it is necessary to offer a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension and conviction of of the vandals who have vandalized the home of Assistant City Manager Nancy Kraning when they don't offer rewards for damages done to City property, which is costing the citizens of Bethel a great amount of tax dollars.

Mayor Guinn stated that Council feels the distruction of the Kraning property was the direct cause of action taken by the City Council and City Administration.

M/M Councilperson Hoffman to add to the agenda under New Business, Item E. Reward for the aprehension and conviction of the vandals who vandalized the water/sewer lines. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Goldstien requested that the Council add the removal of the Police to the agenda.

Councilperson Hoffman informed Mr. Goldstien that only Councilpersons could make additions to the agenda.

Mr. Goldstien stated that he is personally worried about the actions of Council. He stated that the mass resignation of the Police and Jail staff should prove that Mr. Winjum was doing a good job, or his employees would not have been so loyal.

Mr. Goldstien asked why Council took this action and why they waited such a long time to release a statement to the press.

Mayor Guinn stated that several options were pointed out to Mr. Winjum, he shose to resign.

Mayor Guinn stated that Council had been dissatisfied with the performance of the Chief of Police. He went on to state that Council has the power to fire and hire the City Manager, Chief of Police, Finance Director, and the City Clerk.

Mayor Guinn stated that this was handled as a personnel problem.

Mr. Peckman stated that he felt insulted as a tax paying citizen because Council did not inform the public as to what was happening.

Mr. Don Wyler an ex-police officer suggested that Council pay the Police Department for overtime that is put in. He went on to state that he risked his life along with other employees of the Police department by working overtime and was given comp time which he was never allowed to use because of the shortage in staff. Mr. Wyler feels that he should be paid for this time.

Manager Hoffman stated that according to the personnel rules and regulations employees can not be paid for unused comptime, if the employee terminated with comp time on the books.

Councilperson Charles requested that the trash container at the cemetary be emptied on a regular basis. Also that the trash that has fallen off the City garbage trucks along Airport Road and the dump road be picked up.

Councilperson Hickling stated that she has been receiving calls from parents asking that the curfew in Bethel be enforced.

MANAGER Hoffman stated that the Police Departments is presently under staffed and would do their best to enforce the curfew.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. RESOLUTION NO. 242, A RESOUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TAXI CAB AND LIMOUSINE PERMITS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL.

Manager Hoffman read and introduced Resolution No. 242.

Mayor Guinn stated that he has met with Mr. Issac Mute who has requested that Council give him a taxicab permit.

M/M by Councilperson Elliot to accept Resolution No. 242, with the addition of one taxicab permit to be given to Mr. Issac Mute. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF RECREATION BUILDING II TO KUSKOKWIM COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to set the date for the public hearing for the renewal lease of Recreation Building II, to Kuskokwim Community College for September 13, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM B. APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE BETHEL NATIVE HOSPITAL.

Manager Hoffman stated the Paul Gregory of the P.H.S. Native Hospital requested that the City Council appoint a representative of the City of Bethel to serve on the greivance committee.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to appoint Louise Charles to the grievance committee of the P.H.S. Native Hospital. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM C. RESOLUTION NO. 243, A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ACCEPTING THE KAMEROFF INFANT CENTER AS A PUBLIC FACILITY.

Manager Hoffman read and introduced Resolution No. 243.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to accept Resolution No. 243, A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ACCEPTING THE KAMEROFF INFANT CENTER AS A PUBLIC FACILITY. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM D. ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BETHEL AND THE P.H.S. HOSPITAL TO RENOVATE THE NICHOLSON BUILDING TO BE USED BY THE CITY FOR A BACK-UP WELL.

Manager Hoffman stated that the City of Bethel will remodel the building and I.H.S. will purchase the holding tank if Council agrees to accept the agreement.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to accept the letter of agreement between the City of Bethel and the P.H.S. Hospital to renovate the Nicholson Building to be used by the City for a back-up well. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM E. REWARD FOR THE APREHENSION AND CONVICTION OF THE VANDALS WHO VANDALIZED THE WATER/SEWER LINES.

Mayor Guinn suggested that the consideration of offering rewards be taken case by case.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to offer a reward of \$500, for the apprehension and conviction of the vandals who vandalized the water/sewer lines in housing. Roll call vote was taken. In Favor: Councilpersons Charles, Elliott, Guinn, Hoffman, Hickling. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

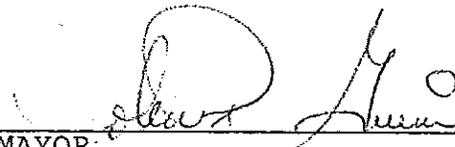
Mr. Franke requested that the City Council write a letter to Dr. Stan Handley of I.H.S., requesting that the action be taken to bring the ambulance negotiations to an end, and expedite the process of transporting the ambulance to Bethel. Mr. Franke stated that this fully equipped ambulance is in Anchorage and can not be used until the negotiations are settled.

M/M by Councilperson Charles that the City Administration be directed to write a letter to Dr. Stan Handely requesting that the ambulance purchased with YKHC funds be transported to Bethel in the most expeditous manner, so the citizens of Bethel will be able to benefit from its utilization. Voice vote was taken. Councilperson Hickling opposed. Motion carried.

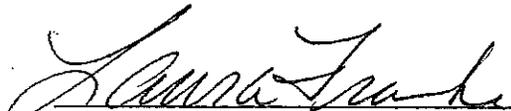
M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment was at 9:15p.m.

APPROVED BY:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK