

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the 09/26/89 Regular Council meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

ROLL CALL

All members present with Dale tardy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Anvil to approve the minutes of 09/12/89 with one correction on page 2, first paragraph under Manager's Report, change date from 08/26/89 to "09/26/89". Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to approve the agenda with the following changes: Under Old Business, table "Item B, Resolution 639, Vehicle Lease", and under New Business, add Item B, "Resolution #641 Coastal Zone Management Planning", and add Item C, "Resolution #642 & #643, Public Health Service Assistance in providing sanitation facilities to AVCP Low-Income Housing". Voice vote, motion carried.

-Councilmen Warner asked that figures be provided at the next Regular Council meeting of 10/10/89 for Resolution #639 Vehicle lease. City Manager Earnest agreed to have prices for Council by then.

-Councilmen Trantham asked that the serial number for the F150 Ford be provided as there is a space on the contract for it, but it was not provided. City Manager Earnest also agreed to provide this.

MOTION

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to approve the agenda with the corrections/2 additions & 1 tabled. Voice vote, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kelly reported that she would be out of town and will not be at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Ken Hamm, Administrative/Personnel Officer reminded Mayor Kelly that City Ordinance requires Council to meet the first Thursday after the election to canvas ballots and certify the election. Mayor Kelly set Thursday, October 5, 1989, 7:30 P.M. as date and time for the Special Council meeting. Since Mayor Kelly planned to be out of town during that time, she thanked Council for the working relationship and experiences they have shared during the past two years. Councilmen Warner thanked Mayor Kelly for her efforts as Mayor.

Mayor Kelly read a letter she received from Lad Neilson, President of the student body at BRHS, who thanked Council for allowing the students to participate with the City Government. Mayor Kelly also read a letter she received from Student Representative Jacobs requesting a business license for selling raffling tickits; the students were referred to the State for obtaining a permit.

MAYOR'S REPORT
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Mayor Kelly presented a proclamation for Anadyr, USSR, proclaiming the official joining of the sister-city relationship between Bethel & Anadyr.

Mayor Kelly informed Council that she had an award to present to Jan Scandling, a special education teacher at BRHS who has been selected as a volunteer of the year, but waited until the press was present to deliver the award to Ms. Scandling.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Earnest extended his appreciation to Council for selecting him as the City Manager. Mr. Earnest went over his written report delivered to Council, no further information was added.

Council discussion was held on the State Grant for Public Inebriants. Councilmen Dale reminded Council that it was recommended the City avoid obtaining the State grant and continue to make it available for private enterprises.

MOTION

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Dale, for the City of Bethel not to pursue the Public Inebriant Grant any further due to the low level of financial support from the State of Alaska. Voice vote, motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Student representative Jacobs asked about the possibility of forming a "sister-school" type relationship between a school in Russia and BRHS. Council referred him to active participants involved in the sister-city relationship between Bethel and Anadyr.

Councilmen Trantham spoke with several concerned citizens of Bethel regarding ramps on office buildings about town for the handicapped. Mr. Trantham wondered if a survey could be done, by perhaps, the Police Department noting which buildings do and do not have ramps during routine patrol. Council should commend those businesses who do and encourage those who don't have ramps for the handicapped to build them. Councilmen Trathan felt this was an excellent idea and thanked the citizens for bringing the subject to his attention.

Councilmen Warner said the City has received a permit for removal of asbestos at the Kilbuck lift station, and as he understood, the City is waiting for protective gear used while removing asbestos at the White Alice Site.

-Public Works Director Stock replied that the gear is no longer available, and Occupational Safety & Health Association (OSHA) recently made clear to the City that removal of asbestos will require passing safety courses and certification of those working on asbestos removal.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS
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Councilmen Dale recommended that people in Bethel be hired for the job as they meet the education requirements after attending the University of Alaska in Fairbanks for asbestos removal. After Council discussion, it was decided that the suggestion from Councilmen Dale be explored and returned to Council with cost figures from the City Manager. (Information can be obtained from AVCP & ONC).

Note: \$75,000 was appropriated from the water/sewer grant for up-grading the Kilbuck lift station once the asbestos removal has been completed. A schedule of events will be forthcoming from Administration.

Councilmen Warner asked the status of the pumphouse up-grade (pumphouse located near the Laundromat). Public Works Director said Husky Electrical are to be in town next week to begin work on the pumphouse.

Councilmen Anvil stated he was approached by an individual who is unhappy about the ways in which intoxicated people are handled by the Bethel Police Officers. Several incidents of alleged abuse have occurred by officers, and it appears the officers need instructions on how to do their jobs correctly. -Councilmen Warner discouraged the discussion and stated the subject be brought up with the Police Chief since there is no one in the audience to testify.

-Councilmen Hoffman disagreed with Mr. Warner; he viewed an incident where an individual was simply carrying his weapon home, and officers appeared on the scene around his house with the officers guns pointed at the home where small children were present within a short distance of the home. Mr. Hoffman felt extreme concern and said when a gun is aimed and ready to fire, a movement around you may cause one to fire without much thought.

-Both Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Anvil felt if Police Chief Clayton were present, this would be a fine time for discussion on these serious matters, but since Mr. Clayton is not present and the City Manager is, the subject can be presented to the Police Chief by the City Manager. It is a complaint and deserves plenty of attention. Mayor Kelly thanked Councilmen Anvil and Hoffman for their concern regarding the behavior of the Police Officers as she shares the same.

Councilmen Dale said Harbor Master Greydanus has done a great job of removing obstacles around the dock area and wondered if the swampy area near the building which belongs to Binkely's can be filled this Fall instead of waiting until Spring.

-Councilmen Trantham said there is roughly \$65,000 available for maintenance in the dock fund and recommended this be contracted out.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES There were no reports presented.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD There were no people to be heard at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:
Item A: Res 638 RESOLUTION #638 - REGIONAL ELECTRICAL UTILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY

MOTION M/M by Dale, 2nd by Warner for passage of Resolution #638. Councilmen Trantham questioned the second paragraph on whether or not the City is indeed interested in purchasing Bethel Utilities Corporation.

City Manager Earnest indicated that the wording is incorrect and should read, "Whereas the City of Bethel is interested in exploring the financial and economical feasibility of purchasing Bethel Utilities Corporation; and". Council discussed the matter.

Councilmen Dale said he was a Councilmember in 1969, and Council submitted a purchase bid price of \$340,000; and today, the price has undoubtedly risen, but it would still be feasible for the City of Bethel to consider the purchase of Bethel Utilities.

Councilmen Trantham wanted it noted for the record that he is not opposed to the purchase of the utility corporation. A point of clarification is we are asking for \$200,000 from the State for a feasibility study and not making an actual purchase.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION Councilmen Warner withdrew his 2nd on the above motion and asked for a repeat on the correct wording for this resolution.

MOTION M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to accept Resolution #638 as amended. Voice vote, motion carried.

ITEM B: Res #639 RESOLUTION #639 - VEHICLE LEASE

This item was tabled at the beginning of the meeting in order to obtain financial figures.

ITEM C: PROPOSED SALES TAX ORDINANCE

This item was tabled at this time, as it required to have an Ordinance number assigned for introduction purposes. Administration will again present it at the next Regular Council Meeting on 10/10/89.

NEW BUSINESS:
ITEM A: Res 140 RESOLUTION #140 - ALASKA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION PROGRAM

Councilmen Warner asked if his understanding of this resolution was correct: Is the City being asked to support this Development Organization Program by Pacifica Institute with a joining fee of \$300.00?

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: RES 640

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Diane Carpenter, President of Pacificia Institute located in Bethel, explained the intent: Alaska Regional Development Organizations have been authorized by the Department of Commerce and are standard in the State. In order to establish an Organization, the region must have a center with about 2,500 people; in this case, Bethel would be center for the Organization, and it will eventually be valuable to the region in the economic sense because the funding will be available for dock projects, airport expansion, etc. Once the Organization receives \$50,000; they will be eligible to receive \$50,000 from the State. The two regional non-profit agencies (AVCP & YKHC) have denied it as they are not economically set up.

17 resolutions were received from surrounding villages to set up this Organization. More detailed information was delivered to Council in this meetings packet.

MOTION

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Warner for adoption of Resolution #640.

ITEM B: RES 641

RESOLUTION #641 - COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

This Resolution is to accept \$17,000 from the State of Alaska for Coastal Zone Management Planning.

MOTION

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Anvil to adopt Resolution #641. Voice vote, motion carried.

ITEM C: RES 642

RESOLUTION #642

This is a resolution authorizing the City of Bethel to participate in Public Health Service City Project #AN-89-010. Council discussed this resolution and made a change, add "Upon Council approval" to paragraph five.

MOTION

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to approve Resolution #642. Voice vote, motion carried.

RES 643

RESOLUTION #643

This is a resolution of the Bethel City Council establishing a construction account for Public Health Service Project #AN-80-010. (PHS assistance in providing sanitation facilities to AVCP low-income housing).

MOTION

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Warner to approve Resolution #643. Voice vote, motion carried.

MOTION

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to adjourn at 9:19
P.M. Voice vote, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1989.


Clara Kelly, Mayor

Attest:


Karole A. Kohl, Acting City Clerk