



# CITY of BETHEL

P. O. Box 537 • Bethel, Alaska 99559

543-2297 — Area Code 907

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 12, 1975

### KVNA BUILDING

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoffman at 7:40 P.M.  
Present: Andrew, Connick, Crow, Murphy, Hall.  
Absent: Nicori.

Minutes of the April 28, 1975 meeting were read by Edge.  
Corrections: Change authorized to authority on page 3  
paragraph 2.

M/M Crow that we accept the minutes of the April 28, 1975  
meeting as corrected.

Voice vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

### COMMUNICATIONS

There were 5 attachments to council packets and are attached  
as a part of these minutes.

### MANAGERS REPORT

Managers report was read by Edge and is attached as a part  
of these minutes.

M/M Connick that we hold an executive session at the end  
of tonight's meeting.

Voice vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

M/M Crow that the sprinkler system request from Sheffield  
be placed on the agenda.

Voice vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

M/M Connick that the City of Bethel discontinue trying to  
set up a Motor Vehicle Licensing office.

Voice vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

### MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Hoffman reported that he was in South Naknek for a  
Rural-Cap meeting. Then traveled to Dillingham to attend  
their Native Corporation meeting. At that time, Mayor  
Hoffman invited the whole Native Corporation Board to travel  
to Bethel to inspect the Bethel Native Corporation Apartments  
and Hotel complex.



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## MAYORS REPORT CONTINUED

Bethel Native Corporation has taken over all the sand pits in the area. No one in the past paid the State the 10¢ per yard charge.

Connick - Does A.S.H.A. want to use a portion of our new building by the pump house?

Edge - A.S.H.A. requested a portion of the building for their use. A.S.H.A. said that in return for this space A.S.H.A. would provide all materials for constructing an upstairs in the structure. With the building being already designated for use by the pump house people, Fire Department and the housing of the smaller heavy equipment, I am not sure that there will be room for them.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Connick - Public Safety meeting was held Sunday afternoon. There will be a school in Anchorage June 9 through 13, 1975 on Breath analyzer calibration. The Chief is planning to attend. After this school is completed the City of Bethel will receive a breath analyzer.

Chief Winjum also intends to attend a meeting in Sitka with the Department of Public Safety and other Chiefs of Police. They will discuss a teletype hook-up for Bethel and other outlying areas, to be tied into Anchorage, who in turn is tied into Juneau.

Pay rate of the Police Department was discussed but nothing definite was decided. Bethel Police salaries compared to all others in the State is the lowest.

Murphy - requested that the speed signs and other regulatory sign be evaluated by the City and State. There has been a vehicle problem. Also there is a geiger counter that should be brought to the Jail. This is a part of the Civil Defence equipment. The geiger counter is now in an open box over in the shop.

Andrew - The road that goes in front of the Pentecostal Church, up to the stop sign is very bad every winter. When it is icy it is very hard to move out into traffic. Maybe it could be sanded more often or built up even with

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

with the roadway.

## PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Father John Hinsvark spoke on the hazzard that the junk cars presented on the River bank.

Liz Newton spoke on the unsightly trash and litter that is covering Bethel.

Fred Ali and Harold Sparks spoke on ways to enforce Ordinance #6, the disposal of garbage in the City of Bethel.

Considerable discussion of the trash situation in Bethel ensued, with participation from both Council and the public.

Father John Hinsvark suggested moving the dump to higher ground, away from the flood plain, brown slough area.

Edge asked for a volunteer to act as chairman of the clean up committee for this year. There were no volunteers from the people attending.

Murphy requested that the garbage situation be placed on the next agenda for further Council consideration.

Fred Ali asked if there were any City regulations on off-roadway equipment. Mr. Ali stated that there was a green colored track vehicle going on tundra and tearing it up.

## OLD BUSINESS

Item A. O.E.H. Sewer system transfer to City of Bethel. Jordan Suhr read the memorandum of agreement between the City of Bethel and Indian Health Service asking the City to take over the project. A question and answer period followed.

Edge suggested that the Council study these documents for some type of action and be placed on the May 28, 1975 agenda for final decission.

Item B. Planning Commission minutes. No quorum existed at the Wednesday meeting.

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## OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item C. Mosquito Control. A public hearing was set for Monday May 19, 1975 at the K.V.N.A. Building 7:30 P.M.

M/M Connick that the 19th of May 1975 be designated for a Public Hearing.

Voice vote, 5 yes, 1 no (Crow). motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Ordinance #67, An ordinance of the City of Bethel establishing a Department of Planning/Engineering and Providing an effective date was read.

M/M Crow that Ordinance #67 be set for Public Hearing on May 19, 1975, at the K.V.N.A. Building at 7:30 P.M.  
Roll call vote unanimous in favor. motion passed.

M/M Murphy that the meeting go beyond 10 P.M.  
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

Item B. Resolution #151, Transfer of Restricted Deed to Warranty Deed, Art Nicholson property was read and discussed.

M/M Connick that Resolution #151 be passed.  
Roll Call vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

Item C. Disposition of Private property acquired to build brown slough small boat basin was discussed.

M/M Connick that the City Manager prepare a proposal for Council regarding disposal of Brown Slough Small Boat basin property.

Voice vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

Item D. Scholarship fund to outstanding Bethel student graduating from Bethel Regional High School, Resolution #152 was read and discussed.

Resolution #152 was amended to provide two students with scholarships of \$250.00 each.



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## NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

M/M Connick that Resolution #152 be accepted as ammended.  
Roll Call vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

A scholarship selection committee was set up consisting of  
Lucy Crow, Kevin Murphy and Father Gallagher.

Item E. Funding trip to Anchorage for a member of Primary-  
middle school, school board.

Mayor Hoffman suggested that the School Board hold a Bingo  
to raise funds for the trip to Anchorage.

M/M Crow that the School Board have a Bingo to send a  
member to Anchorage and if they do not raise enough money,  
the City of Bethel will make up the difference to \$300.00.  
Roll Call vote, 5 yes, 1 no (Murphy). motion passed.

Item F. Executive Session. Council went into executive  
session at 11:05 p.m. Came back into regular session at  
11:10 p.m.

Council asked that the Sleep-Off Center be placed on the  
next agenda, May 28, 1975.

Item G. Sprinkler system proposal of Sheffield was discussed.

Council asked that there be written stipulations that  
Sheffield fix the floor in the tank room and repair of the  
tanks.

M/M Crow that the City accept in essence the proposal of  
Sheffield for the sprinkler hook-up system of the new Hotel  
and that the City Manager be instructed to include in the  
agreement the repair of the floor in the tank room and repair  
of the tanks, that all back up equipment installed be to the  
account of Sheffield.

Roll Call vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.



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M/M Connick that the meeting adjourn.  
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. motion passed.

Meeting adjourn 11:30 P.M.

Next regular Council Meeting May 28, 1975, 7:30 P.M.  
K.V.N.A. Building.

Edward Hoffman Sr  
Mayor of Bethel

Norma Campbell  
City Clerk