

CITY COUNCIL
Tad Miller
Dario Notti
Mike O'Brien
Agnes Phillips, Mayor
Ruth Richardson
Stanley Rodgers
Thor Williams



CITY MANAGER
Ken Weaver

CITY CLERK
L.J. Tanner

City of Bethel
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 6:40 p.m. by City Clerk Tanner at the City Offices.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Miller, Notti (late), O'Brien, Phillips, Richardson, Rodgers, Williams

Absent: none

motion M/M Phillips, 2nd by O'Brien, to elect Council member Rodgers as the Mayor Pro Tem.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, 5-Yes, 1-No (Rodgers)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion M/M Richardson, 2nd by Miller, to add **People to be Heard** to the agenda.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

motion M/M Miller, 2nd by Williams, to add New Business Item B: Schedule and Location of Future Budget Works Sessions to the agenda.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

motion M/M Miller, 2nd by Williams, to approve the agenda as amended.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Hal Jones, speaking as a member of the Finance Committee, stated his opposition to spending reserve funds for day-to-day business. The fund balance should be used for emergencies only. Speaking as a private citizen, Mr. Jones noted that several new positions have been added to the budget. He added that a million-dollar deficit was reprehensible, and the City should learn to live within its' means.

Millie Twitchell questioned the Council's removal of the Mayor and Acting Mayor at the May 13, 1997 regular meeting. Council member Williams explained the Council's action. Ms. Twitchell stated that she believed Wally Richardson had done a fine job as Mayor, and asked the Council to reconsider their vote. Council member Miller responded to Ms. Twitchell's remarks, and Council member Richardson thanked Ms. Twitchell for her support.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Item A: Election of Mayor and Acting Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rodgers opened the floor to nominations for a new Mayor. The City Clerk briefly explained the process for nominating and voting. The following nominations for Mayor were made:

Council member Williams nominated Mike O'Brien

Council member Phillips nominated Tundy Rodgers

Council member Rodgers nominated Tad Miller

Council member Richardson nominated Agnes Phillips

motion M/M Miller, 2nd by O'Brien, to close the nominations for Mayor.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

Secret ballots were distributed and the council members voted. (Council member Notti arrived at this time.) First round voting results were: Miller-2, O'Brien-2, Phillips-2, Rodgers-1. Council members Rodgers and O'Brien withdrew their names from consideration. A brief statement was made by each of the two remaining candidates. A second vote was taken, and Council member Phillips was elected Mayor by a vote of 4-3.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodgers opened the floor to nominations for a new Acting Mayor. The following nominations for Acting Mayor were made:

Council member Phillips nominated Thor Williams

Council member Richardson nominated Tundy Rodgers

motion M/M Richardson, 2nd by Williams, to close the nominations for Acting Mayor.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

Secret ballots were distributed and the council members voted. Council member Rodgers was elected Acting Mayor by a vote of 4-3.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Budget Reviews

Council member Miller asked to delay the Council's review of the budget, until after the City Manager meets with department heads to reduce the \$997,715 shortfall. Council member O'Brien requested clarification on revenue projections. Finance Director Duke provided further information on the revenue projections.

motion M/M Rodgers, 2nd by Miller, to have the City Manager meet with department heads to reduce the budget, and bring a revised proposal to the Council before the next Council budget work session.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, 5-Yes, 2-No, (Phillips, Williams)

Item B: Schedule and Location of Future Budget Work Sessions

The Council agreed to the following revised schedule of budget sessions:

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin Police, Fire, Community Services,
Administration, and Planning budgets.

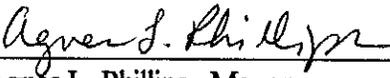
Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin Public Works, Port, Finance, and City Clerk

VII. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

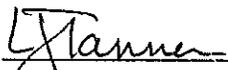
vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY, 1997.



Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:



L.J. Tanner, City Clerk