

CITY COUNCIL
Kent Harding
Buford McComas
Tad Miller
Agnes Phillips
Ruth Richardson, Mayor
Stanley Rodgers
Wally Wallace



CITY MANAGER
Ken Weaver

CITY CLERK
L.J. Tanner

City of Bethel
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 23, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Richardson in the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Harding, Miller, Phillips, Richardson, Rodgers, Wallace
Absent: McComas (Excused)

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Bob Angaiak, AVCP, discussed some of the Housing Authority's plans. They are looking into a possible loan for Senior Housing, which would provide assisted living for elders, with access to nursing care. It would not be a nursing home. Mayor Richardson stressed that elders should be able to actually have someone live with them to provide assistance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Wallace to approve the minutes of the April 9, 1996 regular meeting as presented.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to amend the agenda by removing New Business Item M: Bond Sale for Public Works/Recreation Center, and in its' place, adding Item M: Resolution #96-19, Opposing Senate Bill 280, Mandatory Borough Incorporation.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

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

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Richardson reported on the Teleconference held at the Legislative Information Office, of the House State Affairs committee's hearing on Senate Bill 280. She testified against the bill. City Manager Weaver and Fire Chief Young also attended.

Mayor Richardson discussed the YKHC Tribal Unity and Traditional Medicine Gathering that is currently taking place at the Cultural Center. She invited all to attend.

Lastly, Mayor Richardson reported on the meeting held by the Governor on April 19th at the Cultural Center. She noted that Gov. Knowles promised to request the \$1.7 million needed for Bethel's local match from the state legislature. She appreciated the simultaneous efforts of Council Member Miller and City Manager Weaver in Juneau.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Weaver referred Council to his written report on the following:

Fire Department Floor Resurfacing

Mr. Weaver informed Council that a recommendation has been made to award the bid for the floor resurfacing project to Precision Grouting of Alaska, whose bid of \$19,077.00 was the lowest received.

motion M/M by Rodgers, 2nd by Miller, to have the City Manager award the bid to Precision Grouting of Alaska.

vote Roll call vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

Other items included in the Manager's report:

- Fluoridation agreement with the Public Health Service - fluoridation of the City's water will begin in the near future.
- Letter from DCRA regarding cuts to the Summer Youth Employment Program.
- Letter from Miss Elizabeth Active, Kongiganak, candidate for the Miss Native America contest, requesting assistance from the City.

Council Member Miller asked the City Manager to send Miss Active a letter offering encouragement, but due to fiscal restraints, the City cannot make a donation at this time.

City Manager Weaver gave a report on his recent trip to Juneau. After several postponements, he was able to testify to the Senate Transportation Committee on the City's need for the \$1.7 million local match funding for the seawall project. He believes his testimony was very effective. He stressed to the Committee that the downturn in the fishing industry requires the City to hold on to its' fund reserves, rather than spending the reserves on the seawall match. He was questioned by Senator Taylor as to why Bethel is still a Second Class City, and explained that many improvements to the City's infrastructure are needed before the City considers becoming a First Class City and/or Home Rule Charter.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS

Report from the Port Commission

Mr. Buster Richardson gave the report for the Port Commission. After reading a portion of the Commissions authorizing ordinance, Mr. Richardson reviewed their annual "Top Ten" list. High on the list are improved lighting on the dock, additional cleats, new fencing along the seawall, and lots of gravel on the shore where fish processors work. Issues they have been dealing with are procedures for issuance of small boat harbor permits, a potential increase in the fuel through-put tax to raise funds for the seawall local match, and the danger of people fishing off the dock.

Other Committee/Commission Reports

Finance Committee: Council Member Wallace reported that the Finance Committee did not have a quorum at their last meeting.

Planning: Council Member McComas was absent, so no report was given.

Public Safety Commission: Mayor Richardson assigned Council Member Phillips to the Public Safety Commission. Their next meeting is on May 6th.

Public Works Committee: Mike O'Brien, chair of the Public Works Committee, gave a report. They have received a request from Alaska DOT for 2 seawall pipes, and recommend that the City donate the pipes. They will recommend in the future, a Resolution of the Council supporting a requirement that all new homes, and eventually all structures in Bethel that use sewer evacuation tanks, install camlock connections. This will help speed up evacuation and eliminate raw sewage being spilled on the ground.

Senior Citizens: Mayor Richardson stated that she will assign herself to the Senior Advisory Board.

Transportation: Mayor Richardson reported that she attended the last Transportation Commission meeting. They are investigating getting recording equipment installed at the Police Department for Taxi drivers to record calls.

Youth Services: Council Member Harding reported that the next meeting is on May 2nd, at 5:30 p.m.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - There was no Old Business to be addressed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Introduction of Ordinance #96-16 - Modification to Title 15.08.040 motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to introduce Ordinance #96-16.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Resolution # 96-16 - Council Member Compensation

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Harding to adopt Resolution #96-16.

Discussion followed on whether council members should be compensated. Opinions were expressed for and against the Resolution.

motion M/S by Miller, 2nd by Harding to amend the resolution by stating that the question of Council Member compensation will be placed on the general election ballot.

vote on M/S Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

vote on M/M Roll call vote. Motion failed, 2-Yes (Harding, Miller), 4-No (Phillips, Richardson, Rodgers, Wallace.)

Item C: Resolution #96-17 - Adoption of Port Development Plan

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to adopt Resolution #96-17.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D: Resolution #96-18 - Disposal of Excess Seawall Pipe

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to adopt Resolution #96-18.

Council Member Miller asked for a clarification on the seawall pipe. City Manager Weaver assured the Council that the pipe being disposed of can no longer be used on the seawall.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E: Council Review/Approval - Port Harbor Moorage Rate Increase

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to approve the increase in small Boat Harbor moorage rates from \$4.00 per foot to \$8.00 per foot.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, 1 opposed (Wallace.)

Item F: Council Review/Approval - Fuel Through-put Increase for the BBSP

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Wallace to table Item F until the May 14, 1996 council meeting.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G: Council Review/Approval - Process for Issuance of Dock Permits

Mayor Richardson explained the current process for issuance of small boat harbor permits and read Port Commission minutes that recommended using the same process this year.

Discussion followed on the various options: a lottery system, issuing the permits on a weekend, a mail-in system, etc. Port Director Greydanus provided input to the discussion.

motion M/M by Miller to establish a lottery for the issuance of small boat harbor permits. Motion failed, no second.

Item H: Council Review/Approval - Lunch Wagon at Small Boat Harbor

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Harding to approve the lunch wagon proposal submitted by Don Saddler.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, 1 opposed (Phillips.)

Item I: Council Review/Approval - Leasing Dock Office Space - Lot 8, Block 20

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to approve the lease of office space next to the dock, on Lot 8, Block 20.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item J: Discussion - RFP's for 911 System

City Manager Weaver explained that the City is waiting to receive information needed to develop technical bid specifications. No action was taken. Council Member Miller asked the City Manager for a status report at the May 14, 1996 meeting.

Item K: Discussion - Request for Lobbying Assistance on SB 306

Mayor Richardson explained that Council Member McComas had requested this agenda item, but was not present to explain his request. She expressed her opposition to retaining a lobbyist. No action was taken.

Item L: Discussion - Budget Process Workshop

Council Member Miller, who requested the agenda item, explained that he would like the Council to attend a Budget Process workshop put on by the Finance Director. Finance Director Duke told Council that her presentation would focus on the overall process, rather than specific departments or dollar amounts. It was agreed that the workshop would be held on Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin. Council Member Miller requested that all budget review sessions be held at the Log Cabin.

Item M: Resolution #96-19 - Expressing Opposition to Senate Bill 280

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Harding to adopt Resolution #96-19.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Harding** No comments
- McComas** Absent, no comments
- Miller** The Long-Term Strategic Planning Task Force will meet again on May 20.
- Phillips** Would like a discussion of lowering the Senior Citizen Exemption from age 65 to age 60 to be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.
- Richardson** Expressed support for the Budget Process workshop.
- Rodgers** No comments.
- Wallace** Expressed gratitude to all who helped out and provided support following the recent death of his wife.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

motion M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Rodgers to adjourn the regular meeting and enter Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing settlement offers in the following legal matters: Crow vs. COB, Andrew Scheall vs. COB, and the APEA Union Negotiation Agreement.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to come out of executive session at 9:15 p.m.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to follow the City Attorney's advice on all three matters discussed in Executive Session.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Harding, 2nd by Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

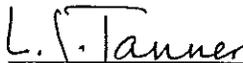
vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 1996.



Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



L.J. Tanner, City Clerk