



# CITY of BETHEL

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## MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 1979

### COUNCIL CHAMBERS

5:00 P.M.

City Manager Hoffman called the Council Meeting to order and opened the meeting nominations for mayor pro tempore.

M/M by Twitchell to nominate Carpenter mayor pro tempore. 2nd by E. Hoffman. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Carpenter called for roll call at the City Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. Present: Carpenter, B. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, and Twitchell. Absent: Gregory. Late: Charles and Elliott. Quorum.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Diane Carpenter asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of September 27, 1979.

Carpenter noticed that the date should be changed from September 17 to September 27.

M/M by B. Hoffman to accept the minutes as corrected. 2nd by Twitchell. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carpenter asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

M/M by B. Hoffman to add discussion of City Clerk's salary as Item B to the Agenda. 2nd by E. Hoffman. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

### FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director announced that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on October 10, 1979, and it is a very important meeting.

### CITY PLANNER'S REPORT

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on October 11, 1979. Lyman Hoffman outlined the recommendations from the Planning Committee from their October 1 meeting.

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M/M by B. Hoffman to approve the Planning Commission meeting of October 1, 1979. 2nd by Carpenter. Voice vote taken. Motion passed

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

E. Hoffman expressed concern that his Pre-election Campaign Disclosure Report had not been received as of yet.

Carpenter commented on the post office situation stating that it is severe. It has been requested that the City take action. She asked that the Council write a letter requesting assistance with their operation.

M/M by Twitchell to send a letter to the U.S. Postal Service requesting additional permanent postal staff workers. 2nd by E. Hoffman. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING

Acting Mayor Carpenter opened the Public Hearing regarding Housing and Urban Development and application for the construction of a Fire Station.

Lyman Hoffman explained the funding for the Housing and Urban Development Block Grant; and distributed copies of the Resolution.

The President of the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department expressed the need for the Fire Department and the importance of this facility to the community. Members of Council looked at the plans for the Fire Station. Lyman Hoffman stated that 1.6 million dollars will be needed to build the station.

Acting Mayor Carpenter closed the Public Hearing.

Members of Council made changes in a resolution, presented by Nancy Kraning. Kraning read the resolution as it was corrected.

M/M by B. Hoffman to approve resolution as read. 2nd by E. Hoffman. Poll vote taken: Yeas: B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Twitchell. Motion passed.

ITEM B. CITY CLERK'S SALARY

Lyman Hoffman requested the renegotiation of the City Clerk's salary, to increase the salary \$.88 per hour to make the City Clerk position's salary comparable with other jobs that had equal responsibility.

M/M by B. Hoffman to approve the raise as requested by the City Manager. 2nd by E. Hoffman. Poll vote taken. Yeas: B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, and Twitchell. Abstain: Charles and Elliott.

At 5:50 p.m. Mayor Elliott and L. Charles arrived and Council took a 5 minute break.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

ITEM A. SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Manager Hoffman asked for the taking of oaths of office for the elected Council Members. City Clerk individually swore in Council members: Louise Charles, Eddie Hoffman, Donald Elliott and John Guinn.

ITEM B. INTENDED LAND SALE TO JOHN HAWKINS

John Guinn stated that the requested land sale by John Hawkins was reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Commission does not have the power to sell and referred the issue to the Council with the recommendation not to sell.

Jay Livey reported that the Commission's position was for the following reasons.

- a) A small boat harbor may be built at Hanger Lake - land owned by the City along the potential access should be retained.
- b) Other offers have been made by individuals to purchase land in the same area and have been denied.
- c) The land is in the flood plain and the Commission is trying to discourage development in the flood zones.
- d) Land sales should be done through a more public procedure such as bid or lottery.

John Hawkins addressed the Council about his request to purchase the land. He asked reconsideration of his request, and if not the entire piece of land, a portion is enough; just so his home is not on the property line. He stated that his only motive in acquiring the land is privacy for his family.

Mayor Elliott suggested a lease.

Lyman Hoffman stated that privacy is not an issue as the City does not intend to develop the land. He recommended that this property not be sold; and should Council decide to sell, that they inform Dr. Hawkins of this decision and provide due consideration at that time.

John Guinn noted that the land adjacent to the requested plat has been under consideration for sale before and the City may be liable.

M/M by Twitchell that the City Council follow the recommendations of the Planning Commission; and that Dr. Hawkins be notified prior to the sale of Lot 1, Block 1 USS 3790, whereas the City has no intentions of disposing of the property in the immediate future. 2nd by B. Hoffman. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, Guinn, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Twitchell. Motion passed.

ITEM C. INDUSTRIAL PARK

Jay Livey stated that a seawall will be built; that the City does not have any land in the area along the river; and that PHS may be willing to sell the City that property. He suggested that the Council pursue the idea.

M/M by Carpenter to direct the Planning Commission to pursue and acquire PHS land along the waterfront. 2nd by J. Guinn. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

M/M by E. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by B. Hoffman. Voice vote taken. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.