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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 26, 1992

- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feaster called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM
- ROLL CALL** Present: Dale, Feaster, Richardson, Vanasse, Wallace, Warner, Wintersteen
- APPROVAL/MINUTES** Minutes of the May 20, 1992, were not submitted for approval.
- motion** M/M by Dale, 2nd by Richardson to rescind previous action taken by Council on Resolution #707, May 20, 1992. Poll vote. Motion carried. 4-yes; 3-no (Feaster, Vanasse, Warner).
- APPROVAL/AGENDA** M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Dale to approve the agenda as amended by moving Item A--FY 93 Budget-- under Old Business to Work Session following adjournment of the regular meeting. In addition, under Old Business, add two items: Item A--YKHC/PATC Memorandum of Agreement; Item B--Resolution #707. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.
- MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Feaster announced that he had received a letter of interest from Don Tubbs to serve on the Finance Committee. With Council ratification, Mayor Feaster indicated that he would like to appointment Mr. Tubbs to fill the existing vacancy.
- motion** M/M by Warner, 2nd by Richardson to ratify the appointment of Don Tubbs to the Finance Committee. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Feaster encouraged Bethel residents to participate in the "Clean-Up, Green-Up" campaign. Additionally, the Mayor thanked Foundation Services for its contribution and participation in the campaign.
- MANAGER'S REPORT** City Manager Hohman reviewed his written Manager's Report with Council on the following items:
- Summer Youth Employment and Training Program which begins June 1 and ends August 14, 1992.
 - Request from DCRA to support State selection of the airport site.
 - Work by the Public Works Department on the dusty roads has begun. Ray Dronenberg of DEC, has suggested that the City might be able to use oil to oil the roads; the possibility is being investigated.

City Manager Hohman next addressed the request made by a number of citizens to prepare a business plan for the operation of BUC should it be purchased by the City. He stated that he did not feel competent to prepare the plan, but requested approval from the Council to contract for the service using monies from the Contingency fund for payment. Following a brief discussion, Council agreed to allow the City Manager to contract for the preparation of a business plan with the provision that the cost not exceed \$2,000. Mayor Feaster requested that the City Manager advise Council should he discover that the cost for preparation of a business plan exceed the \$2,000 cap.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Richardson that the City support the State's selection of airport property consisting of 1,055.91 acres rather than allowing the land to revert back to the federal government. Voice vote. Motion carried. 6-yes; 1-no (Wintersteen). (A copy of the letter from the Department of Community & Regional Affairs regarding the process is attached as part of these official minutes).

Regarding the City Manager's report on the dusty roads and possibility of oiling the roads, Councilwoman Richardson recommended that Administration investigate the material used by Kotzebue on its roads. City Manager Hohman stated that Jerry Korthuis, Public Works, has a videotape of the material used; consists of an organic base, is non-toxic and not detrimental to the environment. However, he did point out that the City has an abundance of oil on hand; if Ray Dronenberg, DEC, approves the use of the oil it would be a less costly application than the material used in Kotzebue.

Councilman Dale commended City Manager Hohman on his success in obtaining forgiveness of the PATC debt in the amount of \$48,500.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
COMMENTS**

Councilman Warner advised Administration that a number of roads require grading.

Councilman Vanasse asked about the status of the Tidelands lease survey. Planning Manager, Jerry White, explained that the survey is being reviewed by the State and is being processed. Councilman Warner pointed out that the City has fulfilled its obligation at this point in time.

Councilman Vanasse next expressed his displeasure at Administration for disturbing his family at 12:00 in the morning in an attempt to gain support for Resolution #707. City Manager Hohman offered his apology.

In response to Mayor Feaster's request for an update on the insurance package, City Manager Hohman reported that Karen Acuna and Carl Brady would be in Bethel on the 27th of May to review the City's insurance issues. In addition, John Hastie advised Council that Richard Block, insurance consultant, would provide recommendations shortly. Councilman Warner pointed out that an earlier Council directive stated that the insurance coverage effective July 1, 1992, be handled through the competitive bid process and that time is running out on getting invitation for bid proposals processed.

**REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES**

Mayor Feaster reported that the Finance Committee had met May 21, 1992, and referred Council to the Committee minutes. It was the Committee's recommendation that Amendment #3 to Ordinance #190 calling for the deletion of sales tax exemption on games of chance and skill be postponed to January 1, 1993, to allow time to work out problems in conjunction with the non-profit organizations. The motion passed 4 to 2. Finance Committee Chairman, Warren Loschky, had agreed to prepare an ordinance amendment so that it could be introduced on June 9, 1992. Councilman Dale thanked the Finance Committee for taking the time to take testimony from members of the community and stated that he felt it would help pull the community back together.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Matthew Bean expressed his concern about the toxic materials that are hurting the environment because of the matter deposited on the dirt roads, the earth that is contaminated by overflow from the dumpsters, and PCB contamination in Brown Slough caused by people driving their cars into the slough to be washed.

Regarding cars being washed in the slough, the City Manager was directed to install signs that warned people not to wash cars in the slough. Discussion about setting up a car wash operation followed.

Buck Bukowski thanked the Finance Committee for its recommendation concerning postponement of the exemption on sales tax and urged Council to vote in favor of the proposed amendment to the ordinance.

Council broke at 8:30 PM for a short recess. At 8:40 PM, Mayor Feaster called the meeting back to order.

OLD BUSINESS:
**Item A: YKHC\
PATC MOA**

YKHC\PATC MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Mayor Feaster explained that action regarding the Memorandum of Agreement between YKHC and the City of Bethel for the lease of the PATC building was tabled at the last Council meeting in order to modify the Agreement with regard to insuring the building and boiler. The modification will better protect City interests. The amended Agreement provides for YKHC to carry the insurance on the building and boiler with the City of Bethel listed as loss payee.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Dale to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between YKHC and the City of Bethel for the lease of the PATC building with the modification requiring YKHC to carry the insurance on the building and boiler with the City of Bethel listed as loss payee. Voice vote. Motion carried. 6-yes; 1-abstention (Richardson) due to conflict of interest.

**Item B: Res.
#707**

**RESOLUTION #707-GRANT SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR
AND STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BETHEL
UTILITIES**

Councilman Dale explained to Council that he would like the opportunity to vote on the resolution as it asks the State for grant monies to help with the acquisition of BUC should the voters at the October 6, 1992, election choose to purchase the facility. He further stated that he felt it was prudent business on the Council's part and didn't see where the Council could go wrong.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Richardson to approve the passage of Resolution #707.

A lengthy discussion concerning the resolution and the conditions to the resolution as stipulated by Councilman Wintersteen followed.

motion

M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Dale to amend the motion to include above the signatures the three stipulations set out by Councilman Wintersteen in Resolution #707 as presented.

Poll vote on the amendment to the main motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Poll vote on the main motion. Motion carried. 4-yes; 3-no (Feaster, Vanasse, Warner).

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Richardson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM and go into the budget work session. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF June, 1992.

James H. Feaster III
James H. Feaster III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Elam
Jane Elam, City Clerk