



# CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 1979

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 p.m.

Mayor Guinn called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called for the roll call. Present: Elliott, Twitchell, Charles, E. Hoffman, Carpenter and Guinn. Excused: B. Hoffman. Quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of November 26, 1979.

Charles stated that she would like to see the suggestions made by citizens listed in the minutes.

M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd by Twitchell to accept the minutes of November 26, 1979. Voice vote. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Hoffman stated that B. Hoffman requested that Item E. under Unfinished Business be tabled as he was unable to attend the Council meeting.

M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd by Charles to table Item E. under Unfinished Business (Modification of Ordinance No. 84) until January. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Manager Hoffman requested that the wording in Item B. under Unfinished Business be changed to read "Modification of Resolution No. 242 - Transfer of Checker Cab Permits" for purposes of clarification.

M/M by Twitchell/2nd by E. Hoffman to accept the agenda of December 10, 1979 as amended. Voice vote. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATION

Manager Hoffman stated that there are no communications, other than those included in the Council packets.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman's report to Council covered the following topics:

A. The U.S. Supreme Court Community Liquor Store income tax case has been denied. Shortly, IRS will advise the amount of income tax that is due.

B. Manager Hoffman recommended to Council that either he or the mayor and himself be appointed as official negotiators with the power to sign the APEA contract.

There was general discussion on how to handle the negotiations, who will take the responsibility and the procedure involved.

E. Hoffman and Carpenter both stated that they felt that the whole council should take the responsibility for accepting the final contract.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by E. Hoffman that a committee composed of Mayor Guinn, Manager Hoffman, an advisor to be employed, and one other local member selected by Mayor Guinn work with the Employees Association contract with the final contract draft be submitted to Council for approval or rejection. Voice vote. Motion carried.

In response to a question from Charles regarding a report from the Finance Director at Council meetings, Manager Hoffman stated that the Finance Director is busy with the audit that is going on now, and will start submitting reports to Council in January.

Carpenter requested that Chief Campbell be at the December 17th Council meeting.

#### VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn discussed a letter he received from the State of Alaska, asking him for a nomination for the Alaska Juvenile Advisory Committee. He asked for suggestions from the community.

He also gave a report on the Public Environmental Committee.

#### VII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Peter Twitchell reviewed the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting report held on December 5, 1979.

#### VIII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Jose Barerra stated that P.A.T.C. would like to see more support from the Community in Alcohol and chemical abuse problems. He said that it is underutilized and can provide services to many people and businesses in the community. He asked for the Council's support in the program by supporting a program for the City of Bethel's employees.

Council directed Manager Hoffman to look into such a program and report back to Council.

A citizen asked what can be done about the kids that are playing directly across from the City building.

Rosie Porter suggested calling the police right at that moment, and they were called.

There was general discussion on the children sledding and snowmachine accidents.

It was suggested that the Public Safety Committee look into these things.

There was general discussion about crosswalks and the condition and maintenance of boardwalks.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REGARDING LOOSE DOGS

Manager Hoffman introduced the ordinance and read a letter from P.H.S. that supported the emergency ordinance.

There was general discussion on the animal control problem in Bethel. Several individuals from the audience supported the ordinance.

M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd by Elliott to adopt an emergency ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bethel, Alaska declaring a state of emergency on any loose or wandering dogs within the Bethel city limits commencing on December 10, 1979, for a period of 60 days. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Guinn, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, Elliott. Motion carried.

ITEM B. MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 242 - TRANSFER OF CHECKER CAB PERMITS

Clark Miller introduced this item. He stated that in the future he would like to purchase Checker Cab after all details were worked out between he and Mr. Short.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by E. Hoffman that Council tentatively approve the transfer of of the Taxi Cab business to Checker Cab with final approval of the terms of the contract be submitted to Council at a later date. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell. Guinn, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, Elliott. Motion carried.

ITEM C. CITY UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES FOR ORGANIZATIONS IN BETHEL

Manager Hoffman introduced this item where certain organizations in Bethel would get free city utility services. Owen Freeman stated that the only change in mind is to show how much is being spent on the expense side of the budget. He also stated that it is not the intent of the Finance Committee to change anything this fiscal year.

Rosie Porter stated that she feels it is appropriate for the City to support these organizations and suggests that Council give these organizations a warning is they are going to be cut off so they can budget for the added expense.

M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd by Twitchell to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the method of allocation of utility service charges for non-profit organizations. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ITEM D. CEMETARY CLOSING DATE FOR OLD SITE

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. He stated that the City received fifteen acres from BNC and the City dedicated fifteen acres of its own land for a cemetery.

Mayor Guinn suggested that Council close the old cemetery and dedicate and open the new cemetery. He further suggested that it should be left up to the Bethel Clergy Council to make recommendations regarding making exceptions as to who will be buried at the old site.

There was general discussion on this item. Mayor Guinn proclaimed that the cemetery will be open on January 1, 1980.

There was general discussion in planning for the new cemetery. Rosie Porter suggested that the City draw up a map of plots and also a small path could be made between the graves.

Mayor Guinn called for a short break.

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. INTRODUCTION OF UTILITY RATES ORDINANCE FOR CREDIT TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Manager Hoffman introduced this item.

M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd by Carpenter to approve the introduction of the Utility Ordinance for credit to Senior Citizens and a Public Hearing will be held on January 14th and will be duly advertised.

ITEM B. RECOMMENDATION ON USE OF DAYCARE FACILITY

Peter Twitchell introduced this item. He asked for approval of the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of December 5, 1979. Mayor Guinn reviewed the recommendations contained in the minutes.

John Alder spoke to Council on the importance of the Teens of the area having a place of their own. He stated that it would not just be a place to have dances, but a place where informal counselling, and structured activities would be offered.

There was general discussion on this item, regarding future planning on a teen center and options available.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by Elliott that the Day Care Center be allocated as space for a Teen Center when it is vacated by B.S.S. Poll vote taken.  
yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Guinn, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Elliott.  
Motion carried.

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M/M by Charles/2nd by Elliott to accept the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of December 5, 1979 as presented. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEM C. CONSTRUCTION OF TUNDRA LANE

Manager Hoffman introduced this item.

Chris Cooke presented Council with a letter explaining his views on the subject.

Mayor Guinn advised Chris Cooke that this matter is closed unless Council wishes to re-open the issue.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by Charles that Manager Hoffman meet with Bob Hoffman and Chris Cooke and make some kind of compromise and come back to Council with that recommendation. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Guinn, Carpenter, and Elliott. Neas: Twitchell. Abstain: E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by Charles to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.