

# CITY of BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 1981 7:30 p.m.

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Guinn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and roll call was taken. Present: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Absent: Charles. Quorum established.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of December 22, 1980.

M/M by E. Hoffman/seconded by Twitchell to accept the minutes of December 22, 1980 as presented. Voice vote was taken: Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Agenda for January 12, 1981.

Manager Hoffman stated that there would be one (1) deletion. Item C. under New Business had to be tabled until the next meeting (January 26, 1981) because the item was only posted for seven (7) days and must be posted for a minimum of ten (10) days.

M/M by E. Hoffman/seconded by Twitchell to accept the agenda for January 12, 1981 with the deletion of Item C. under New Business. Voice vote was taken: Motion carried.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman gave a report on the following items:

- 1) In the final days of the 96th Congress, a three (3) year extension of the Revenue Sharing Bill was passed. The bill exclude revenue to state for the 1st year, only local governments will participate. The total budget is \$4.6 billion nationally with and estimates \$170,000. to the City of Bethel.
- 2) The City of Bethel received notice of State Revenue Sharing for 1981. Total of \$332,543. or \$20,000. more than 1980.

- 3) Last week, the Public Works Department cleared the ice roads to Napakiak and Kwethluk for the first time this season.
- 4) Bethel Utilities has completed replacing the street lights in Bethel and they have informed us that several of them have been shot out already. As this does cost the tax payers several thousand dollars each year, if anyone sees a light being shot out they should report this to the City Police.
- 5) Lyman asked Jack Cherne from T.R.W. to give a report on the current status of the Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage Demonstration Project. That report follows:

Jack Cherne stated that the drilling of the five (5) wells have been completed and a good Aquifer was found below the perma frost, and 100 feet below the City water supply. More money was spent on drilling than was anticipated and new funds are being sought. Jack gave two(2) copies of the Economic Analysis Report to the Council. The report was discussed with Council.

Manager Hoffman asked J. Cherne to discuss how much more capital is required. Jack stated that the local financial effort asked for through October, 1981 is \$500,000. The next phase is a government funded phase requiring some cost sharing. This will be on a State or Local level, which one is not known yet. Cost sharing amount will be approximately twenty-five percent (25%). This phase will begin in January 1982.

Rosie Porter questioned whether the system was more expensive than the City could actually afford. Her concern is that the City would be spending money on a demonstration project that when completed would be too expensive to carry out.

Jack Cherne pointed out that the report was made on the basis that the City would get all of its money back including the amount it would cost to float municipal bonds, which would have to be taken out to finance the project. At the same time they would be getting energy at one-third the cost of what fuel would be. He also stated that the report was written on the assumption that the City was paying one-hundred percent of the cost, which is not the case. The Federal Government is paying seventy-five percent and the City approximately twenty-five percent. Therefore the return the City will get is actually much greater than this analysis shows. Mr. Cherne also suggested that the City critically look at the Analysis report and evaluate it.

Manager Hoffman stated that the Legislature has already appropriated \$200,000. for waste/heat that has not been used.

Discussion on the item.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn wished a Happy New Year to everyone!

Mayor Guinn stated he received a letter from the White House Conference on Aging. They are currently setting up the 1981 Conference on Aging. It will be held November 30 to December 3, 1981. They need a person 55 years of age or older from our community to be named as a delegate.

There were no appointments made but Mayor Guinn requested that suggestions be given to him or dropped off at the City Office.

#### REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports from any of the Standing Committees.

#### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Council member Carpenter wanted to know what the progress of the Bethel Utility Study was.

Manager Hoffman stated that the field work has been done in Bethel, and they have taken the information to Anchorage to complete it. It is anticipated that everything should be done on time.

Member Carpenter also stated that at the Adult Education Building there is a hazardous condition created by the overflow valve of the water tank overflowing directly on the steps. This could be a large liability to the City if it is not corrected immediatly.

Carpenter also wanted to know how the garbage dumpsters were working. She has heard several complaints on them overflowing with garbage.

Manager Hoffman stated that the overflow problem occurs on weekends when there are no drivers to attend to the dumpsters. During the week they are emptied daily, alleviating the overflow problem.

Carpenter wanted to know the progress of the Regional Government Study.

Manager Hoffman responded; the meeting in Aniak scheduled for January 13, 1981 was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Mayor Guinn wanted to make a "New Years Resolution" that the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager be on Yuk to Yuk at least once a month.

Manager Hoffman agreed.

E. Hoffman had a complaint on the drinking being done at the "Teen" nights at the Disco.

Mayor Guinn suggested to Chief Varnell that officers be a little more attentive to the situation and try to set a precedent of not allowing the drinking to occur.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### ITEM A. KUSKOKWIM 300 PRESENTATION- TOM FOOTE

Tom announced that the race would begin on the river in front of the old bank, proceed to Aniak and finish on 1st Avenue in front of the bank. This is being done in an effort to draw the people closer to the race. The headquarters are going to be in the old bank.

Tom stated that there were some things that the Kuskokwim 300 Committee did need help with from the City:

- 1) A request that the Council declare January 18 thru January 24, 1981 as the Kuskokwim 300 week.
- 2) During that week the City Police and the Animal Control Agent be especially alerted to keep strays out of the area around the old bank.
- 3) Request that Chief Varnell allow prisoners to help set up the start and finish as they did last year. The Council decided that would be up to Chief Varnell.
- 4) A request to Chief Varnell that a Police car pace the 1st musher in across the finish line. The Council decided that too would be up to Chief Varnell.

- 5) The last request is for lighting by Nerby's corner. There is a need for a light there even without the dog race being in the area.

Mayor Guinn had concern over the area between Nicholson's dock and up to Nerby's corner, that the dogs might be to tired to make it through the obstructions that will be there. He suggested that fencing be put up to keep the dogs from leaving the trail.

Tom Foote stated that the lighting would be good in that area.

Mayor Guinn also stated concern over people turning out for the first finishers and very few being there for the rest of the racers.

Tom announced that they're expecting the first mushers in late friday night with the bulk of them coming in late saturday morning and early saturday evening.

ITEM B. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE # 125, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SOLICITATION.

Mayor Guinn opened the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Manager Hoffman discussed the change, which is that Native Crafts will be excluded from having to have a solicitors license.

Tom Foote questioned the procedure for obtaining a permit.

Manager Hoffman responded; they have to go to the City Office to get a solicitation license and put up a \$5,000. bond.

Rosie Porter questioned what the penalty will be for solicitation without a license.

Manager Hoffman stated that the penalty will be the same as the general penalty in our code of ordinances, Chapter 8, Section 44 under Violations. \$500.00 fine or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or both.

He also stated that the bond would be used if a citizen thought he had a claim against the solicitor.

Discussion on the item.

Public hearing closed 8:28 p.m.

M/M by B. Hoffman/seconded by E. Hoffman to accept Ordinance # 125 providing for the regulation of solicitation within the City of Bethel. Roll call was taken. Yes: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, Guinn. No: none. Motion carried.

ITEM C. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LEASE SPACE IN THE BRAUND BUILDING TO KUSKOKWIM COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Mayor Guinn opened the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Manager Hoffman stated that the area is 140 square feet, and the price is \$1.30 per square foot.

No discussion.

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

M/M by E. Hoffman/seconded by Elliott to accept the lease to Kuskokwim Community College of space in the Braund Building. Roll call was taken. Yes: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, Guinn. No: none. Motion carried.

ITEM D. PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION #4 OF ORDINANCE #85 , AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE RATES FOR GARBAGE SERVICES.

Mayor Guinn opened the public hearing at 8:32 p.m.

Mayor Guinn discussed the modification.

No discussion.

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing at 8:33 p.m.

M/M by B. Hoffman/seconded by Elliott to accept modification #4 of Ordinance #85, modifying the rates for garbage services. Roll call was taken. Yes: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, Guinn. No: none. Motion carried.

Council took a five minute break at 8:34 p.m.

Mayor Guinn called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. BETHEL CATHOLIC CHURCH'S APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR AUTHORIZED GAMES OF SKILL AND CHANCE.

Discussion on the item.

M/M by E. Hoffman/seconded by Elliott to accept the Bethel Catholic Church's Application for permit for authorized games of skill and chance. Roll call was taken. Yes: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, Guinn. No: none. Motion carried.

ITEM B. APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL OVERALL COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Tony Stigall presented the Bethel Comprehensive Development Plan to the Council, requesting adoption.

Carpenter wanted to know the procedure to remedy the errors.

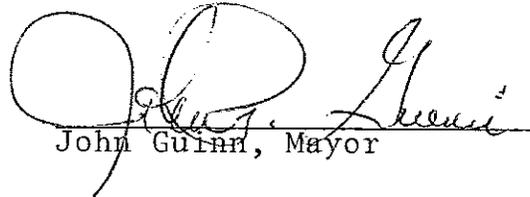
Stigall explained that the Planning Department will do annual updates, and updates whenever necessary to keep it up to date.

Discussion on the item.

M/M by Carpenter/seconded by B. Hoffman to accept the City of Bethel Overall Comprehensive Development Plan. Yes: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, Guinn. No: E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED:

  
John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Elsie Jennings, City Clerk

DATE: 1/26/81