



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 28, 1978

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn. Councilpersons present: Guinn, Elliott, Hoffman, Gregory. Councilpersons Absent: Hickling, Charles, and Twitchell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve the Minutes of of the regular Council Meeting of June 15, 1978, and the Special Emergency Council Meeting of June 22, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Hoffman requested that Item C. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 71, be tabled until the City Attorney's have finished reviewing it.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to table Item C. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 71, until it has been reviewed by the City Attorney. Voice Vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported that the City of Bethel did get the Jail contract as requested for FY-79.

The City Administration has been unable to contact Mr. Larry Patson owner of Bargin Cach in person to discuss their non-payment of City Sales Tax. If no effort is made by Bargin Cache by the end of June the City Attorney's will start legal proceedings.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson Gregory reported that the Personnel Committee met on June 27, 1978, to discuss the Manager's contract and will be presenting recommendations to Council at the next regular meeting.

Relocation of endangered houses on the river front was also discussed at the Personnel meeting.

Manager Hoffman presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission that Council approve the subdivision of a lot owned by Mr. Fran Reich, located at the end of fourth and fifth Avenues.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve the Planning Commission recommendation of June 5, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. HEARING ON CITIZENS CONCERNS FOR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A SMALL BOAT HARBOR.

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m., and Councilperson Gregory translated for the Yupik speaking people throughout the Public Hearing.

Col. Ferro stated that the City must come up with a benefit to cost ratio for the Small Boat Harbor. The benefit must be equal to or greater than the cost of the Small Boat Harbor before the Federal Government will under take such a project. Documentation of the loss of Boats, motors and fishing gear must be kept, Col. Ferro asked the citizens of Bethel to cooperate in this matter.

Mr. Carl Borash stated that in 1975 a reconnaissance report on the louse town slough area at that time we were unable to come up with enough benefits to justify a Small Boat Harbor. In 1975 that time there were only sixty cents worth of benefits for each dollar of cost, we must have equal or better benefit to cost ratio. Section 107, as authorized by Congress is a continuing authority for the Army Corps of Engineers to get involve in Small Boat Harbor studies, and authorizes up to a two million dollar expenditure for approved projects.

Some items that could be included with this assistance if the project is shown to be economically justified in Bethel, are the general navigation facilities, which include: a small entrance protection to the channel, the dredging of the main entrance channel, and a turning area. The rest of the development of the Small Boat Harbor would have to be none Federal, subsidized by the City or the State.

Nonfederal items would include: docks, mooring facilities, access roads, parking lots, interior exit channels, dredging of berthing areas, land easements and rights of ways, dredged disposal sites, bridges or culverts, and relocation of utilities. The Small Boat Harbor must be operated on a basis where it will be open to all on equal terms. Any recreation traffic must be cost shared on a fifty-fifty basis rather than a hundred percent basis as the commercial and fishing traffic.

Three plans have been suggested the first is develop a channel through the Brown Slough area past the existing bridge, with a channel under the gravel road to the two sloughs. Another possible route is to go up the Louse Town Slough and into the two ponds. The third proposal is go up the Kuskokwim River a little way and cut through with a straight channel into the Louse Town Slough area and into the two ponds. The least costly of these plans would be through Brown Slough, although there could be other problems we are not aware of at the present time, such as property acquisition and additional costs.

Documentation of the number, size, type, and draft of vessels in the Bethel area that will be using the Small Boat Harbor. We do have to show economical need for this facility, factual history of losses and damage to boats, gear and float plans as far back as can be documented. If these losses could have been prevented by a small boat harbor they will be considered benefits to the small boat harbor. The reconnaissance report will take about two or three months, about a month after a detailed report is submitted by the City of Bethel the reconnaissance report on the feasibility of the project will be written. If the project is determined to be feasible it will be recommended to the Division Engineer for more detailed studies, then if funds are available authorization for a detailed project will be given. If the project is approved, funds are available and the project has been determined to be economically justifiable the Small Boat Harbor can be under construction in several years.

Councilperson Hoffman stated that families on the Brown Slough will oppose the dredging of the slough.

Planning Commissioner Rosie Porter stated that design and location does not have to be decided tonight. The feelings of the families that live along Brown Slough will be taken into consideration.

Col. Ferro stated that the citizens have to provide the land access and if the land cannot be obtained an alternate route must be made.

Mrs. Tikiun is a property owner along the Brown Slough and is very concerned that if the slough is dredged the bank will cave in. Mrs. Tikiun suggested that the location up river be used for the location of the Small Boat Harbor.

Mrs. Connick also stated that she is a property owner along the Brown Slough and does not want the slough to be touched.

Councilperson Gregory stated that her feelings against the Small Boat Harbor are still as strong as they were years ago.

Col. Ferro stated that the Army Corps. of Engineers are in Bethel to build a Small Boat Harbor that the citizens of Bethel want and will take all views into consideration.

City Planner Jay Livey asked why it will be necessary for Commercial Barges to utilize the Small Boat Harbor.

Mayor Guinn stated that in order to justify the funding the development of storage for barges in the Small Boat Harbor Harbor would mean a future source of revenue. This does not have to be decided tonight.

Planning Commissioner Rosie Porter that we depend on large commercial barges to bring industry into Bethel and equal consideration should be given to large and small vessels.

Col. Ferro stated that it is unusual to build a Small Boat Harbor for the mooring of float plans, but in this particular situation were there are no other facilities to store the plans this will be taken into consideration.

Mayor Guinn directed the City Planner along with the Planning Commission to write a cost benefit report on the small boat harbor to be presented to the Army Corps of Engineers.

ITEM B. ADOPTION OF THE O.E.D.P. PLAN

Manager Hoffman read and introduced Resolution No. 240, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bethel acting as the Executive Committee of the Overall Economic Development Plan Committee accepts and endorses this document as the City of Bethel's Economic Development Plan for 1978.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to accept Resolution No. 240, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM D. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTENDED LEASE OF THE "OLD LIQUOR STORE" TO THE TUNDRE WOMEN'S COALITION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS.

Kathy Straty, Chairwomen for the Tundra Womens Coalition requested that their lease be rewritten to include a one year renewable option.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to approve a one year lease with a one year renewable option of the "Old Liquor Store" to the Tundra Women's Coalition. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Gregory, Elliott, Hoffman, and Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM E. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 109, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPREATION FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978.

Manager Hoffman reported that there has been an increase in City Sales Tax revenues and other areas as explained in the summary of revenues, which allows the City administration to increase the budget in other areas, as needed.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to approve Ordinance No. 109, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPREATION FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilperson Elliott, Gregory, Hoffman, and Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM F. BUDGET HEARING OF THE FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FOR ENTITLEMENT PERIOD 9, FOR FY '78.

Manager Hoffman Reported that the General Revenue Sharing Planned Use Report has budgeted funds in the following areas: Police \$17,548; Fire \$47,452; Recreation \$33,103; and Financial Administration \$40,000; a total of \$138,103.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to approve the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget of \$138,103, for entitlement period 9, FY '78. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilperson Elliott, Gregory, Hoffman, and Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. RESOLUTION NO. 239, A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ACCEPTING THE BETHEL REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER CONTRACT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTRACT.

Manager Hoffman reported that the Fire Training Contract has been reviewed and approved by the City's Legal Council. The City of Bethel is in need of a Fire Training Center, this project would also include a new Fire Hall, the present Fire Hall must be replaced in the near future.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve Resolution No. 239, A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ACCEPTING THE BETHEL REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER CONTRACT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTRACT. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilperson Elliott, Gregory, Hoffman, and Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. John Peckman requested that Council allow him to move his house on to his lot in Subdivision in the case of an emergency situation, his house is smaller than allowed by the land restrictions.

Manager Hoffman explained that each case should be reviewed by the Planning Commission separately, but requests that any exceptions be corrected within one year.

Councilperson Gregory requested that Elsie Active's house be leveled.

Planning Commissioner Rosie Porter stated that the Planning Commission will be setting up an emergency plan to relocate families in the case of an emergency.

Manager Hoffman requested that Council allow him to take an eight day vacation from July 5, 1978, to July 14, 1978.

M/M By Councilperson Gregory to allow Manager Hoffman to take an eight day vacation from July 5, 1978, to July 14, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

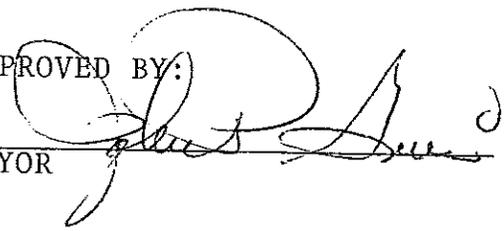
M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment was at 10:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY:


MAYOR