

Presented by: Mayor Chris
Date: November 16, 1993
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-yes, 1-no

RESOLUTION #93-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PRESENT IMPACT OF THE MISUSE OF ALCOHOL ON THE BETHEL COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the population of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (including Bethel) has increased from 10,990 in 1980, to 13,656 in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel's population has increased from 3576 in 1980 to 4674 in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel Police Department indicates that 80-90% of the service calls made are alcohol related; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel Police Department made 8678 service calls and 815 arrests in 1986 compared with 9782 service calls and 972 arrests in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel had sixteen positions for police officers in 1986 compared with eleven positions in 1992; and

WHEREAS, many members of the community have indicated their concerns about the effects the misuse of alcohol have on their children, their families and themselves.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the establishment of a task force of volunteer community members (to number less than 15) to study the effects of the misuse of alcohol in the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Task Force shall include the following:

- A. To determine the effect of the misuse of alcohol on members of our community.
1. Gain information from all population groups in the community as well as various agencies through public hearings, the media, etc.
 2. Gather statistics which reflect the true scope of the problem.
 3. Assess ways that alcohol is presently made available in the community and the quantities involved in each method.
 4. Assess all options of the alcohol laws and determine what option would be acceptable to the community; determine if there is an acceptable option that would also bring in revenue to help pay for problems caused by the misuse of alcohol.
 5. Assess how the various options of the alcohol laws have affected other communities.

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6. Formulate specific recommendations regarding revenues generated by the sale of alcohol or other related sources might be spent, making the collection of such revenue acceptable and directly applicable to the correction of the problem.
7. The Council contact will be the Mayor.
8. The task force will not be associated with City government and will keep its own notes and records.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1993.



Donna J. Chris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk