



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that Councilwoman Hickling act as Mayor protem in Mayor Guinn's absence. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Hickling at 7:40 P.M. Present: Councilwoman Hickling, Charles, Gregory, Hoffman, and Twitchell. Absent: Councilman Guinn and Elliott.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mary Gregory.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the Minutes of the November, 14, 1977, and November 18, 1977, Council Meetings be approved as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that the agenda be approved as presented with one correction; Item B. under new business be tabled. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported: 1) On November 21, 1977, in Seattle the Alaska Bond Bank sold over three million in Bonds of which \$795,000 in Bonds were for Bethel. At that time I received the \$795,000 and repaid Alaska Bank of Commerce \$795,000 for the Interim Bond Anticipation Note which was approved by election on May 17, 1977. 2) We received notification from the State of Alaska Trails and Footpaths for 100% funding to construct the first phase of a bike trail in the 21 acre park. Total Grant is for \$99,000. 3) Colonel Robertson from the Alaska Corp of

Engineers was in Bethel Novmeber 23, 1977, for the inspection of the replacement project of the Bethel Heights water and sewer lines. At that time I signed the acceptance sheets for work performed by Alaska Constructors to date. 4) The week of November 14th, Fire Marshall, Pat Partridge was in Bethel and reinspected several of our buildings. He closed down the Alcohol Treatment Center for a few hours until the Attorney General reclassified the building from H to I occupancy. I did write to the State Fire Marshall's Office for extensions and waivers on the remaining buildings.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Manager Hoffman in Mayor Guinn's absence presented the Minutes of the October 4, 1977, Planning Commission Meeting and recommended their adoption by Council. M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the Minutes of the October 4, 1977, Planning Commission be adopted. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Charles, Gregory, Hickling, Hoffman, and Twitchell. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Manager Hoffman on behalf of the Finance Committee presented the Minutes of the September 1, September 7, and October 7, 1977, Finance Committee Meetings and recommended their approval. M/M by Councilwoman Gregory that the Minutes of the September 1, September 7, and October 7, 1977, Finance Committee Meetings be approved by Council. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Twitchell, Hickling, Gregory, and Charles. Opposed: Councilman Hoffman. Motion carried.

Manager Hoffman in Councilman Elliott's absence presented the Minutes of the September 15, 1977, Public Works Committee Meeting and recommended their approval. M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the Minutes of the September 15, 1977, Public Works Committee Meeting be approved by Council. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Hoffman, Twitchell, Charles, Gregory, and Hickling. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Several persons voiced complaints concerning loose dogs. M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the Public Safety Committee and the Personnel Committee review the animal control situation within the City. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilwoman Charles, Hickling, Hoffman, Gregory. Opposed: Councilman Twitchell. Motion carried.

Mr. Edward Hoffman on behalf of Mr. Billy McCan requested that Council issue a bus permit to Mr. McCan for transit on the river. M/M by Councilman Hoffman that discussion of the bus permit be added to the agenda as Item D. under new business. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. REVIEW OF TAXICAB RATE INCREASE

Mr. Ralph Engebret, Finance Director, stated that the income and expense statements supplied for review to the City administration by the cab companies, showed a substantial net income as of July 1, 1977. He concluded that it was difficult for him to recommend an increase based on the financial information provided.

M/M by Councilwoman Charles that a continuation of the temporary taxicab fare rate increase be denied. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Hoffman, Charles, Hickling, Gregory. Opposed: None. Abstain: Councilman Twitchell. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that Council break for fifteen minutes. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Councilman Hickling called the meeting back to order at 8:55 P.M.

M/M by Councilwoman Charles that Council hold a special meeting on November 30, 1977, at 12:00 Noon, to review the denial for a taxicab rate increase. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Council was queried as to the exact time the old taxicab fare rates would go into effect. M/M by Councilwoman Mary Gregory that the old rates would go into effect at 12:00 Noon, November 29, 1977. Roll call vote was taken: In favor: Councilman Twitchell, Gregory, Hoffman, Hickling, and Charles. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM B. REVIEW OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Manager Hoffman in Mayor Guinn's absence introduced the names of the appointees to the standing and special committees:

CITY OF BETHEL
PLANNING COMMISSION

Patricia Harrington-Chairperson
Robert Carpenter
John Guinn
Rosemary Porter
Tom Pierce-Bulger
Virginia Burrago
Norm Cohen

CITY OF BETHEL
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Gene Peltola-Chairperson
Nancy Kraning
Kevin Murphy
Owen Freeman
Ralph Engebreth
Richard Hazen
Richard Goldstein

CITY OF BETHEL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Donald Elliott-Chairperson
Gary Volkman
Mike Shantz
Jerry Dahl
Jerry Korthis

CITY OF BETHEL
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mary Gregory-Chairperson
John Hinsvark-Vice Chairman
Nancy Kraning
Tom Pierce-Bulger
John Guinn

CITY OF BETHEL
SOCIAL/ECONOMIC/CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Betty Hickling-Chairperson
Nellie Coolidge (Ex-officio)
Robert Buttane
Rae Baxter
Howard Elliott
Vickie Malone
Jim Shanks
Lavern Shimanek

CITY OF BETHEL
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

Peter Twitchell-Chairperson
Ellen Rose
Bruce Crow
Hugh Short
Sam Oscar
Frank Debon
Walter Larson

CITY OF BETHEL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Eddie Hoffman-Chairperson
John Winjum
John Sanchez
Myron Angstman
Dennis Gunder
Janet Shantz
Betsy Blassingham
Sarg Connick
Ernest Franke

CITY OF BETHEL
PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE

Louise Charles-Chairperson
Father John Hinsvark
Al Wienberg
Gaye Billington
Dee Jonrowe
Ron Parker
Joe Mendola
Frank Beecroft
Steve Tuma

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that the appointees to the special and standing committees be approved as presented. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Hoffman, Hickling, Gregory, Charles, and Twitchell. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. RENTAL OF THE LIQUOR STORE TO THE TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION

Mrs. Jean Krumm, speaking on behalf of the Tundra Women's Coalition, stated that they were seeking a facility to house a women's resource center. She stated that the group's main emphasis is to help promote issues of importance to women and to aid women in crisis situations. They contended that rental of the building to their organization at a nominal rate would help provide a community resource that is sorely needed.

Manager Hoffman maintained that the space available at the old liquor store was needed for storage by the City. Councilman Hoffman suggested that the TWC on their limited budget might not be able to afford utilities on the entire building and recommended that with their approval and the approval of the City administration that the building be subdivided; leaving an area for City storage and the TWC with half of the floor area for their use. Manager Hoffman and Mrs. Krumm, speaking on behalf of the TWC, stated that they felt the arrangement would be agreeable.

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that the liquor store property be rented to the Tundra Women's Coalition following the necessary posting of the lease and establishment of a public hearing on January 23, 1977; the terms of the lease of one half of the liquor store to the TWC would include responsibility by TWC for installation of and maintenance of a heating system, all utilities, and maintenance of the building; the rental rate would be \$100.00 per month. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Twitchell, Hickling, Gregory, and Charles. Opposed: None. Abstain: Councilman Hoffman.

ITEM B. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 106 (AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHEL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 65, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SETTING OF FARES FOR TAXICABS, MOTOR BUSES, AND LIMOUSINES BY THE CITY OF BETHEL AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE)

TABLED.

ITEM C. 1977 AUDITORS

Councilman Hoffman stated that he had requested that this item be added to the agenda. He felt that the Auditors should be changed periodically.

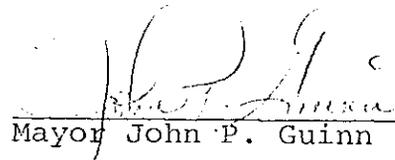
Manager Hoffman stated that it might be more expensive to change auditors, whereas the auditors presently used by the City would have much of the necessary work completed in past audits. He also felt that it would delay the audit, whereas the auditors used in the past by the City had already submitted a bid for the work to be completed. M/M by Councilman Hoffman that the choice of 1977 auditors be referred to the Finance Committee. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Hoffman, Twitchell, Charles, Gregory, and Hickling. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM C. BUS PERMIT APPLICATION

Councilman Hoffman stated that Mr. Billy McCan had requested that Council renew his bus permit, which would allow him to bring in passengers from the river and make stops at the KVNA, VFW, and hospital. M/M by Councilman Hoffman that Council approve the renewal of Mr. McCan's bus permit to allow him to stop at the KVNA, VFW, and the hospital, provided Mr. McCan complies with the Ordinances of the City of Bethel. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Hoffman, Gregory, Charles, Hickling, and Twitchell. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilwoman Gregory that Council adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M. by Councilwoman Hickling.

APPROVED:



Mayor John P. Guinn

ATTEST:



Altha J. Hill, City Clerk