



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 1979

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Elliott asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of October 8th.

Manager Hoffman pointed out that there were two sets of minutes, October 5th and October 8th.

Charles asked for clarification of statements with regard to the Guinn Lunber lease and adquisition of the PHS owned land.

M/M by Carpenter to approve the minutes of October 5, and 8, 1979. 2nd by Twitchell. Voice vote taken. Guinn abstained. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Elliott asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

Lyman Hoffman explained that several items were left off of the Agenda by clerical error.

M/M by Guinn to accept the agenda with the following additions:

- V. Communications
- VI. Manager's Report
- VII. Finance Director's Report
- VIII. Mayor's Report
- IX. Report's of the Standing Committee
- X. People to be Heard

2nd by Charles. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

V. COMMUNICATIONS:

Charles discussed the Wein boycott by the City of Bethel.

Barb Knapp stated that she had spoken to several people in Anchorage about the boycott.

Lyman Hoffman stated that the Wein increase had been discussed at the White House Transportation meeting in Anchorage, and will be sent a letter regarding the boycott in the very near future.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- a) APEA vote
- b) Grant amendment to complete the North access road to the airport.
- c) Utility discounts for Senior Citizens
- d) Public Utility hearing that is to be held. Lyman Hoffman suggested that Council have a work session regarding the hearing to be held.

M/M by Guinn to hold a work session on Thursday, October 25th at 5:30. 2nd by Charles. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

VII. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report given.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott stated that he has enjoyed being Mayor for this term and would serve again, if elected.

IX. REPORT'S OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Lyman Hoffman stated that the Finance Committee met and asked for consideration of Council on a Sales Tax Ruling regarding Equipment Lease. (Item A under New Business).

Lyman Hoffman read the animal Control Committee Report. He also reported to Council that the City will put in pilings to lift the cages so they won't be covered by snow. Also, a north wall will be built. He stated that it is up to Council whether a complete building will be built.

M/M by Charles to accept the Animal Control Committee Report. 2nd by B. Hoffman Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

X. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A resident of Bethel Heights brought in a petition by residents of Bethel Heights protesting the recent rate increase in the price of water.

Lyman Hoffman stated that the increase was recommended by the City's accounting firm. He further stated that he can provide justification for the water rate increase for the residents of Bethel Heights.

Otto Lincoln made several statements regarding the City of Bethel's administration.

A member of Alaska Legal Services Corporation stated that he now has a client and that the water rate increase will be under close scrutiny.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ITEM A. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Manager Hoffman informed Council that because of a change with the statutes, the term of Mayor shall be for one year only.

Mayor Elliott opened nominations for Mayor.

M/M by Twitchell to nominate Elliott.

M/M by Charles to nominate Guinn.

M/M by B. Hoffman to close nominations. 2nd by Twitchell. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

The members of Council then voted by secret ballot. Lyman Hoffman picked up and counted the votes. The results were:

Guinn: 4 votes

Elliott: 2 votes

Mayor Guinn took his place and thanked Council for their support. He gave a short statement advising Council to remain impartial when making decisions for the City of Bethel and to give serious consideration on all financial matters that Council deals with.

ITEM B. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Lyman Hoffman passed out a list of people who have shown an interest in serving on a committee. He also listed which Council members are serving on various committees. He stated that the only seat that needs to be voted on is the Planning Commission.

M/M by Carpenter to nominate Charles to the Planning Commission for the next year. 2nd by Twitchell. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Guinn went through the list and made the following appointments to the committees:

Finance Committee: Diane Carpenter

Parks and Recreation Committee: Peter Twitchell

Public Environmental Health Committee:

M/M by Carpenter to nominate Guinn to fill the seat of Public Environmental Health. 2nd by Elliott. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

Public Safety Committee: Ed Hoffman

Public Works Committee: Bob Hoffman

Social/Cultural Committee: Don Elliott

Mayor Guinn recommended that each Committee have an organizational meeting and solicit new members. He would like to make sure that the people appointed to serve are really interested, and appointed the following members to the following committees:

Finance Committee

Owen Freeman
Owen Lewis
Marlin Knight
Mary Pavil
Bud Whiting

Parks & Recreation Committee

Fred Reich
Ron Parker
Beverly Hoffman
Barb Knapp

Public Environmental Health Committee

Gina Peltier
John Peckman
Pauling Chaney
Jacob Nelson

Public Safety & Transportation Committee

Betty Twitchell

Public Works Committee

Jerry Korthius
Jordon Suhr
Jerry Dahl

Social/Cultural Committee

Rae Baxter
Gladys Jung
Phyllis Morrow
Mary Adams
Chrissie Shantz

ITEM C. PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND SALE TO B.N.C

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing on Land Sale of the south 20 feet of Tundra Lane to B.N.C.

Lyman Hoffman introduced the item and gave pertinent information concerning the land sale. He further explained that the Corporation wants the land for parking for their new office building.

Charles stated that if the City has no plans for the land - it should be sold.

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing.

Carpenter asked what amount of money is in question.

Lyman Hoffman stated that it has not been discussed yet.

M/M by Carpenter to vacate the land easement and approve the sale of 20 feet section of Tundra Land to B.N.C. and that Lyman Hoffman present the formal options regarding payment to Council at the next meeting. 2nd by Elliott. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Guinn, Carpenter and Elliott. Abstain: B. Hoffman.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. SALES TAX RULING

Owen Freeman introduced this agenda item.

There was general discussion on the tax ruling.

M/M by Carpenter to approve clarification of Sales Tax Ruling #79-1. 2nd by B. Hoffman. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

ITEM B. REVIEW OF GARBAGE ORDINANCE NO. 84

Lyman Hoffman explained that there is a problem with people dumping garbage along the road and that the City intends to get another garbage truck and start picking up garbage.

There was general discussion regarding the ordinance and acquisition of another truck.

M/M by Carpenter to change date of Modification of Ordinance No. 84 to March 1, 1980 and to be duly advertised. 2nd by Twitchell. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

Council then went into executive session.

Council reconvened. M/M by B. Hoffman to adjourn. 2nd by Twitchell. Voice vote taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.