



# CITY of BETHEL

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## MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 1977

### COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:30 P.M.  
Present: Council Members Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles,  
Hinsvark, and Stichick.

### INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Father Hinsvark.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Stichick to approve the Minutes of February 14, 1977 Regular Council Meeting as written. Voice vote was taken with six ayes and one abstention. Motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilman Stichick to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Bartlett distributed all communications prior to the meeting. Councilman Hinsvark sought clarification with regard to the letter sent to Senator George Holman listing the priorities of the City. Manager Bartlett stated that the letter was a listing of priorities of the City's Administration.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Bartlett advised the Council Members that the Agenda for a Council Meeting was to be posted seven days prior to the Meeting date in accordance with the Bethel Code of Ordinances. Council Minutes were dispersed late this month due to an administrative backlog.

Manager Bartlett introduced three (3) representatives from the Corp of Army Engineers. The Corp addressed the Council

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and explained the basic water/sewer system planned for the City. Basic improvements will be made to the system and an emergency generator hookup will be incorporated in the final plans. The Corp of Engineers, in accord with the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration (F.D.A.A.) mandate, are looking toward a December, 1977 deadline relative to completing the system.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola requested that the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee look into a Resolution regarding the 15% increase the Foss Barge Line Company has initiated.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Hinsvark reported that the Parks/Recreation Committee did not have a quorum for their last meeting.

Councilwoman Hickling reported that the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee will be holding their meetings on the first Thursday of each month and the meetings will be held at the Council Chambers. Each Thursday following the regular meeting, the Committee will meet at the Kuskokwim Inn and the public is encouraged to attend. The Agenda for Thursday, March 3, 1977, will discuss the possibility of a Mayor/Council form of government and a five year plan for the City of Bethel.

A Special Transportation Committee has been organized to review applications for a City bus service and to discuss issues affecting Taxi Cabs. Mayor Peltola appointed Councilwoman Louise Charles to chair the committee.

Councilman Elliott reported that the Public Works Committee reviewed Resolution #186 and the State Traffic Control Sign Contract, and would present their recommendations under "New Business".

Councilman Stichick reported that the Public Safety Committee would meet Tuesday, March 1, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Guinn reported on the Planning Commission's Special Meeting. Bids for managing the City's Dock area have been presented to the Commission and it was recommended by the Commission that a contract award be made to United Transportation. The United Transportation proposal met the criteria of the City. Councilman Stichick requested that the final contract be presented to Council for their pursual, prior to execution.

M/M by Councilman Guinn that the United Transportation bid be accepted by Council, and that the final contract be presented to Council prior to execution. Roll call vote: Yes, Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion carried.

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Mayor Peltola advised the audience and Council that the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee would be considering the issue of a Mayorial/Council form of City government at the next scheduled meeting. Mayor Peltola indicated that he will appoint a five (5) member committee to research and report on of the feasibility of this proposal.

#### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Michael Bell, a local attorney, addressed Council with regard to the City Subdivision lot selection process. Mr. Bell has been retained by individuals concerned with discrimination against a class of people. Mr. Bell informed the Council of the legal ramifications of discrimination regarding residency and family size and informed Council of equal protection laws on a State and Federal level.

Mr. Hal Borrego of Bethel Utilities Company (B.U.C.), stated the BUC will have to renegotiate the installation of an electrical distribution system for the City Subdivision with the City of Bethel within thirty (30) days, if the selection is postponed.

Mr. Dan Johnson, a lot recipient, requested that Council retain the original lot selection list.

Mr. Joe Paul asked Council if he could sell his lot and home, and his request was referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

Ms. Rosie Porter, of the City's Planning Commission, informed Council that 30 lots were available through A.V.C.P. Housing Authority.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A. PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE #91  
(AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING RATES FOR WATER AND  
ESTABLISHING UTILITY RECORD KEEPING AND AUTOMATIC  
UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES.)

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #91, for a second reading. Manager Bartlett reviewed the Ordinance with Council. Mr. Gary Volkman, of the Public Works Department, informed Council that as a result of recent equipment purchases, the time for evacuating sewer holding tanks in Bethel has been reduced considerably. Mayor Peltola recommended an amendment to the sewer evacuation rates by one-half, lowering the rate from \$22.50 to \$11.25.

Citizens were informed by Mr. Volkman that it is their responsibility to notify the City in writing if services are not required for a certain period of time. If the City is not notified, services will continue and citizens will be held responsible for payment.

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Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance # 91 for the third and final reading with Mayor Peltola's amendment included.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to approve Ordinance #91 including the noted amendment. Roll call vote: Yes, Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola, No, Charles. Motion carried.

Item B. RESOLUTION #186  
(A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUANTITY AND FREQUENCY OF WATER DELIVERY AND SEWAGE AND WASTE MATERIAL EVACUATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...)

Manager Bartlett introduced Resolution #186 to Council for approval. Councilman Elliott as the Chairman of the Public Works Committee recommended passage by the Council.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to adopt Resolution #186. Roll call vote: Yes, Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Hinsvark requesting that the new rates for City services scheduled to be effective the first of March, be delayed thirty days to see if the services are improved.

Manager Bartlett recommended that this motion be defeated, because not only time, but money and personnel have been committed to this project and delaying rate implementation is not a reasonable request at this time. Roll call vote was taken: Yes, Charles, Hinsvark. No, Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Stichick, Peltola. Motion defeated.

Item C FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FY/76-77

Mayor Peltola, as the Chairman of the Finance Committee, recommended that the Federal Revenue Sharing Actual Use Reports for 7/1/75 - 6/30/76 and 7/1/76 - 12/31/76 be approved by Council. M/M by Councilman Stichick that the Actual Use Reports for 7/1/75 - 6/30/76 and 7/1/76 - 12/31/76 be approved. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous.

Item D INTRODUCTION OF SELECTED CITY LOT APPLICATIONS

Manager Bartlett requested that Council review the Planning Commission's recommendation to modify Resolution #176 and compare the modification with the original Resolution #176. In addition, Manager Bartlett recommended the Council accept Resolution #176 as it was adopted in October of 1976.

M/M by Councilman Stichick that this matter be tabled to allow the Planning Commission to meet with Attorney Michael Bell. Roll call vote was taken: Yes, Elliott, Charles, Stichick, No, Guinn, Hinsvark, Hickling, Peltola. Motion defeated.

M/M by Councilman Hinsvark for the City Council Meeting to go beyond 10:00 P.M. Voice vote was taken with six ayes and one nay. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept Resolution #176 without modification and establish a public hearing for April 11, 1977 to consider the sale of the City Subdivision lots to those individuals receiving sufficient points under Resolution #176 (without modification). Roll call vote was taken: Yes, Guinn, Hickling, Peltola. No, Elliott, Charles, Hinsvark, Stichick. Motion defeated.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to accept Resolution #176 with modifications and establish a public hearing for April 11, 1977 to consider the sale of the City Subdivision lots to those individuals having sufficient points under Resolution #176 (Modified). Roll call vote was taken: Yes, Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles, No. Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A. RATIFICATION OF STATE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS CONTRACT.

Manager Bartlett recommended approval of the State Traffic Control Signs Contract as it will allow the City to erect City street signs at the expense of the State. As Chairman of the Public Works Committee, Councilman Elliott recommended passage as the City is being paid by the State to put up part of the City's street signs and the contract will enable the City to reduce its expenses in this area by 50%.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept the contract. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Item B. CANVASING OF ELECTION RETURNS

Manager Bartlett read Title 2, Chapter 2.44, Section 2.44.320 of Bethel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Canvassing, and Council serving as a Canvassing Board opened and counted Question and Absentee Ballots. (Refer to Attachment).

Question Ballots:

Precinct #1 - 8 Yes - 1 No  
Precinct #2 - 8 Yes - 2 No

Absentee Ballots:

1 Yes - 1 No

Mayor Peltola declared the results as follows:

Proposition # 1 - 144 Yes votes  
- 20 No votes

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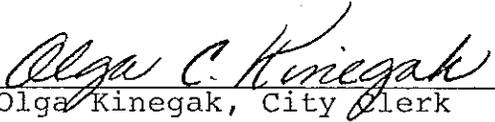
M/M by Councilman Hinsvark to rescind previous action of the Council and return the City Subdivision land to A.V.C.P. who will then be able to sell lots according to their criteria. Motion was defeated for lack of a second.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to adjourn.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

  
Gene Peltola, Mayor

  
Olga Kinogak, City Clerk