

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Warner at 7.30 pm.
- ROLL CALL All members present.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES M/M by Korthuis, 2nd by Dale to approve the minutes of the 3/24/87 Council meeting with the following change: p 3, Warner voting no on poll vote. Voice vote, motion carried.
- motion M/M by Chris, 2nd by Edge to approve the minutes of the 3/30/87 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA M/M by Chris, 2nd by Edge to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.
- MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR'S REPORT
- Mayor Warner reviewed with Council a letter from the ASHA regarding improvements to ASHA houses located at Bethel. Council directed Administration to send a letter to the ASHA noting that the City has no objection to the proposed ASHA project.
- MANAGER'S REPORT MANAGER'S REPORT
- Interim Manager Vaska reported to Council on the following items:
- motion
- a. requested an executive session to discuss legal matters relating to land acquisition, sales tax, and dogs. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Dale to add Item G to the agenda - Executive Session, Legal Matters. Voice vote, motion carried.
  - b. presented for Council the schedule regarding the interviews of City Manager candidates
  - c. noted that the vehicle for hire ordinance is not ready for presentation; that the City Attorney has additional recommendations
  - d. noted that the City Attorney has suggested that Bethel adopt a land acquisition ordinance
  - e. noted that the Public Works Director report will be at the next Council meeting
  - f. collection of unpaid utility bills - a procedure similar to collection of sales tax payments is being prepared
  - g. noted that the City Attorney recommends that Council, by vote, confirm committee/commission appointments; M/M by Chris, 2nd by Reich to confirm appointments made by this Mayor or any other Mayor to any City committee/commission with the exception of Ivan Widom. Poll vote, 5 yes, 2 no (Reich, Warner); motion passes. M/M by Chris, 2nd by Reich to confirm the appointment of Ivan Widom to the Finance Committee. Poll vote, 4 yes, 3 no (Carpenter, Dale, Korthuis); motion passes.
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- h. reviewed letter from Fire Chief on the use of waste oil by the City. A discussion took place concerning the City's policy regarding the disposal of hazardous waste at Bethel. Administration was directed to contact the Alaska Municipal League for information regarding the disposal of hazardous waste materials.
- i. noted for Council that the insurance company defending the City in the Malone case has retained a different attorney due to a conflict of interest involving the previous attorney. Councilmember Chris asked if the City's attorney was Bob Hicks or Brooks Chandler; that it was her understanding that Mr. Hicks was hired to handle City matters. Mayor Warner noted that the City hired the firm of Hicks, Boyd, and Chandler and not just Mr. Hicks; that Mr. Chandler is a partner in the firm of Hicks, Boyd, and Chandler.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

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Police Chief Clayton reported on the following:

- a. general review of the Police Department
- b. requested Council input on the operation of the river patrol for this summer in deciding whether or not to operate the patrol with a safety or law enforcement emphasis; noted for Council that the Police Department is investigating the possibility of obtaining a smaller boat and motor for the river patrol
- c. noted that the animal control shelter is back in operation; asked for review of shelter location
- d. noted that the Police Department building is in need of major repairs - Interim Manager Vaska noted that the condition of the building would make major repairs cost prohibitive; that the building is in violation of safety and fire codes
- e. noted that the Sitka Police Academy may be closed by the State; that such a closure may have an impact on Bethel's ability to certify its police officers
- f. Council set the river patrol for an agenda item at the April 28 Council meeting

REPORTS OF STANDING  
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Port Commission - Councilmember Chris informed Council that the Commission members will be given a tour of port facilities on April 20

Planning Commission - Mayor Warner noted that the Planning Commission will be reviewing a proposed land purchase ordinance

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Ivan Widom addressed Council regarding his appointment to the Finance Committee. Mr. Widom expressed his concern that Council may, at times, be in violation of the State Open Meetings law. Councilmember Carpenter requested that the City Attorney, at a future Council meeting, review for Council the Open Meetings law.

Bob Brown addressed Council concerning the problem with the City dump and blowing trash. The matter was referred to Administration for review.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

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Councilmember Carpenter noted for Council that the youth conference at Kwethluk was a success; that the City needs to review its policy concerning the operation and use of City vehicles. Council requested that the City Manager report back to Council at the next meeting regarding the City's vehicle use policy. Ms. Carpenter noted for Council that KuCC will sponsor an economic development workshop on April 24-25; that a statement on the radio regarding a conflict of interest by Transportation Commission members concerning the drafting of a new vehicle for hire ordinance was incorrect in that no member of the Commission has a financial interest in the cab operation at Bethel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - VEHICLE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE

Item A: Public  
Hearing Vehicle for  
Hire Ordinance

Mayor Warner reviewed for Council the action by the Transportation Commission in preparing the proposed ordinance. Ron Sumstad, manager of Checker Cab, addressed Council regarding proposed changes to the ordinance. John Lowe noted that if the ordinance is passed in its present form that it would put the airport limousine out of business. John Watts recommended that Council continue the public hearing; that additional changes need to be made to the proposed ordinance. After Council discussion, M/M by Chris, 2nd by Edge to send the proposed vehicle for hire ordinance, with comments, back to the Transportation Commission for revision. Voice vote, motion carried.

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M/M by Chris, 2nd by Edge to go past 10 pm. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item B: Public  
Hearing Amendment  
to Budget Ordinance

motion

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT 2 TO BUDGET ORDINANCE

Finance Director Donnell reviewed for Council the changes to the FY '87 budget as contained in the amendment. M/M by Dale, 2nd by Chris to accept Amendment 2 to Ordinance 172 (FY '87 budget) as presented. Poll vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Public  
Works Director  
Report

motion

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Interim City Manager Vaska informed Council that due to a conflict in scheduling, the public works director would report to Council at the next meeting. The report was tabled until the April 24 meeting.

Item B: Alcohol  
Survey

motion

ALCOHOL SURVEY

Councilmember Chris reviewed with Council the proposed alcohol survey requesting that Administration distribute the survey to all boxholders. M/M by Korthuis, 2nd by Reich to accept the proposed survey and to direct Administration to distribute the survey to Bethel postal patrons. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item C: PHS/AVCP  
Housing Water/  
Sewer Project

PHS/AVCP HOUSING WATER/SEWER PROJECT

Interim Manager Vaska updated Council on the project noting that ONC's request for funding for the project is still in review and that a decision is expected in about two months.

John Guinn, Director of AVCP Housing, addressed Council concerning the project noting that it has not gone out to bid; that there is a question as to whether or not a lease for the land is satisfactory with HUD - that a fee simple deed may be necessary; that option C for the water/sewer line is the preferred route but that option A (along Ptarmigan) is the least expensive; that AVCP is considering a lease with an option to buy the land for the project if HUD grants approval (for future Council consideration); that AVCP Housing plans to go ahead with the bid process in the near future; that the least costly method for constructing the water/sewer line would be for the City to force account the project. Council took no action on the matter.

Item D: Collection  
of Utility Bills

COLLECTION OF UTILITY BILLS

Interim Manager Vaska reported to Council that the City will proceed as it did with the collection of owed sales tax with respect to unpaid utility bills. Mayor Warner noted that it is not the City policy to cut off honey bucket service if utility bills are not paid. Councilmember Carpenter suggested that the City use alternative means to collect owed bills such as the credit bureau. Ivan Widom suggested the City proceed through the court to collect bills.

Item E: Proposed  
Contract for New  
City Manager

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR NEW CITY MANAGER

Council set April 18, 9 am, as a work session on the  
contract for the new City Manager.

Item F: Games  
of Skill and  
Chance

GAMES OF SKILL AND CHANCE

The request for a permit was withdrawn. Council  
tabled the matter to a future meeting.

Item G: Executive  
Session Legal Mat-  
ters

EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL MATTERS

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Chris to go into executive ses-  
sion to to discuss legal matters affecting the City.  
Voice vote, motion carried.

Council upon return from executive session took no  
action.

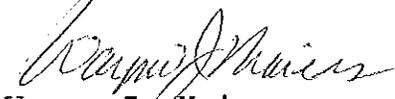
ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Korthis to adjourn. The meeting adjourned  
at 11.55 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS *28<sup>th</sup>* DAY OF APRIL, 1987.

  
Tom Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Wayne J. Maiers  
City Clerk

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