



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

12:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 12:00 P.M.
Present: Councilman Guinn, Charles, Gregory, Hickling,
Hoffman and Twitchell. Absent: Councilman Elliott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the agenda be approved
as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. REVIEW OF TAXI-CAB DENIAL FOR RATE INCREASE

Mayor Guinn opened discussion to the floor. Mr. Myron
Angstman, counsel for the cab company owners, stated that
he felt the information which had been presented to Council,
on which they based their decision to deny a rate increase
to the cab companies, was incomplete. He requested that
a public hearing be held, at which time additional information
would be presented to Council in order that they might have
an opportunity to review the situation of the cab companies
after being provided with a more complete financial picture.

Mr. Joe Mandregan, speaking on behalf of the cab drivers,
stated that they felt the denial of a rate increase for
cab fares had been unfair. They stated that for them to earn a
living wage a rate increase was necessary.

Manager Hoffman stated that perhaps the drivers should review
their leasing arrangements with Kusko and Checker. He stated the
temporary rate increase was only a 15% increase, yet they had
had to increase their lease payments to Kusko and Checker by
33%.

The cab drivers stated that they felt the lease payment
increase was justified. They stated that they would continue
to strike until such time as the rates were increased to:

Within Town	\$2.00
Hospital	\$2.00
Trailer C.	\$2.50
BIA	\$4.00
Airport	\$5.00

Mayor Guinn stated that the Council must act within the Ordinances of the City. As the Ordinances do not provide for a means by which the Council could deal with the cab drivers, he further stated that the Council would be unable to deal with the drivers directly. He stated that the Council must deal with the cab company owner who is issued the permit.

M/M by Councilwoman Charles that Council move to executive session to discuss the alternatives. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor Guinn invited Mr. Joe Mandregan and Police Chief, John Winjum, to join Council in Mr. Hoffman's Office. Council moved to executive session at 1:00 P.M.

Mayor Guinn called the meeting back to order at 1:55 P.M. He requested that Manager Hoffman read from the Code of Ordinances the section dealing with revocation and or suspension of taxi-cab permits for failing to adequately provide service. Mr. Hoffman did so. Mayor Guinn stated the Council, after discussing the problem, had concluded that it would be necessary to call an emergency public hearing at 7:30 P.M., in Council Chambers, on December 1, 1977, for the purpose of revoking or suspending the 19 permits that the City had issued for failing to provide service to the public. Immediately following the public hearing Council would meet to re-evaluate the cab companies request for a rate increase based on the additional information to be provided by the cab companies and the cab drivers. Mayor Guinn explained that the public hearing called to review the revocation and or suspension of the the taxicab permits would not be necessary if the cabs were again available for public use at the old rates. He requested that Counsel for the cab companies submit the additional financial information that they had stated was necessary to provide a complete picture of the financial status of the cab companies, and that this be done in a timely fashion in order that the City Administration would have time to review the information prior to the Council Meeting. Mr Angstman, Counsel for the cab companies, stated that he would try to make that information available for review by the City Administration by 1:00 P.M., December 1, 1977.

M/M by Councilwoman Charles that Council adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor Guinn adjourned the meeting at 3:00 P.M.

ATTEST:


ALTHA J. HILL, CITY CLERK

APPROVE:


MAYOR JOHN P. GUINN