



CITY of BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 1980

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Guinn called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., and roll call was taken. Present: Charles, Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, and Guinn. Excused: E. Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of September 3, 1980.

Paul Stark stated that under People To Be Heard, Recycle Center, the estimate cost of the Crusher Machine should be "\$10,000" instead of "\$23,000." M/M by Charles/2nd B. Hoffman to accept the minutes of September 3, 1980 as amended. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda.

Manager Hoffman requested the following items be tabled for the next Council Meeting:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ITEM B. RECYCLING CENTER PROJECT

NEW BUSINESS: ITEM D. CITY OF BETHEL DEPARTMENT PLANNING GOALS. He stated the Department Head's were meeting Sept. 23rd, to discuss the budget.

Mayor Guinn requested that Item D., be not tabled for additional suggestions and ideas from the Council and the public.

M/M by Charles/2nd B. Hoffman to accept the agenda as amended. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman reported that since the passage of the Emergency Dog Ordinance, 49 dogs have been shot.

Carpenter reported that there have been calls from citizens concerning dead dogs not being picked up. She asked Chief Campbell what the provisions were for picking up dead dogs.

Chief Campbell reported that the Dogcatcher had been starting at 5 a.m. to pick up dead dogs as fast as he can.

MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Hoffman gave a report on the following items:

1. Laundromat will open this weekend, which has been closed for repairs and installation of the dry cleaners;
2. Final inspection of the Kilbuck Sewage Lagoon is scheduled for end of September;
3. Completion of the Main Street graveling; Plans to install a 6' culvert in Ptarmigan Street this fall;
4. Pre-construction conference on the Library held 9/16/80, and opening bid scheduled for September 26, at 3:30 p.m.;
6. Installation of the Fire Station pilings;
7. Pre-construction conference held today at 1:30 p.m. for the Senior Citizens Center;
8. Jane Dudley new Parks and Recreation Director and Pat Fitka hired as the new Bowling Manager;
9. An interviewed scheduled for Monday with Joe Colorado, applicant for PATC Director position;
10. An open house for the Museum scheduled for October 5, 1980;
11. Street light repairs on order to replace the broken lights;
12. Resignation of Bud Whiting, Finance Director effective Oct. 17, 1980.

MAYORS REPORT

None.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Carpenter, Finance Committee member, gave a report on their 9/10/80 meeting with the following recommendations to the Council:

1. Long-term Captial Budget
2. Central Purchasing System

M/M by Charles/2nd Elliott to accept and approve the Finance Committee minutes of 9/10/80 and that the Department Heads, the Council and the Finance Committee meet and consider the two recommendations.

Planning Commission member Charles presented no minutes for their 9/15/80 meeting but gave a brief report. There were several recommendations but no actions were taken until the minutes have been typed.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Buttcane shared a magazine article on Bethel and its people with the Council.

Police Chief Campbell reported he had been recieving calls from citizens who complained of "peddlers" selling cheap items at a very high price and recommended the Council to draft a Green River Ordinance prohibiting door to door sales. He stated he checked the ordinance file but there was no such ordinance.

Manager Hoffman stated that Ben Esch was doing a research and is in the process of drafting such an ordinance.

Discussion on the Business license issuance.

Manager Hoffman suggested the item be placed in the next council meeting agenda. No objection from the Council.

Carpenter reported that she had received complaints about taxicabs over charging fares around the community and an alleged extortion attempt, she asked what the procedure was for reporting such incidents.

Mayor Guinn stated that they take the cab number, the name of the driver - if they know who it is, the company name, the time and the day it happened then report it to the police as soon as possible.

Mayor Guinn questioned Manager Hoffman what the City's position was for legal cases levied against the City of Bethel.

Manager Hoffman stated he was reluctant to publicly discuss the subject if there is financial inputation from the City and recommended the Council go into Executive Session to discuss it.

M/M by Elliott/2nd Twitchell for the Council to go into Executive Session and discuss the subject. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

8:25 p.m. Council recessed to go into Executive Session.

8:40 p.m. Meeting called to order by Mayor Guinn.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INCREASE OF CITY SALES TAX "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF SALES TAX LEVIED ON SALES WITHIN THE CITY"

Public hearing opened at 8:44 p.m.

Manager Hoffman stated the Finance Committee had recommended the increase in the sales tax with a choice of two options:

1. 3% to 4%
2. 3% to 5%

He stated the majority of the sales tax increase would be used for salary increases within the City employees.

Kevin Murphy favored the increase but suggested that there be one option on the ballot to prevent confusion on the voters.

Discussion on the item.

Public Hearing closed at 9:30 p.m.

M/M by Elliott/2nd Twitchell that there be one item on the ballot, under Item B, "Shall the rate of sales tax imposed pursuant to A.S.29.53.415 and Bethel Code of Ordinances 3.04 be increased from three percent (3%) to five percent (5%)? Yes or No". Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter and Guinn. Nays: Charles. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. RESOLUTION #317, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, APPOINTING FROM THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE MUNICIPALITY JUDGES OF ELECTION IN PRECINCTS 1, 2, & 3.

M/M by Charles/2nd Elliott to accept and approve Ordinance #317 as presented. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM B. CERTIFICATION OF PETITIONS - TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS UPON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION.

- (A) "SHALL THE SALE AND IMPORTATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BE PROHIBITED IN THE CITY OF BETHEL?" and
- (B) "SHALL THE SALE OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES BE PROHIBITED IN THE CITY OF BETHEL UNLESS SOLD BY THE PACKAGE STORE OPERATED UNDER A COMMUNITY LIQOR LICENSE?" in accordance with Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes

City Clerk Elsie John reported that she had reviewed the petitions and verified the signatures against the registration list and the Election Supervisor in Nome. She state 381 people voted on last years General Election and 35% of the total is required for the petitions to be placed on the ballot. The following number of signatures were received for the following propositions to be placed on the ballot:

140 signatures for:

"Shall the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages be prohibited in the City of Bethel?" and

138 certified signatures for:

"Shall the sale of alcholic beverages be prohibited in the City of Bethel unless sold by the package store operated under a community liquor store?"

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to certify the petitions as presented. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM C. RESOLUTION #318, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF BETHEL, ALSKA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PLACE ON SEPARATE BALLOTS DURING THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION THE CITY'S LIQUOR OPTION.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd Elliott to accept and adopt Resolution #318, as presented. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Jim Leonard, employee of the Bethel Social Services, requested that if the liquor issue should open, that the Braund Building be not used as a liquor store since his office is in the same building.

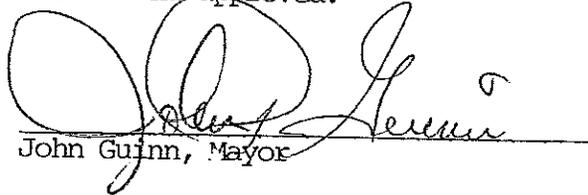
ITEM D. CITY OF BETHEL'S DEPARTMENT PLANNING GOALS

Mayor Guinn asked the public, the Council, or the Department Head's had any suggestions or recommendations on the item.

Carpenter stated Parks and Recreation had requested that a new teen center be considered by the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Passed and approved:


John Guinn, Mayor

Attest:


Elsie John, City Clerk

10/27/80