



CITY OF BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 10, 1982

MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order by City Manager Lyman Hoffman. Mayor Guinn was absent.

motion

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Carpenter to appoint John Binkley acting Mayor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Present: Twitchell, Anvil, Carpenter
Binkley
Absent: Guinn, Pavil, Hoffman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the minutes of the April 26th Council meeting with the following addition to Item IX, Unfinished Business: add Item D - Summer Agenda. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion

The following corrections and additions were made to the agenda:
Item VIII, no C - change to read Modification 1 of Ordinance 129;
Item IX, no B tabled until May 24.
M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Carpenter to accept the minutes as amended. Voice vote, motion carried.
M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Anvil to add new no. C under Item IX - review of planning commission subdivision approval. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hoffman reported to Council that 12 applications had been received for the City Attorney's position. Recommendation by administration to Council as to the candidate(s) for the position would be at the May 24th Council meeting.

Title 29 update. The revision remains in Committee.

Senator Anderson is to seek a direct Legislative grant for the Bethel water-sewer program. D.E.C. denied Bethel's request because of rolling stock system.

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

MAYOR'S REPORT

Due to the absence of Mayor Guinn, there was no Mayor's report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee - May 5

Councilmember Carpenter reported on the May 5 Finance Committee meeting.

Items addressed at the meeting were:

- a. alternative City Shop financing
 1. loan from general fund
 2. use of 82-83 municipal aid funds
 3. use of surplus as loan for Shop
 4. direct appropriation from State
- b. Finance recommends State appropriation as means to finance.
- b. planning commission action on subdivision development - place future development in abeyance.
- c. Utility Rate Study update from Public Works - preparation for study by Public Works department in developing background information.
- d. Finance Committee recommendation that administration contact City employees concerning personnel rules changes.
- e. 6 month budget review - positive status of City's budget at this time
- f. Sales Tax Audit - random selection of businesses for audit now being undertaken

motion

- g. two vacancies on Finance Committee, accepting nominations for new members M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Anvil to accept the Finance Committee minutes for May 5. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Capital Projects Committee - May 3 & 6

Dan Boyette reported to Council that the Capital Projects Committee considered at the May 3rd meeting a request by Guinn Lumber to take corrective action concerning a threat to Guinn Lumber property due to the construction of the seawall. The matter was postponed until May 6.

At the May 6th meeting, a legal opinion by the City Attorney concerning City liability was considered.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES (CONT)

motion

The Committee decided to use available material to take corrective action to avoid a possible future liability. An agreement is to be signed between the City and Guinn Lumber detailing the corrective measures to be taken. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Anvil to accept the Capital Projects Committee minutes for May 3 and 6 as presented. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

motion

Public Works/Transportation - May 5 Councilmember Binkley reported on the joint Public Works/Transportation meeting of May 5. Changes were made in the City dock storage charges (Item B under Unfinished Business). The Transportation Committee denied proposed revisions to Vehicle for Hire Ordinance submitted by Clark Miller. M/M by Anvil, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the Public Works/Transportation meeting minutes for May. Voice vote, motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

motion

4th Grade Class, Kilbuck School returned to Council with a design and cost proposal for a "welcome to Bethel" sign to be placed at the airport. The winning design was submitted by Dorene Peltola. M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Anvil to accept the concept of the design and to submit the design to Public Works for construction. The City is to absorb the cost of construction. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

Blair Whipple, representing the Lion's Club, requested Council to grant a lease to the Lion's Club for the use of Lot 3, Block 4 of City Subdivision for use as a building site for a Lion's Club facility. The Planning Commission has approved the request. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Twitchell to add Item D to New Business and introduce the request at this Council meeting and to set a public hearing on the matter for June 16. Voice vote, motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
(CONT)

Councilmember Carpenter reported on her meeting with Public Works Director Volkman concerning the extension of the City water/sewer piping. It is the opinion of the Public Works Director that any extension of the system at this time is not feasible due to excessive costs. Suggestion that the Capital Projects Committee, Planning Commission and Public Works department meet to review existing water/sewer systems.

Councilmember Anvil suggested that the City Manager hold a weekly Yuk to Yuk radio program whereby Bethel residents could present their concerns to the City Manager. City Manager Hoffman stated that he would meet with Peter Twitchell to arrange a schedule for such a program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CEMETARY

ITEM A.

City Manager Hoffman reported on his meeting with the Clergy Council concerning the closing of the old cemetery and the opening of the new cemetery. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to monitor cemetery operations with respect to:

- a. plot location
- b. policies on closing and opening cemeteries
- c. fencing

The Planning Department is now contacting other cities to see how they handle cemetery management. No action required at this time.

ITEM B

DOCK STORAGE FEES - Tariff 82-IA

motion

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Twitchell to incorporate the United Transportation rate fee for storage at the dock facility. The City is to receive 50% of the storage fees collected under the Tariff structure. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Twitchell to incorporate the United Transportation dock storage rate fee as the City Tariff-82 IA with the city receiving 50% of the fees collected for said storage. Voice vote, motion carried.

ITEM C

MODIFICATION No. 1 of ORDINANCE 129

Transfer from General Fund to Utility Fund money for the construction of a City Utility Shop. The matter was introduced

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
(CONT)

motion

ITEM C. (CONT)

at this meeting, set for public hearing on June 16.

M/M Twitchell, 2nd by Anvil to set the Modification No. 1 of Ordinance No. 129 for a public hearing at the June 16th Council meeting. Poll vote taken, 4 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ITEM D

motion

RESOLUTION #376 ACCEPTING THE BNC 14(C)
CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO THE CITY FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF A CITY UTILITY SHOP.

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Anvil to adopt Resolution #376 with the following change: the word creation to be changed to construction in the paragraph describing the property conveyed. Voice vote, motion carried.

The total reconveyance from BNC to the City at this time is now 250 acres.

The Council recessed from 9.02 to 9.07.

NEW BUSINESS
ITEM A

BETHEL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Bethel Fire Chief Mark Barker reported to Council on the activities of the Bethel Fire Department. The department is active in three major areas:

- a. fire prevention/public education
- b. code enforcement
- c. fire suppression

The emphasis at this time is on public education working closely with the State Fire Marshall's office and the school system. A smoke detector campaign is top priority with the department. The department is planning summer classes for fire extinguisher training. The department will be working with the Public Safety Committee to address the problem of Code enforcement. Chief Barker suggested that an area water delivery system be instituted with the placement of 100,000 gallon water tanks at various places within the City. Such a system would allow the department to fill at the scene rather than return to the pump house for water fills while on a call. The department is considering the purchase of a new fire truck.

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NEW BUSINESS
(CONT)
ITEM B

RESOLUTION #377 AUTHORIZING CITY
PARTICIPATION-IN-THE-STATE-DAY CARE
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

motion

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Anvil to adopt
Resolution #377. Voice vote, motion
carried.

ITEM C

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF SUB-
DIVISION DEVELOPMENT

An Ordinance required to permit Council
to override Planning Commission. At the
present time the Planning Commission has
the final say on planning matters. Re-
commended that any future developments
contain a provision limiting the City's
responsibility to accept roads and provide
services. Such limitation should be in-
cluded in the plat and deed conveyances.
Matter referred to administration for
the preparation of a City Ordinance
granting Council final authority
over subdivision development.

motion

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

ITEM D.

INTRODUCTION OF LEASE OF LOT 3, BLOCK 4
OF CITY CENTER SUBDIVISION FOR USE AS A
CIVIC FACILITY.

motion

M/M BY TWITCHELL, 2nd by Anvil to introduce
the Lion's Club request at this meeting
and to set June 16th as the public hearing
date of the request for said lease. Voice
vote, motion carried.

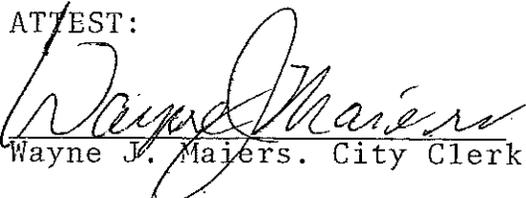
ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Anvil to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 10.05 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF MAY, 1982.

John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:


Wayne J. Maiers. City Clerk