

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 pm.

ROLL CALL

All members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Chris, 2nd by Edge to approve the revised Council minutes for the 3/10/87 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Korthuis to approve the agenda with the following addition: Item E, New Business - Introduction of Budget Amendment. Voice vote, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Warner reported on the following items:

- a. appointed Lee Olson, with concurrence of Council to the Finance Committee
- b. expressed concern about Councilmembers not attending the budget work session. Councilmembers Carpenter and Edge noted that they had notified the City about their absence
- c. read petition from concerned citizens supporting Binkley/Hoffman legislation regarding the community college system
- d. reviewed reasons for appointing former City Manager Widom to Finance Committee noting that Council didn't object to the appointment at the time, that the appointment stands. A discussion took place about the appointment, Councilmembers Carpenter and Dale expressing disapproval of the appointment. Councilmember Chris suggested that it was up to the Finance Committee members to determine if Mr. Widom should remain on the Committee. Interim City Manager Vaska noted that if Council wished to take action on the matter it would have to, by motion, vote to remove Mr. Widom from the Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Vaska reported on the following:

- a. sales tax audits will continue
- b. collection of utility bills is under review
- c. Port Commission will report on dock operation
- d. Middlebrook case settled out of court for \$2500
- e. business license late fee waived in certain cases due to vagueness of ordinance
- f. City needs to develop an Affirmative Action Plan
- g. Fish and Wildlife conducting goose survey at Bethel for management purposes
- h. RDC conference at Anchorage; City co-sponsor
- i. letter from Brass Buckle requesting a later closing time
- j. village dance festival at Bethel - the City will provide transportation for participants
- k. Council needs to consider the operation of the river patrol for this summer; request by Police Chief for new engine; will require budget revision if patrol is to operate

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Carpenter commented on the following:
- a. department complaints about having timely work done by the building maintenance department. Interim Manager Vaska noted that the procedures of the Public Works department are under review at this time; that the City is also reviewing the feasibility of contracting out such work
  - b. recommended that the City establish a priority list for repairs to City buildings
  - c. requested report from Public Works Director
  - d. inquired as to the status of the PATC to YKHC - Mayor Warner noted that the YKHC Board is to consider such a transfer; that the City is waiting for the Board's decision; that YKHC has requested to meet with the City on the matter but no date has been set for the meeting
  - e. recommended that the City send a participant(s) to the RDC conference at Anchorage and pay the \$285 registration fee for a City representative
- Councilmember Carpenter noted that she is interested in attending the conference. Former City Manager Widom suggested that Councilmember Carpenter has a conflict of interest in that her sister is a director of RDC. Councilmember Carpenter acknowledged that her sister is an employee of RDC but that it did not pose a conflict situation (Council concurred with Councilmember Carpenter regarding the possible conflict of interest). M/M by Dale, 2nd by Chris to pay the registration fee, in the amount of \$285, for one City representative to attend the RDC conference. Poll vote, motion carried. Council agreed that Councilmember Carpenter should attend. It was noted that the one registration fee would allow other members of Council to attend sessions during the three day conference but that the City could have only one representative present at any one session. Councilmember Reich questioned if the City was receiving dollar value for participating at such conferences. Councilmember Chris suggested that City participation at the conference helped to create a more positive view of Bethel within the State.

motion

Councilmember Dale suggested that the City pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia at Bethel. Councilmember Reich expressed concern about the City's ability to ban items for sale at Bethel. The matter was referred to the City Attorney for review.

STANDING COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alcohol/Drug Task Force - Councilmember Carpenter noted that the Task Force has recommended that the State retain the assistant attorney general position at Bethel

Port Commission - Councilmember Chris reported on the Port Commission meeting noting for Council that the Commission has recommended that the City have two test holes drilled to a depth of 30 to 35 feet at the petro port for soil testing purposes. The matter was referred to Administration for information and prices for the project.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Paul Gregory and James Berlin requested that Council return to the Elie Sallafie Race Committee \$3000 for race sponsorship for this year's race. It was noted by the City Finance Director that the money had been appropriated in last year's budget for last year's race; that the money was returned last year and as such is no longer in the budget for the race this year; that Council would have to re-appropriate through a budget amendment to release the funds for the race. Mayor Warner suggested that the money could be taken from the contingency fund thus avoiding the need to amend the budget. M/M by Korthuis, 2nd by Carpenter to give back to the Elie Sallafie Race Committee \$3000 for this year's race. Poll vote, 3 yes, 3 no (Chris, Dale, Warner), 1 abstention (Reich - race participant). M/M by Reich to fund the Elie Sallafie Race in the amount of \$2999. Motion died for lack of a second. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Reich to fund the Elie Sallafie Race in the amount of \$2000. Poll vote, 4 yes, 2 no (Dale, Reich), 1 abstention (Reich). Motion passes.

motion

motion

4/14/87  
12/12  
WARNER

Paul Gregory suggested to Council that the City should do something about the number of crows and ravens in town; that they may present a health hazard. Clark Miller suggested that the City check with PHS to determine if the birds pose a health risk. Council took no action on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY MANAGER APPLICATIONS

Item A: City  
Manager Applica-  
tions

Interim City Manager Vaska noted for Council that the City has received 22 applications for the City Manager position. Council set Monday, March 30, for a work session to review and screen the applications for the City Manager position.

Item B: Purchasing  
Practices by City

PURCHASING PRACTICES BY CITY DEPARTMENTS

Interim Manager Vaska presented to Council department reports on City purchasing practices. A discussion took place concerning the City purchasing ordinance, particularly section 4 (purchases under \$5000) and the role of the purchasing agent. Mayor Warner noted that it is City policy to use local vendors whenever it is practicable; that the City has initiated a 5% preference for bids submitted by local vendors.

NEW BUSINESS

OPERATION MOP-UP

Item A: Operation  
Mop-Up

Councilmember Reich reviewed for Council the role of Operation Mop-Up. Mayor Warner reviewed with Council the report submitted by the committee noting for Council the options suggested by the committee for Council consideration. A discussion took place concerning the report and its recommendations, Council noting in particular those sections concerning fines, local enforcement, and the issuing of ID cards. A lengthy discussion took place concerning bootlegging at Bethel. Mayor Warner and Councilmember Dale suggested that Council take no action on the report. M/M by Reich directing Administration to conduct a public survey on the alcohol question based upon the options presented by the Operation Mop-Up committee. The motion died for a lack of a second. Council took no official action on the report.

Item B: Audit  
Proposals

AUDIT PROPOSALS

Mayor Warner reviewed with Council the recommendation of Lee Olson, Finance Committee member, regarding the selection of an auditing firm for the City. Finance Director Donnell concurred with Mr. Olson in recommending the firm of Sitzman and Hanrahan. Councilmembers Carpenter and Dale noted a preference for local hire. Mayor Warner noted that the bid by Mikunda-Cottrell (local Bethel office) was not within the 5% local hire preference established by Council. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Korthuis to eliminate the firms of Price-Waterhouse, Ernst and Whinney, and Peat-Marwick from further consideration as City auditors. Voice vote, motion carried. M/M by Dale, 2nd by Edge to accept the bid of Mikunda-Cottrell as City auditors for the next 3 fiscal years. Poll vote, 4 yes, 2 no (Chris was excused early from the meeting). Motion passes.

motion

motion

Item C: Vehicle  
for Hire Ordinance

INTRODUCTION OF VEHICLE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE

motion

Interim Manager Vaska noted that the proposed ordinance is still under review by the City Attorney and that additional changes may be forthcoming from the City Attorney. Mayor Warner noted that if additional changes are presented they can be added to the proposed ordinance at the public hearing or Council can present a new ordinance. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Dale to introduce and set for a public hearing at the April 14 Council meeting the proposed vehicle for hire ordinance with the option to hold additional public hearings. A discussion took place concerning the appropriateness of introducing for public hearing a proposed ordinance that may not be in final form. Interim Manager Vaska suggested that Council hold a special meeting on March 30 for the introduction of the vehicle for hire ordinance in order to give the Administration time to include any changes in the document before presenting the ordinance for public review. The motion to introduce was withdrawn. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Edge to set March 30, 7.30 pm, as a special Council meeting time for the introduction of the vehicle for hire ordinance with a work session to follow concerning the screening of City Manager applicants. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

Item D: New Ethics  
Law

NEW ETHICS LAW

Mayor Warner reviewed for Council the information regarding the new state ethics law for public officials. Councilmember Carpenter noted that the new law is broader in scope and more explicit in its language than the old law. Council took no action on the matter.

Item E: Budget  
Amendment

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT 2 TO ORDINANCE 172-BUDGET

motion

Finance Director Donnell reviewed for Council the proposed amendment noting that the amendment reflected changes made at the Council work session. M/M by Korthuis, 2nd by Edge to introduce and set for a public hearing at the April 14 Council meeting Amendment 2 to Ordinance 172. Voice vote, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Korthuis to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12.15 am.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS *14/16* DAY OF APRIL, 1987.

ATTEST:  
*Wayne J. Maiers*  
Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk  
7c245

*Tom Warner*  
Tom Warner, Mayor