



# CITY of BETHEL

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## MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 23, 1978

### COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 7:30 P.M.  
Present: Councilmen Elliott, Gregory, Hickling, Hoffman, and Twitchell. Absent: Councilwoman Charles.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that the Minutes of the January 9, 1978, Council Meeting be approved as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilman Twitchell that the LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY TO UNITED TRANSPORTATION be added to the Agenda as Item C. under New Business. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilwoman Hickling to table Item A. under New Business (RESOLUTION NO. 222-A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ENABLING THE BETHEL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE ALASKA FIRE SAFETY CODE WITHIN THE BOUNDRIES OF THE THIS MUNICIPALITY.), and Item C. under Unfinished Business (INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 191 'Modification'- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ACCEPTING LAND FROM THE BETHEL NATIVE CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF BETHEL TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC CEMETARY). Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Hoffman to approve the Agenda as amended. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

### FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Twitchell, Chairman of the Special Transportation Committee, stated that they had held a work session and offered the following recommendation to Council for approval. They recommended that the Limousine Permit be amended to allow the operator to pick up passengers from any point within Bethel to be transported to the airport, and to deliver passengers to any point within Bethel that had been picked up at the airport; transport of passengers between any other points within Bethel would not be permitted, outside of the scheduled limousine stops. Mr. Faye Short, and Mr. Hugh Short, local cab company operators stated that they were in agreement with the recommendation. M/M by Councilwoman Hickling that Council ratify the recommendation of the Special Transportation Committee work session and request administration to incorporate the recommendation into the taxi cab ordinance revision. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Councilman Hoffman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, offered the recommendations of their meeting of January 4, 1978, for Council's approval:

M/M by Committee member Franke that the committee recommend to the Council a \$500.00 a month base pay raise applicable to all officers on the force, as per outlined in the City's compensation plan at step grade #37;

M/M by Committee member Winjum that the committee recommend to Council to make a resolution against supporting this legislative action in regards to veterinarians;

M/M by Committee member Connick that the committee recommend to Council that the Council get in contact with the highway department concerning Watson's corner.

M/M by Councilwoman Hickling that Council approve the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of January 4, 1978. Roll call vote was taken: In favor: Councilmembers Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell, and Guinn. Opposed: Councilmembers Elliott, and Gregory. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilwoman Hickling that the date of effectiveness of the raise will be determined by the Council meeting of February 13, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Guinn requested that this item be referred to the Finance Committee for discussion prior to the next Council meeting. He stated that they should bear in mind that the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to increase patrolman salaries was approved by Council and present their recommendations to Council at the February 13, 1978 Council Meeting.

Assistant Manager Kraning presented the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting of November 23, 1977, in Councilwoman Charles absence, as follows:

M/M by Committee Member Parker that the Committee Member Tuma meet with City Planner, Pat Harrington to discuss the possibility of incorporating their survey with the survey she is presently computing. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Committee Member Beecroft that a Goals and Objective Workshop be set up for January and February, to discuss the function of the Recreation Department and set up both short and long range goals (covering a five year period) for the Department. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that Council approve the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting of November 23, 1977, as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Guinn presented the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of December 5, and December 9, 1977 as follows:  
(December 5, 1977)

M/M by Commissioner Pierce-Bulger to accept the subdivision of Lot 3, Block 7 of U.S.S. 3790 as requested by Mr. Luffberry. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Commissioner Guinn that the Planning Commission accept and ratify the Seawall report. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

(December 9, 1977)

M/M by Commissioner Porter that the Planning Commission approve

the trade of the lots as requested by Mr. Hohman. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Hoffman to approve the Minutes of the December 5, and December 9, 1977 Planning Commission Minutes as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mrs. Rosy Porter announced that there would be a Public Hearing of the Social Services Board on January 25, 1978, to discuss the possibility of locating a private medical and dental services facility in Bethel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 107 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 73, PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION OF TAXICAB FARES.)

Mayor Guinn introduced Ordinance No. 107 for a second reading and opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 107 at 8:15.

Mayor Guinn stated that the Council had not received the financial statements in a timely manner as they had not been presented to the City administration until the Friday prior to the meeting. Finance Director, Ralph Engebretson stated that the parts expenditures shown should be viewed as an accrual rather than a cash expenditure in Council's review of the statements presented. Mr. Engebretson reiterated that a denial of the rate increase would not affect Mr. Short but would reduce the income of the drivers, unless some arrangements were made between Mr. Short and the drivers to renegotiate the rental agreement they were now operating under.

Mr. Myron Angstman, attorney for the cab companies, stated the financial statements presented were for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1977, and their compilation and presentation to the City Administration had been done in the most timely manner that could be expected. He further stated, that the cab company owners could not be held liable for acts committed by drivers; that although they attempted to hire the most responsible people available, they could not monitor their activity all the time. Mr. Faye Short, stated that he felt that decent rates will make for better drivers, who will in turn assure safe transportation.

Mr. Crow, of the Special Transportation Committee, stated that two of the most often voiced complaints were quality of service and the caliber and lack of identification of

drivers within the cabs. Ms. Kraning stated that the caliber of driver and identification of the drivers within the cabs were being reviewed by the City administration for incorporation into a new taxi-cab ordinance.

Mr. Crow and Councilman Elliott stated that the responsibility for taxi-cab regulation rested with the police enforcement and a mandate from the City administration directing the police to effectively monitor chauffeur permits and visible identification of cabs and drivers. Mayor Guinn stated that it was the responsibility of the taxi-cab drivers and owners to procure such identification. Mayor Guinn closed the Public Hearing at 8:50 P.M. Mayor Guinn introduced Ordinance No. 107 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 73, PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION OF TAXI-CAB FARES.) for a third and final reading with the following amendment as recommended by the cab company operators:

Section 73-14 Regulation and Display of Fares would be amended to read as follows:

The City Council may regulate the fares for the use of any motor vehicle for-hire licensed pursuant to this ordinance. Before any of said regulations shall be effective the City Council shall hold a public hearing. Notice of this hearing shall be given to all owners of vehicles affected by the regulations.

Effective that date of adoption of this ordinance, fares shall be for a duration of six months:

Cab fares in the City of Bethel (including Bethel Heights)	\$1.75
Fare to the Hospital	2.00
Fare to the Trailer Court	2.25
Fare to the Airport	4.00
Fare to B.I.A.	5.00
Limousine fare to the Airport	2.50

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that Ordinance No. 107 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 73, PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION OF TAXI-CAB FARES.) be approved as amended. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Elliott, Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell, and Guinn. Opposed: Councilwoman Gregory. Motion carried.

Mayor Guinn called a recess at 8:40 P.M. Mayor Guinn called the meeting back to order at 8:50 P.M.

ITEM B. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LEASE OF THE "OLD LIQUOR STORE" TO THE TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing on the lease of the "Old Liquor Store" to the Tundra Women's Coalition at 9:00 P.M. The representatives of the Tundra Women's Coalition requested that they be given the use of the entire building, rather than the half originally agreed upon by the City Administration. They also requested that the building continue to be covered under the City insurance policy and that the rent be due and payable monthly. Mayor Guinn closed the Public Hearing at 9:10 P.M.

M/M by Councilwoman Gregory that the lease agreement between the City of Bethel and the Tundra Women's Coalition be ratified by Council with the following changes: Item 4- the term of the lease shall be from January 31, 1977 to January 31, 1978; the tenant agrees to pay monthly one hundred dollars per month; and on page 5, Item B. will be stricken and administration directed to remove any other mention dealing with less than lease of all of the building. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Elliott, Gregory, Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell, and Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 202 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ENABLING THE BETHEL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE ALASKA FIRE SAFETY CODE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS MUNICIPALITY.)

Tabled.

ITEM B. RENEWEL OF GAMES OF CHANCE AND SKILL PERMITS

M/M by Councilwoman Gregory that Council approve the Games of Chance and Skill Permit for the Bethel Regional High School. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

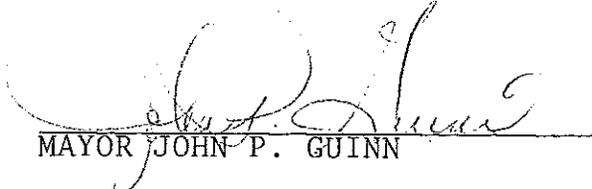
ITEM C. LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY TO UNITED TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Kraning outlined the area requested for lease by the United Transportation Company, adjacent to the dock area, for the purpose of constructing a warehouse; and stated that the lease should be made contingent upon the City's obtaining funds through the Alaska State Legislature to construct the building. She further stated that United Transportation was in a position to construct

the building if the City did not receive funds to do so. Mayor Guinn stated that he preferred that the building be constructed by the City. Mayor Guinn requested a motion by Council at this time establishing a Public Hearing on the lease on February 27, 1978, at which time the public would be heard and details of the lease determined. M/M by Councilwoman Gregory that Council approve the advertisement and establishment of a public hearing on the LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY TO UNITED TRANSPORTATION, on February 27, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

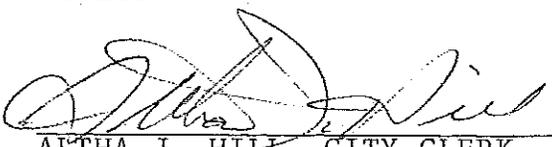
M/M by Councilwoman Gregory that the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor Guinn adjourned the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

APPROVED:



MAYOR JOHN P. GUINN

ATTEST:



ATHA J. HILL, CITY CLERK