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RESOLUTION # 138

WHEREAS the City of Bethel is desirous of applying for a grant for a sanitation improvement system from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency under Public Law 92-500 and

WHEREAS these improvements are necessary for City of Bethel's compliance with existing Federal and State water quality standards.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Manager of Bethel, Alaska be authorized to prepare and submit an application to the State of Alaska, Department of Envirnmental Conservation for a grant under Public Law 92-500.

PASSED this 13 day of January, 1975.

Edward Hoffman Sr

MAYOR OF BETHEL

Vonna Campbell

CITY CLERK

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January 23, 1975

Mr. Jonathan Scribner, Acting Director
Division of Air and Water Quality Control
State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation
Pouch O
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Scribner,

Subsequent to my previous letter of January 13, requesting an EPA grant for the planning, design and construction of City of Bethel sanitary sewer trunk lines and lift stations, I was informed that available funds were very limited and that it would be difficult for your office to initiate the funding of any new project.

Enthusiasm for municipal responsibility in development of improved community sanitation facilities is currently encouraging and I would certainly hope that this current interest can be maintained with the benefit of EPA planning funds, even if a construction grant is not available at this time.

You are of course aware that the financial position of the City of Bethel is such that we cannot do any serious planning of improved sanitary facilities without substantial federal and state agency assistance. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate your best efforts to assure the availability of EPA funds for continued planning of our porposed municipal sanitary sewer system.

Sincerely,

Andy Edge
City Manager

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January 13, 1975

Mr. Jonathan Scribner, Acting Director
Division of Air and Water Quality Control
State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation
Pouch O
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Schribner,

This letter is intended to initiate the application process for a federal Environmental Protection Agency grant under Public Law 92-500 as necessary to facilitate the following activities:

1. Revision and expansion of the Feasibility Study (herewith enclosed), so that this document may function as a master plan for the development of future City of Bethel sanitation system improvement projects.

2. Design of sanitary sewer interceptor lines and pumping stations as necessary to transmit sewage from septic and treatment plants now draining into Brown's Slough and Honeybucket Lake and, also, to collect sewage from the City Office complex, jail, library, Bethel Broadcasting and Kuskokwim Community College facilities and transmit it through the Bethel Heights pumphouse to the Bethel Heights sewage lagoon. (These sewer interceptor lines are proposed as systems A and B in the attached Feasibility Study).

3. Construction of the facilities proposed for design under point number two above.

I currently anticipate that the portion of systems A and B in the attached feasibility study which might be considered eligible for PL 92-500 funding will cost about $200,000., and I am hopeful that $150,000. might be available through a PL 92-500 grant for this purpose. The balance of the funding for this project I would expect to be derived from user connection fees ($25,000) and from a State of Alaska Title 46 grant ($25,000).

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BETHEL PREMATERNAL HOME
P. O BOX 255
BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

January 26, 1975

Mr. Jonathan Scribner,
Acting Director,
Division of Air and Water Quality Control
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Scribner:

It has come to my attention that you are a principal in the decision as to whether Ketchikan or Bethel is to receive certain funding in excess of $100,000 for a sewage system to be funded by the Federal Government.

The Bethel Prematernal Home has been in existence sine 1966 and was established to care for expectant mothers who live in distant villages from Western Alaska's only hospital. Before 1966 the highest incidence of death was at child birth. This is no longer true.

Though the Bethel Prematernal Home only plays a small part in the reasons for this change, it is a factor.

I have been in Obstetrical Nursing for over 30 years. I have worked in the ghetto condition of New Orleans. I have seen the grimness of poverty in Washington, D.C. I have witnessed and worked in the impoverished areas of the Navajo Reservation.

Nowhere have I seen a more crying and desparate need for a sanitation system than is seen by the casual observer to Bethel. The tundra, the frigid climate and a bulging population are largely responsible for this. So also too, must be governmental agencies who for reasons I don't know, permitted such sub standard conditions to exist.

I have seen my aides dump raw sewage on a street which drains into the Kuskokwim river in order to remove the stench from what is their only health area while awaiting delivery. Though this is infrequent due to a vigilent and hard working city crew, it does happen.

It would be beyond my wildest disbelief, if, you had been to Ketchikan and then visited Bethel, that you would put that temperate cities need in any where near the priority of need that is here in Bethel.

I will anxiously await your decision.

Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Crowell