

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Warner at 7.30 pm.

ROLL CALL

All members present except for Councilmembers Chris and Reich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Edge to approve the minutes of the 3/24, 3/30, and 4/14/87 Council meetings as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Korhuis to approve the agenda with following additions: Unfinished Business, add Item D - City Manager Contract; New Business, add Item A - Dredging Mouth of Brown Slough and Small Boat Harbor. Voice vote, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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Mayor Warner noted that the City has selected Lanston Chinn of Anderson as City Manager and that contract negotiations are underway.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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Interim City Manager Vaska reported to Council on the following items:

- a. City shop settlement for \$250,000 and that other construction claims are being reviewed
- b. City capital project priorities are not included as of this time in the Governor's budget
- c. recommended that the City operate a river safety patrol this summer
- d. recommended that the City apply for a City Games of Skill and Chance permit applicable to all City departments
- e. noted for Council that Senator Binkley has property on the City dock that must be removed
- f. noted for Council that the City has renewed a contract with Allen Auxier for the collection and removal of aluminum cans from Bethel; that the City will receive 25% of the money received from the recycling of the cans
- g. clean up-green up will take place on May 27-28
- h. the water/sewer master plan should be done by the middle of next month
- i. the City of Bethel has received \$20,000 for the Summer Youth Employment program
- j. reviewed letter from building maintenance foreman regarding the contracting out of building maintenance work - recommended to Council that a task force be appointed to review the operation of the public works department

A discussion took place about the operation of the City dump. The matter was set for the next Council agenda, May 12.

FINANCE DIRECTOR
REPORT

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Finance Director Donnell reported to Council on the status of the FY '87 budget noting that the City is within budget at this time. Mr. Donnell noted that the City can expect approximately \$600,000 less in revenues for FY '88; that the PATC and Senior Center programs can expect cutbacks in State funds; that there is a need to evaluate City programs into high, medium, and low priorities with respect to determining program cutbacks; that a preliminary FY '88 budget will be ready in one week.

Councilmember Carpenter noted that the City must look at ways to cut costs and increase revenues; that the City cannot do business as usual. Council set Wednesday, May 6, 7.30 as a budget work session.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

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Councilmember Korthuis asked if Council had a policy concerning the mooring of fish buyers' boats along the seawall. The matter was referred to the Port Commission for review.

Councilmember Dale asked if the Administration had prepared a policy on the use of City vehicles. Interim Manager Vaska noted for Council that the use of City vehicles was for City use only; that a reminder would be sent to City employees regarding the policy.

Council directed Administration to send a letter to Mr. Loschky noting that his concern regarding sales taxes would be addressed in the ordinance revision process.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES

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Ivan Widom of the City Finance Committee presented to Council information regarding the FY '88 City budget.

Interim Manager Vaska noted that the applicants for the Planning Director position have been narrowed to three; that it was his recommendation to wait until June 1 to hire for the position.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

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Allen Glore addressed Council regarding the mauling of his child by a dog being kept on City land. Mr. Glore noted that the City had a court order to remove the dogs and asked why the City had not done so. Mayor Warner reviewed for Council the City actions regarding the dogs placed on City land noting that Council had decided to wait for the City Attorney to review the matter further before taking any action on the removal of the dogs.

Councilmember Carpenter suggested that the City may need to review City policy regarding the keeping of dog teams in the City.

Bill Poirer addressed Council concerning the denial of a cab permit to his son. Police Chief Clayton reviewed for Council the SIS policy of the Police Department under the vehicle for hire ordinance. Council requested an opinion from the City Attorney regarding the SIS section of the vehicle for hire ordinance. The matter was referred to the Transportation Commission for review.

Phil Webb addressed Council regarding the operation of the Bethel Search and Rescue squad.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A: Public
Works Director
Report

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Ray Stock, Public Works Director, reviewed with Council the operation of the Public Works department. Mr. Stock reviewed for Council the status of City buildings presenting cost estimates for the repair of City buildings. A discussion took place concerning the use of City buildings and the need to establish a priority list for the repair and maintenance of City buildings. Council discussed possible uses for the Braund Building and the use of the Fire Station as a joint use facility with the Police Department. Council requested Administration to develop a cost estimate and feasibility report on the proposed uses for City buildings.

The following items were also addressed:

- a. the placement of a culvert between 6th and 7th Avenues - referred to Planning
- b. establishment of a priority schedule for doing routine maintenance - Director Stock noted that such a schedule does exist
- c. non-working foremen - Director Stock noted that foremen are required to work at least 4 hours of field work each day
- d. the road maintenance schedule - Director Stock noted that there is a fixed schedule for road maintenance.

Item B: River
Patrol

RIVER PATROL

Mayor Warner reviewed for Council the operation of the river patrol recommending to Council that the patrol be operated this year as a safety patrol. Police Chief Clayton noted that the safety patrol would be less expensive to operate. Chief Clayton recommended that the City sell the present boat and motor and purchase smaller equipment. Council directed Administration to set up a safety patrol operation and to sell the motor now used for the patrol boat. Council requested that Administration report back to Council at the next meeting on the matter. Chief Clayton anticipated having the boat in the water no later than June 15.

Item C: Games of
Skill and Chance

GAMES OF SKILL AND CHANCE

motion

Interim City Manager Vaska recommended that the City obtain a permit to conduct games of skill and chance by City departments. M/M by Dale, 2nd by Korthuis directing Administration to apply for Games of Skill and Chance permit for City departments. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

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

Item D: City
Manager Contract

CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

motion

Mayor Warner reviewed for Council the status of the contract negotiation between the City and Mr. Chinn, City Manager designee. Mayor Warner noted that the only unresolved matter is salary. After discussion of the matter, M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Edge directing Administration to continue negotiating with Mr. Chinn setting the maximum salary at \$60,000 with the possibility of a \$3000 increase at 6 months upon a favorable evaluation at 6 months. Poll vote, 4 yes, 1 no (Dale). Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

DREDGING MOUTH OF BROWN SLOUGH AND SMALL BOAT HARBOR

Item A: Dredging
Brown Slough/Small
Boat Harbor

motion

Councilmember Korthuis noted for Council that the mouth of Brown Slough and the Small Boat Harbor are in need of dredging recommending that the City do the work before break-up which would allow for the use of a backhoe and catripper instead of the dredge. Councilmember Dale noted that if the work is done while the ground is frozen that there would not be discharge into the river; that if the City wants to use the dredge it would have to wait until August to do the work. M/M by Korthuis, 2nd by Dale directing Administration to get prices for the excavation of the mouth of Brown Slough and the Small Boat Harbor and to waive normal contracting procedures due to the need to perform the work prior to break-up. Voice vote, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Korthuis to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11.28 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY, 1987.

ATTEST:


Tom Warner, Mayor


Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk
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