

CITY COUNCIL
Antone Anvil
Dario Notti
Mike O'Brien
Agnes Phillips, Mayor
Stanley Rodgers
Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo
Thor Williams



CITY MANAGER
Ken Weaver

CITY CLERK
L.J. Warren

City of Bethel
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 30, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips at the City Offices, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Anvil, Notti, O'Brien, Phillips, Rodgers, Sanchez-Pobrislo, Williams
Absent: none

Also present: City Manager Ken Weaver, City Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Christine McCaffery spoke to the Council about the problem of loose dogs. It was suggested that she contact the Code Enforcement Officer, who is in charge of animal control.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion M/M by O'Brien, 2nd by Williams to approve the minutes of the December 9, 1997 regular meeting, as presented.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Williams, 2nd by Notti to suspend the rules and return to the People to be Heard section of the agenda, to allow Gary Turner to speak.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Turner addressed the Council with regards to Resolution #97-62, Supporting YKHC's efforts to open a state-wide inhalant abuse treatment center. Mr. Turner indicated that inhalant addicts have special needs that cannot always be addressed in an alcohol or drug abuse treatment center. Currently, there are only two inhalant abuse treatment centers in the U.S., neither of them in Alaska. The center proposed by YKHC would be based in Bethel, but would treat patients from around the state. Mr. Turner answered several questions posed by the Council.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk briefly explained the process to approve the Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by any Council member. When approving the Consent Agenda, each individual item on the Consent Agenda should be listed in the motion.

motion M/M by Notti, 2nd by Williams to approve by consent, New Business Item A.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Williams, 2nd by O'Brien to approve the agenda as presented.
vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Phillips congratulated City Manager Weaver on his completion of the AML Leadership Institute, and noted that his photograph had appeared in the last AML newsletter, with regards to his "Alaska Award of Excellence" for Effective Government. In addition, Mr. Weaver was listed as the Co-chair of the Revenue and Finance sub-committee of the Legislative Committee. Council member Sanchez-Pobrislo also serves on the Revenue and Finance sub-committee. Council member O'Brien was pictured with the rest of the 1998 AML Board of Directors, and is now serving on the Transportation, Utilities and Environment sub-committee.

Mayor Phillips updated the Council on recent KCRP meetings. She also apologized for missing the Christmas Dinner at the Senior Center, but noted that she was able to greet Santa Claus on December 17th at the Cultural Center. Noting a letter she had received from Mark John, Executive Director of the Calista Elders Council, Mayor Phillips asked the Clerk to send a letter stating that the City cannot donate financially to the Council, but does currently support a Senior Center here in Bethel. The Mayor added one question to the list of proposed City Manager candidate questions. Mayor Phillips made the following Committee appointments:

Finance Darrell Jones

motion M/M by Notti, 2nd by O'Brien to ratify the appointment of Darrell Jones to the Finance Committee.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Mary Gregory

motion M/M by Anvil, 2nd by Rodgers to ratify the appointment of Mary Gregory to the Transportation Commission.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety Tom Hildreth

motion M/M by Williams, 2nd by Rodgers to ratify the appointment of Tom Hildreth to the Public Safety Commission.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Weaver referred Council to his written reports, and discussed the following:

- Fire Department State and Local Assistance Grant - This annual grant was doubled for Fiscal Year 1998 due to the request and efforts of the Fire Department.
- Airport Planning and Land Use Control: Mr. Weaver asked City Planner John Malone to address the Council with regards to the airport master plan project and the need for a consolidated terminal. Mr. Malone reported on a joint DOT/FAA meeting he attended in Anchorage, with Public Works Director Claire Grifka. One finding is that land use control alone is not permitted. If the City wanted to exercise land use control over the airport, we would also have to run the airport. HDR Alaska, the company that completed the City's new Comprehensive Plan, is also working on the Airport Master Plan. Several Council members expressed support for a consolidated terminal. Mr. Weaver suggested that the Council

schedule this topic for further discussion at a future meeting, perhaps with Elizabeth Benson from HDR present. Council member O'Brien requested that the Chamber of Commerce be notified so that they might have Ms. Benson speak at their weekly luncheon. Several dates were suggested, with final scheduling dependent upon Ms. Benson's schedule.

- Small Boat Harbor Dredging - Mr. Weaver, referring to his memo distributed at the meeting, explained that the City does not have the manpower or equipment to perform the work in-house, as previously thought. He requested approval from the Council to begin advertising for RFP's to perform the work, while a budget amendment of approximately \$20,000 is prepared for the Council's consideration at the second January meeting.

motion M/M by O'Brien, 2nd by Rodgers to authorize advertising for RFP's to dredge the small boat harbor.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

- Old Fire Station building - Mr. Weaver explained that Ms. Lisa Powell of Emmonak, has expressed interest in purchasing the old fire station building. A faxed letter from Ms. Powell was distributed to the Council. Responding to a question from Council member Rodgers, Mr. Weaver clarified that the well and pump would not be sold as part of the transaction. Mr. Weaver requested authorization from the Council to dispose of the building.

motion M/M by Rodgers, 2nd by O'Brien to authorize disposal of the old fire station building.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

- Financial Statements - Reviewing the monthly financial statements distributed at the meeting, Council member Williams noted that the City will run out of money eventually. The fund balance can't last forever. Mayor Phillips pointed out that operating expenses are still well within revenues. Capital expenditures are coming out of the fund balance. Acting Finance Director Celeste Kanli confirmed this information. The City Manager noted that several large expenditures paid out of the fund balance in FY '97, such as the OSHA repairs at the City Shop and the Police Department re-organization, will not be repeated in FY '98.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS

The Clerk read the following recommendations for the record:

- The Planning Commission recommends leasing City property located at Watson's Corners to GCI. Further information can be found on pages 3-4 of the Commission minutes.

Finance Committee: The Committee met on December 11, according to Mayor Phillips, and discussed collection of taxes from bootleggers, abuses of tax exceptions and exemptions, and other sales tax issues. These discussions will continue at their January 8 meeting.

Planning Commission: Council member Notti reviewed the minutes of the December 11 meeting.

Port Commission: Council member Rodgers reported that the Commission met on December 15 and discussed dredging of the small boat harbor and the use of 10 acres of land designated for port expansion.

Public Works Committee: The Committee met on December 16, according to Council member O'Brien, and discussed aeration of the sewer lagoon and the upcoming FY99 budget preparation.

Public Safety Commission: The Commission will meet on January 5.

Transportation Commission: The Commission did not have a quorum on December 4. Their next regularly scheduled meeting falls on a holiday, so may be rescheduled.

Senior Advisory Board: Council member Anvil reported that the Board will meet on January 14, not January 8, due to the Slavik holiday.

Youth Services Committee: Council member Sanchez-Pobrislo stated that the Committee's next meeting is on January 13. She will be out of town for that meeting, but will be back in town for a work session scheduled for Saturday, January 17.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - none scheduled

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Resolution #97-62, Supporting an Inhalant Abuse Center (Williams)*

Item was approved by Consent.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - none scheduled

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Anvil - Noted that he will be out of town for the January 13 meeting.

Notti - Stated that the City's regulations have driven river cabs out of business.

O'Brien - He will attend the AML board of directors meeting on January 27-28 and will pay for his own flight to Anchorage.

Phillips - May be out of town for the January 13 meeting.

Rodgers - Wished the Council a Happy New Year.

Sanchez-Pobrislo - Will miss the January 13 Council meeting because she will be vacationing with her family in Hawaii.

Williams - Would like to revive the idea of an alcohol delivery site. Disagrees with Council's vote at the December 9 meeting to finalize the 14(c)3 reconveyance process.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

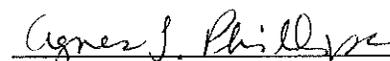
motion M/M by Rodgers, 2nd by Sanchez-Pobrislo to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1998.

ATTEST:


L.J. Warren, City Clerk


Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor