

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warner called the council meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dale, Edge Feaster, Trantham, Vanasse, Wallace and Warner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Trantham to approve the minutes of 06/26/90 council meeting with the following changes: page 8, on final motion, change time of adjournment from 12:45 PM to 12:45 AM. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Feaster to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Warner had no report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Earnest reviewed his written Manager's report with Council on the following items:

- indicated that signed emergency declaration by Governor Steve Cowper was received through facsimile this morning regarding the seawall, estimated amount to be received is \$700,000.00 and some of it to be used in the following manner: purchase and placement of 5,500 tons of class A rock; purchase stockpile of rock for total of \$100,000.00; repair pipepile damages including damages to bulkheads, tiebacks, back fill and surface lumps; repairs of downstream end of Mission Road Bulkhead extension; proceed tomorrow communicating with KNIK Construction to place an order of 5,500 tons of rock and agreement to be processed tomorrow;
- attached in Council packets is copies of letters to Senator B. Johnston and Senator M. Hatfield of the Senate Subcommittee on Energy & Water Development from Senator Stevens requesting appropriations in the amount of \$270,000.00 for preconstruction engineering and \$9 million for construction of Bethel Bank Stabilization project;
- Governor expected to sign FY'91 state capital budget appropriations bill with a veto message - with intends to veto or reduce funding levels of many capital appropriations throughout the State;
- Bethel Heights Western Addition #1/Tundra North Water & Sewer bids opened on July 3, 1990, and the lowest bid by Northwest Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$785,666 and the engineers estimate for the project being \$548,680.00; indicated that Administration's recommendation to Council would be to reject all bids and possibly constructing this project in-house and also indicated that the recommendation was contingent upon Governor approving Bethel's water, sewer and solid waste appropriations;
- Bethel Native Corporation land committee scheduled to meet July 10th regarding identification of potential Corporation lands for exchange and conveyance with City for expanding the existing sewage lagoon;
- City requested DEC Village Safe Water Program to release funding for sewage lagoon island removal;

MANAGER'S REPORT  
continued

- Public Works and Finance Departments to develop sewage lagoon dump rates for private use and more research on City ordinances and state regulations being done per BNC's sewage lagoon dump use request;
- proposed road maintenance equipment lease/purchase contingent on Governor's approving the road maintenance appropriation;
- landfill cover project consists of developing a dirt lift approximately four feet in elevation at City landfill for refuse cover - Bethel Contractors been awarded Contract which project began July 9th;
- water & sewer truck purchases proceeding on schedule and expected to arrive this year; chassis been assembled and tanks presently being constructed;
- Planning Commission's recommendations of new sites for boardwalks being: North side of 4th Avenue (in front of the Armory and Kilbuck School) and on the South side of 2nd Avenue near the City Cargo Dock extending to East Avenue; construction expected to commence within next 2 weeks, and completion prior to October 30, 1990 funding deadline;
- new community advisory board being formed in an effort to provide a multidisciplinary approach to integration of youth services in Bethel; PATC and Police Department presently evaluating grant fund availability for combined youth counseling services in conjunction with recent PATC adolescent treatment grant;
- Council appropriated funds for replacing the radio base station and telephone systems in the current FY'91 budget; primary equipment manufacturers presently developing an engineering study/proposal for comprehensive communications systems upgrade;
- police department preparing required paperwork for establishing a nonprofit corporation status; main principal objective is to develop and support the Reserve Officer and Police Explorer programs;
- 13 fingerfloats been constructed; anticipate placing first set of floats in the small boat harbor this week;
- South Harbor parking expansion completed, with 238 tons of gravel placed in the parking area;
- South Harbor phone been vandalized on 4th of July holiday - waiting on cost estimate before attempting to have it fixed;
- plans underway to significantly increase the area at the dock available for staging; project if completed will add approximately 30,000 square feet of staging area to the dock;
- special committee comprised of city employees have completed and submitted to Administration a revised set of personnel rules; City Manager and Department Heads to review draft on July 25th; anticipate final draft would be presented to Council in September;
- ambulance billing status is that it is in progress now, and fire department working on current ambulance bills on hand. Brief discussion with Council at this time on some of Manager's report items.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

Councilman Trantham indicated that him and his family recently went through some harassment and felt that there was a penalty for serving the community.

Councilman Vanasse referring to the minutes of June 26th indicated that there would be a report on the fire engine damage and requested a copy if there was one done. City Manager Earnest indicated he would get the written report to Council. Councilman Vanasse also wondered what the status was of sending a City representative down to Washington, D.C. and felt it was important enough to definitely send a representative down. City Manager Earnest indicated that with Council's approval, still had plans to send someone.

Councilman Dale asked what the intentions were for the police boat and suggested selling the boat here locally before the boating season was overwith. Councilman Dale further asked if there was an increase or decrease in the 4th of July booths this year; City Manager Earnest indicated he would have the report to them. Further discussion on the boat, it was requested that the boat be sold and not be traded for anything; and final decision being that before anything is done with the boat, that Council be consulted first.

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace that the police boat be sold here in the local economy. Poll vote, motion carried. 5-yes; 2-no (Vanasse & Warner).

REPORTS OF STANDING  
COMMITTEES

Councilman Trantham indicated that Public Works Committee was scheduled to meet July 17th and has one vacancy on the Committee.

Madam Edge indicated that she was out of town during the latest Port Commission meeting. Port Director Greydanus indicated that the next meeting was scheduled for July 16th, 7:30 PM at the Dock office.

Mayor Warner indicated that the Planning Commission was scheduled to meet tomorrow, 7:30 PM at the City Offices Conference room.

Councilman Vanasse requested to Madam Edge that he would like to add dredging of small boat harbor on the next Port Commission agenda and come back with recommendations.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Stuart Greydanus indicated that he was concerned of the private contractor working in the vicinity of petro port was breaking up tundra (earth) and concerned of washout of the petro port in the future due to that incident happening, and encouraged Council to look at the situation when they get a chance.

OLD BUSINESS:  
Item A: Public  
Hearing Ord 192-  
Land Use

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #192 - LAND USE

After reviewing the most recent changes to the ordinance from the Council/Planning Commission work session, Mayor Warner opened the floor for public input at this time. Bill Lang asked Council why this was needed, when original ordinance wasn't enforced. Mr. Lang also pointed out the number of days required to process the site plan application and the grandfather rights clause.

Vernon Keezer also asked why this ordinance was needed, current ordinance could just be amended and leave all this nonsense out.

John Abrant indicated this ordinance was needed and one way of keeping residential areas residential and keep businesses in commercial areas only, etc.

Paula Maloy felt the ordinance was not needed, and indicated that walking into the building she noticed people doing things, and change being done by the people and the community itself, felt City does not need to regulate changes.

After Planning Director Gilcrest addressed some of points presented and hearing no more input from the floor, Mayor Warner closed the public hearing, and open for Council discussion.

Council discussed possibly changing the timeframe of site plan process from 10 days to 5 days. Councilman Wallace felt that this was going to cause a lot of headaches.

Mayor Warner reiterated Planning Commissioner John Guinn's comment that this has been looked at for a long time, and felt changes were needed for the growing economy.

Councilman Dale felt that this was the first step for property tax and indicated that he was against this idea.

motion

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Vanasse to approve Ordinance #192 with amendments presented tonight and with an effective date of July 16, 1990.

Councilman Trantham appreciated the public input he received which most were against the ordinance, but he indicated that he would vote for the ordinance.

Councilman Wallace felt that 80% of the public did not know of the ordinance and Council passing it behind their backs. Brief discussion on the grandfather rights, but no changes made.

Poll vote, motion passed. 4-yes; 3-no (Dale, Edge, and Wallace).

Item B: Public Hearing Ord. 196--Seaplane Moorage  
PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #196 - SEAPLANE MOORAGE

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing at this time, and indicated that this was basically for float planes that take off and land within the City limits. Port Director Greydanus indicated to Council that the mouth of the boat harbor was an extreme hazard for float plane moorage and since it being fishing season is extra dangerous with all the boat traffic and urges Council to pass the ordinance.

Ron Peltola indicated to Council that this ordinance was before Council because of his float plane. He indicated that with help of legal counsel he had found out that the City has no power over navigable waters, but the State did. Further indicated that the location where the boat harbor was located was a natural beach area, and that it was the reason why that area erodes every year and dredging would have to be done constantly. He also indicated that for years float planes have been operating in that area for a long time and no reports of plane and boat accidents within the past 20-30 years.

John Abrant indicated that the area in particular with all the traffic was an accident waiting to happen and liability wise, could fall all over the City although they are not liable.

Paula Maloy indicated that for many years that area had been used as a float plane area, and long time ago, some old vehicles have been dumped in that area and indicated that when dredging those would be run into and alot more.

John Abrant briefly commented that the issue at hand was the boat harbor safety issue.

After hearing no other input from the floor, Mayor Warner closed the public hearing and opened the floor for Council comments.

Councilman Dale asked Ron Peltola if he would be able to work with floats if he were provided one. Mr Peltola indicated that he could work with them, but later in the summer, with South winds blowing, it would be hard to operate out of floats.

Councilman Vanasse indicated that he had seen the mouth of boat harbor during the last fishing day and indicated that it was extremely busy, but then the ordinance did not really solve the problem.

Councilman Wallace indicated that the first parking hazard in Bethel was the AC's parking lot, and that no plane/boat accidents have occured past 10 years or more. Felt things should stay the way they are and City not get involved until enough people complain about it.

Item B: Public Hear-  
g Ord 196-Seaplane  
Storage continued

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Dale not to accept Ordinance #196. Poll vote, motion carried. 6-yes; 1-no (Feaster).

COUNCIL BREAK - 10 MINUTES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: Bet Heights  
Western Add.1/Tundra  
North Water & Sewer  
Project

BETHEL HEIGHTS WESTERN ADDITION #1/TUNDRA NORTH  
WATER & SEWER PROJECT

City Manager Earnest indicated to Council that the bids received were all over the engineer's estimate and that Administration's recommendations were to reject all bids and get the job done in-house and to hire locally.

Council at this time discussed the recommendations presented. Councilman Dale argued why City was requesting to do this in-house when they have a hard enough time getting things accomplished, indicated he was against in-house work.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace to reject all bids and nothing be done without Council's approval. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Feaster that Administration be directed to go out to bid again as soon as the Governor signs the bill. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item B: Resolution  
#660 - Bethel Rd.  
Equip. Lease/Purchase

RESOLUTION #660 - BETHEL ROAD EQUIPMENT LEASE/  
PURCHASE

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Vanasse to accept Resolution #660 as presented.

Mayor Warner indicated again this was another document pending on the Governor signing the appropriation.

Discussion of the lease/purchase portion of it, Public Works Director indicated that each item for lease/purchase would have individual agreements.

Mayor Warner indicated that pertaining to the whereas clause, the resolution was more than simply requesting money from Juneau.

Councilman Dale suggested if the \$136,000.00 was to be received, why not just buy the road grader and not owe any other money. Public Works Director indicated the lease/purchase of equipment was up to Council's decision. After further discussion on the motion, motion was withdrawn by both Councilmen Dale and Vanasse, since more research was needed on this. It was suggested to reword resolution to simply accept the funding.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace to table this item until the next Council meeting of July 24th. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item C: Proposed  
Resolution #661 -  
Personnel Control  
Matrix

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #661 - PERSONNEL CONTROL MATRIX

City Manager Earnest indicated that there was a deficiency in the resolution - indicated that the Oiler/Mechanic I was a range 4 and Landfill Attendant at a Range 1.

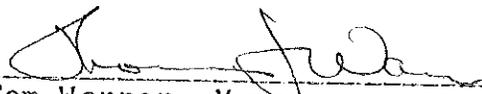
motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace to accept Resolution #661 with the addition of Range 4 for Oiler/Mechanic position and Range 1 for the Landfill Attendant. Voice vote, motion carried.

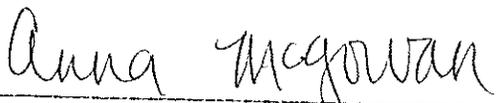
ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Vanasse to adjourn the Council meeting at 10:30 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF July, 1990.

  
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Tom Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Anna McGowan, City Clerk