



# CITY of BETHEL

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## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 1976

CITY OFFICE

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:30 P.M.  
Present: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick.  
Absent: Alexie.

### INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Father Hinsvark.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Hinsvark that the Minutes of the December 13, 1976 Regular Council Meeting be approved as written.  
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilman Stichick that the City Council Meeting Agenda of December 20, 1976 be approved as written.  
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS None.

### MANAGERS'S REPORT

Manager Bartlett requested John Manion, Public Works Director, to report on the recent Alaska Disaster Office meeting he attended in Anchorage. Pursuant to a formal motion made by Council, John Manion represented the City of Bethel to request modification to their ruling that "Plan A" of URS Engineering's Rehabilitation Study is considered an improvement in comparison to the former system and therefore illegal in terms of funding. The Alaska Disaster Office offers funds only to replace disaster-afflicted systems, but will not subsidize an upgraded system. John Manion related that the Office disregarded the fact that the former system was subcode and had proven itself to be ineffective in a disaster situation. He researched the plausibility of undergoing a court case against the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration and found that the FDAA had not lost court cases in this programmatic area.

MANAGER'S REPORT Con't.

Manager Bartlett recommended that this item be a priority and that the City be prepared to contest the ruling in court. He repeated that the FDAA would grant \$3.5 million, but the City has no possible funding sources from which to secure the remaining funds required to construct "Plan A".

M/M by Councilman Guinn to support "Plan A" of URS Engineering's Rehabilitation Study as a priority and to authorize the City Manager to continue research for a modified ruling, and only accept the installation of the former system if all else failed.  
Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Peltola, Stichick. Motion passed.

Manager Bartlett informed Council that the Alaska Court System would be moving into the newly completed court house during the week of December 20, 1976, and that the City Offices would relocate next week, pending the installation of telephone service.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola formally appointed Councilman Guinn as Mayor ProTem in the event of his absence.

M/M by Councilman Stichick to ratify Mayor Peltola's appointment of Councilman Guinn as Mayor ProTem.  
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS None.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

George Briggs of the Alaska State Housing Authority in Anchorage requested that the public hearing on Ordinance #85 be heard as the first item under New Business.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to replace Item A. under New Business (Public Hearing on Ordinance #86) with Item C. under New Business (Public Hearing on Ordinance #85).  
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Peltola reported that the appointment of all Council Standing Committees was confirmed except the Public Safety Committee.

Item B. INTRODUCTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 1977

Manager Bartlett disbursed Goals and Objectives for the Parks and

Item B. Con't.

Recreation Department for Council's review.

NEW BUSINESS

Item C. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #85 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE)

Manager Bartlett disseminated copies of Ordinance #85 and Recommended Amendments to Ordinance #85 to Council and those in attendance to serve as a second reading of the ordinance. He recommended that the ordinance and its amendments be adopted at the meeting and made effective on January 26, 1977, stating that, on such date, the Utility Services Division of the Public Works Department will have had sufficient time to receive the new vehicles, establish routes according to the new City numbering system, and the the Finance Department to program the computer with current customer subscribers.

George Briggs reported to Council that the over-income residents of ASHA pay utility rates which essentially assume payment for the low-income residents. He stated that the over-income residents will be phased out of the housing project next year and will make the new higher rates untenable. He proposed a contract between ASHA and the City of Bethel relative to granting specialized rates to them, as a low-income housing project.

Rosemary Porter dissented, noting that there are many low-income residents living throughout Bethel and, as the City cannot subsidize utility service rates to all low-income individuals, it is not fair to grant privileges to residents of ASHA.

John Schuler requested that Council hold a hearing in six months time to review the efficacy of the utility system against the backdrop of increased rates.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to adopt Ordinance #85 (An Ordinance Establishing Rates for Garbage Service and Modifying Rates for Water and Sewer Service) with Recommended Amendments to Ordinance #85 and to establish the effective date on February 26, 1977.  
Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Guinn, Peltola, Stichick, No: Hickling, Hinsvark. Motion passed.

M/M by Councilman Stichick that Council hold a hearing six months after the adoption of Ordinance #85 to review the quality of the utility services.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item B. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #87 (CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF BETHEL)

Manager Bartlett disseminated copies of Ordinance #87 and recommended amendments to Council and those in attendance to serve as a second reading.

Item B. Con't.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to adopt Ordinance #87 with amendments to be effective December 21, 1976.

Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Peltola, Stichick. Motion passed.

Item A. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #86 (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, A COMPENSATION PLAN AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA)

Manager Bartlett disseminated Ordinance #86 with Recommended Amendments to Council and those in attendance. He recommended that the ordinance be adopted.

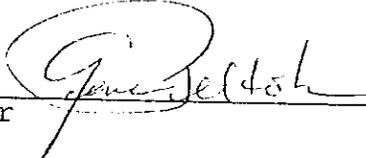
M/M by Councilman Stichick to adopt Ordinance #86 with Recommended Amendments (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of Personnel Rules and Regulations, a Compensation Plan and Classification Plan for City Employees for the City of Bethel, Alaska).

Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Peltola, Stichick. Motion passed.

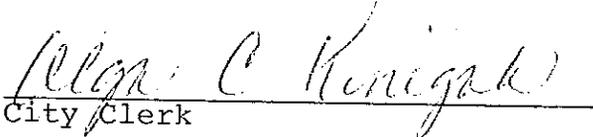
M/M by Councilman Stichick to adjourn.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk