

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7.33 pm by Mayor Guinn.

ROLL CALL: Present: Anvil, Binkley, Buttane, Guinn, Hoffman, Twitchell  
Absent: Pavil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes were presented for acceptance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Hoffman to approve the agenda with the following additions:  
New Business: Item A - Reapportionment of Airport Funds  
Item B - Modification #1, Ordinance No. 135 -

motion Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT: There was no Manager's Report.

Mayor's Report: There was no Mayor's Report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: There were no committee reports.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: No public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 140, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE CIVIC CENTER BOND ISSUE TO THE VOTERS OF BETHEL  
Item A: Ordinance No. 140  
Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 7.38 pm.  
Councilmember Buttane spoke in favor of the bond issue. Mayor Guinn concurred with the statement.  
Thom Foote, on behalf of the Parks/Recreation Committee, requested Council to clarify that the Civic Center included the proposed recreation facility for Bethel.  
Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing at 7.43 pm.

motion M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Hoffman to adopt Ordinance No. 140 with May 17, 1983 set as the date for the election and with the deletion of the statement concerning ad valorem taxation from SECTION 2 of the proposed Ordinance. Poll Vote, motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
CONT:

Item B: Ordinance  
No. 97

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 97, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PORT FACILITY REGULATIONS FOR THE PORT OF BETHEL AND ITS CODIFICATION WITHIN THE BETHEL CODE OF ORDINANCES AS CHAPTER 10.08

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 7.47 pm.

Thom Foote asked Council if the ordinance created a new department within the City. Mayor Guinn stated that the ordinance did create a new department within City Administration.

Councilmember Buttane spoke in favor of the adoption of the Ordinance for the following reasons:

- a. promote competition among dock users
- b. provide for the accurate levy of tariffs at the dock
- c. allow for the hiring of personnel in preparation for this upcoming river season
- d. retention of control of the dock by the City.

Mayor Guinn reviewed Council's position with respect to the transfer of United Transportation's dock lease to Kuskokwim Corporation and the involvement of main line barge companies in the operation of the dock. The Mayor stated that is was the position of Council that no main line barge company should be involved with the operation of the Bethel dock and that it was Council's understanding that no main line barge company would be affiliated with Kuskokwim Corporation's operation of the dock.

Councilmember Buttane stated that the newly created position of Harbormaster would oversee the operation of the dock on behalf of the City and would direct the Kuskokwim Corporation in its work at the dock. He further indicated that the present agreement between the City and the Kuskokwim Corporation concerning the operation of the dock is under review.

Frank Foster asked Council what happened to wharfage and handling charges collected at the dock. City Manager Hoffman reported that the fees are divided on a 50/50 basis between the City and the operator of the dock.

Mr. Foster also stated that the rates charged by the City at the dock are higher than wharfage and handling fees charged by other Alaskan cities.

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing at 8.10 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
CONT:

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 97 CONT

motion

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Hoffman to adopt Ordinance No. 97. Poll vote, motion carried, 5 yea, 1 abstention (Binkley).

motion

M/M by Guinn, 2nd by Twitchell that Kuskokwim Corporation through the Kuskokwim Transportation Corporation may continue in its operation and maintenance of the Bethel dock as long as no main line barge carrier becomes affiliated or part of that operation with the Kuskokwim Corporation and/or its subsidiary, Kuskokwim Transportation Corp. Poll vote, motion carried, 5 yea, 1 abstention (Binkley).

Council recessed from 8.15 - 8.30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

REAPPORTIONMENT OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

Item A: Reapportionment of Airport Improvement Funding

Mayor Guinn stated that the State has limited capital project funds available this year and that based upon indications from Juneau the funding for the Bethel Civic Center will not be forthcoming from the Legislature this year. The Bethel airport has received an appropriation of \$7.7 million for airport improvements for this year. Mayor Guinn recommended that Council request that the \$7.7 million allocated for improvements at the Bethel airport for this year be reapportioned in the following manner:

- a. \$4 million for Bethel airport improvements
  - b. \$3.7 million for Delta village airport upgrade
- Councilmember Binkley concurred with Mayor Guinn's recommendation.

Councilmember Buttane discussed his dissatisfaction with the Legislature's ignoring Bethel's capital projects priority list and instead funding the airport for \$7.7 million in capital improvements for this year. Councilmember Buttane recommended that \$3.7 million be spent on the airport and \$4 million of the airport improvement allocation be diverted to the Bethel civic center project.

A lengthy discussion followed with Frank Foster, Buck Burrows, Rosie Porter, Andy Edge, Thom Foote, and Ken Eggleston speaking in opposition to any re-allocation of airport improvement funds for projects other than the Bethel airport. It was noted by the speakers that these funds are DOT funds which resulted from a request by the airport a number of years ago and that to split the funds would jeopardize the entire funding package. The funds are not available for City discretionary use.

NEW BUSINESS CONT: AIRPORT FUNDING REAPPORTIONMENT

motion

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Buttane to introduce a Resolution requesting the Department of Transportation to reallocate the \$7.7 million for Bethel airport improvements for Bethel and village airport improvements.

Discussion again in opposition to the motion requesting a reallocation of the airport improvement funds appropriated for Bethel.

Councilmember Anvil spoke in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Mayor Guinn reconsidered his recommendation for reallocation of the airport funds and agreed that the money be spent in Bethel.

Councilmember Binkley, with the concurrence of the 2nd to the motion, withdrew his motion requesting DOT to reallocate the Bethel airport improvement funds. However, Councilmembers Binkley and Twitchell went on record as favoring a splitting of the airport improvement funds between Bethel and the area villages for airport upgrades.

Councilmember Buttane agreed to leave the funds for Bethel airport improvements.

motion

M/M by Hoffman, 2nd by Anvil that the Administration continue to seek funding for the Bethel Civic Center. Poll vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Modification #1, Ordinance no. 135

MODIFICATION #1, ORDINANCE NO. 135, AN ORDINANCE SETTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

motion

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Hoffman to introduce Modification #1 to Ordinance No. 135 and to refer the proposed modification to Finance and to set the Ordinance for a Public Hearing in 30 days. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Hoffman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9.35 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS *4th* DAY OF *MAY*, 1983.

ATTEST:



Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk

  
John Guinn, Mayor