

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feaster called the regular Council meeting of April 28, 1992, to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL Present: Dale, Feaster, Vanasse, Wintersteen

APPROVAL/MINUTES M/M by Dale, 2nd by Vanasse to approve the minutes of the April 14, 1992, regular Council meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/AGENDA M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Vanasse to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Feaster referred Council to his written report.
--Noted date of KuC/KYUK co-sponsored town meeting to discuss purchase of BUC is Thursday, April 30, instead of May 30, 1992, as written in the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Feaster announced that introduction of the Personnel Rules and Regulations will be scheduled as an agenda item for the May 12, 1992, regular Council meeting.

In addition, the Mayor recommended Council review the Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Bethel submitted by Fire Chief, Mark Barker, which will also be scheduled as an agenda item for the May 12, 1992, Council meeting.

motion M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Wintersteen to ratify Mayor Feaster's appointment of Don Constantine to the Transportation Commission for a three-year term expiring April 28, 1995. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT City Manager Hohman reviewed his written Manager's Report with Council on the following items:

--Brief report on visit with Jordan Suhr of J.M. Montgomery Engineers, Inc. the engineering firm that is responsible for the design of the sewer lagoon expansion; the Public Works Department has been asked to provide flow information on the sewer lagoon and the water delivery service; samples were taken and submitted for analysis. A more indepth report will be given later in the meeting.

--Closing of the legislative session and work on the capital projects proposals; lobbyist, Rick Urion's report submitted to Council recommends the City Manager travel to Juneau and work with the legislature during the closing of the session to ensure the City's priorities are considered and receive attention. City Manager Hohman stated that he had made plans to travel to Juneau as recommended by Mr. Urion.

--There are approximately six entities in the City who have indicated an interest for leasing different properties; Administration is researching the matter and will provide Council with a report when the research is completed.

--Memorandum of Agreement between YKHC and City of Bethel for FY 93 for lease of the PATC building; last year's agreement is included for comparison; the only significant change is for additional monies in the amount of \$9,600 to skirt the building as mandated by the State Fire Marshall.

--Letter from Lynne Flood of the Youth Corrections Bethel District Office requesting assistance in establishing a Community Work Service Council to help youth fulfill their community service obligation.

--The City submitted an RFP to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for the Summer Youth Employment Program; it was the only agency in the Bethel area to submit an RFP. Successful applicants will be notified on May 1, 1992. If the City is awarded the grant, City Manager Hohman will present to the Council for approval at its next meeting.

--The Salary Position Study requested by Council by May 1, 1992, will be submitted for review at the May 12 Council meeting.

--All departments have met with the Finance Director concerning FY 93 budget; budget should be ready for presentation to the Council at the May 12 meeting.

Concerning the PATC Memorandum of Agreement with YKHC, Mayor Feaster with Council concurrence, directed that the matter be placed on the May 12, 1992, City Council agenda. Councilman Dale stated, for the record, that the Council had voted to lease the facility to YKHC for \$1.00 per year. Mayor Feaster pointed out that that lease had expired and required further review by the Council before entering into a new lease.

City Manager Hohman next reviewed the proposal for construction and heavy equipment needs required to accomplish the projects that are envisioned for the next construction season. The proposal had been developed by both the Public Works Department and City Administration:

1. \$40,000 -- culvert material for Ptarmigan road project (\$30,000 cost of the culverts; \$10,000 freight costs). Source of funds--Public Works budget.
2. \$17,000--equipment trailer (\$12,000 trailer; \$5,000 freight costs. Source of funds--last year's state grant which has a balance of \$200,000.
3. \$47,000--D3 Caterpillar (freight included above). Source of funds--Contractor's fees from the Port budget. Public Works Department and the Port have agreed to share this piece of equipment.
4. \$45,300--D8 Caterpillar with ripper using the D6 (which does not meet the City's needs) as a trade in to NC Machinery. Source of funds--last year's state grant (\$30,000 trade difference plus \$15,000 freight costs).
5. \$125,000--Gravel under Knik bid that was awarded. Source of funds--balance of last year's state grant.

Discussion concerning construction projects, heavy equipment purchases and the purchase of either a new or used D-8 Caterpillar with ripper followed: City Manager Hohman pointed out that a D-8 Cat with ripper is required to dig up and stockpile sand; the City is also considering excavating as much of the sewer lagoon as is possible; total excavation will amount to approximately 400,000 yards with a 3,000 equipment-hour demand for the site currently under consideration. Councilman Dale pointed out that if the City did the work in-house it could purchase a new D-8 Cat with a ripper at no expense to the City using the state funds allocated for the lagoon project.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wintersteen to give the City Manager authorization to purchase a new D-8N Caterpillar based on the payment schedule presented by NC Machinery with the trade-in of the current D-6 Cat as the down payment. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to a question from Councilman Vanasse concerning travel to Juneau, City Manager Hohman stated that he planned to leave on Saturday, May 2, with the intention of staying approximately 5 days, or as long as there was work to be done on the CIP program.

In addition to the PATC lease, Council addressed the matter of leasing/renting city property, in particular the residence next to the Nicholson well as a potential lease property for employee housing. It was pointed out that several years ago Council had made an effort to get out of providing housing for employees that was not specifically related to a job description because of the limited amount of housing available in relation to the number of City employees. Councilman Dale stated that he would like to see the City eliminate the liability involved in renting, avoid the conflict involved in determining which City employee would be allowed to rent, sell the building and allocate the proceeds of the sale to the general fund. Councilman Vanasse stated that he agreed with that method of disposal and that he too did not favor the City being in the rental business.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wintersteen to sell the house through the standard bid process, designate a minimum bid based on market value and deposit the proceeds in the general fund; the process should begin no later than this summer. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to a question from City Manager Hohman concerning disposal of 1) the old Cutting Edge building, and 2) Paul Taft's old place next to the firehouse, Council directed that both issues be placed on the Council agenda for May 26, 1992, for discussion.

COUNCIL MEMBER
COMMENTS

Councilman Wintersteen reported that the Alaska Airlines scholarship committee that he had been appointed to serve on by the Mayor had met, and scholarship recipients had been chosen.

Councilman Vanasse stated that he had noticed increased activity by the City in the area of voter registration, and complimented those employees who had been involved in the registration drive. In addition, Councilman Vanasse congratulated Sonny Davis on his appointment as the new Public Works Director.

In response to a question from Councilman Vanasse regarding the Tidelands Lease Survey, Mayor Feaster reported that a special meeting of the Planning Commission, requested by Council, had been scheduled for Friday, April 17, 1992. The meeting was canceled because of lack of a quorum and the matter of the Tidelands Lease deferred to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

**REPORTS OF STAND-
ING COMMITTEES**

Councilman Wintersteen reported that the major item addressed by the Port Commission dealt with the Louie Andrew/Hammer, Inc. dispute. The Port Commission voted to retain Lots 2, 3, and 4 (property along the seawall in question) as general use rather than change to open space, and stated that it hoped Louis Andrew and Hammer, Inc. could work out a suitable compromise to their dispute. Mayor Feaster requested that the Port Commission minutes addressing the land use issue be referred to the Planning Commission for its review.

Mayor Feaster reported that the April 16 meeting of the Finance Committee did not have a quorum and, therefore, did not conduct any official business. The Finance Director was asked to investigate procedures for returning utility deposits. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 1992.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Brian Glasheen gave a report on the Pollution Prevention Workshop he attended in Anchorage, April 9-10, 1992. The theme of the workshop was "Cooperative Teamwork" to address pollution prevention process and the development of communication and information networking between the public, involved agencies, the media and education systems to motivate the development of comprehensive solid waste management operations. He stressed that the most important method for addressing the development of a solid waste management operation was through proper education and providing correct information. The four "Rs" in pollution prevention include: Reduction, reuse, recycling and recaptured energy. In order to avoid future potential problems, Mr. Glasheen made the following recommendations to the City: 1) Increase the number of dumpsters and collection frequency; 2) provide greater measures to contain and maintain proper cover and protection of the refuse at the landfill site; 3) cultivate the closed-off areas with grass and trees to stimulate nature's biological processes; 4) educate and regulate proper usage of dumpsters and the landfill; 5) provide step-up platforms for some of the large

dumpsters; 6) increase the tipping fees and collection fees to offset future costs of solid waste management in the City.

In response to a question from Mayor Feaster regarding the Clean-Up/Green-Up Campaign, Mr. Glasheen informed Council that a meeting to discuss plans for the campaign as well as recycling/collection process and environmental concerns was scheduled for Monday, May 4, 1992, at KYUK.

Ray Dronenburg, of the Department of Environmental Conversation, introduced himself and complimented Mr. Glasheen on his report. Mr. Dronenburg informed Council that he planned to examine the landfill operation under the direction of the Commissioner and, in addition, DEC would be looking very closely at Bethel's solid waste management program.

Council broke at 8:45 PM for a short recess. At 8:50 PM, Mayor Feaster called the meeting back to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item A: Progress
Rpt. Sewage
Lagoon

**PROGRESS REPORT ON EXPANSION OF THE SEWAGE LAGOON
AND ACQUISITION OF LAND FROM BETHEL NATIVE
CORPORATION**

City Manager Hohman referred Council to a brief summary on the sewer lagoon project in his Manager's Report (a copy of that summary is attached as part of these official minutes). In addition, City Manager Hohman referred Council to the proposed contract from J.M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc. Approximately 400,000 yards of excavation work will begin immediately following freeze-up to be completed one year from now; lagoon improvements will be on-line by late next spring. BNC has indicated that it will transfer to the City the 88 acres located to the west of the existing lagoon area which is planned for the new site and is currently under its control; the transfer will be taken as a credit on the municipal entitlement under the ANSCA land entitlement. City Manager Hohman also pointed out that negotiations with owners of land adjacent to the lagoon have continued; the owners understand that the City does have an alternative through the BNC transfer and that they recognize the property is not the most desirable in the City, but as yet an agreement has not been negotiated. Council also

discussed the targeted dates for beginning the excavation. City Manager Hohman pointed out that with the approval given earlier for purchase the D-8N Cat, and with personnel currently employed by the City, the majority of the excavation could be accomplished in-house.

Item B: Res.
#705

RESOLUTION #705--SUPPORT OF BIA SITE TRANSFER TO YKHC

Mayor Feaster advised Council that YKHC had not provided the resolution for Council review.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Vanasse to table the request from YKHC for adoption of Resolution #705 in support of BIA site transfer to YKHC until a formal resolution was submitted. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: Bethel
Youth Resource
Camp 1992

PROPOSAL FOR THE BETHEL YOUTH RESOURCE CAMP 1992

Mayor Feaster referred Council to the proposal submitted by the Bethel Youth Services for a seven-day resource camp to be held during the summer of 1992. Mayor Feaster pointed out that a similar camp was held several years ago but because of an injury to one of the volunteers, Council had taken action to eliminate overnight, out-of-town camping projects. Councilman Dale stated that he could not support this project based on the liability involved and since the Council did not have a full assembly at this meeting, suggested tabling the matter to a later date in order to give the proposal the benefit of additional input from other council members.

motion

M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Dale to table discussion of the Bethel Resource Youth Camp to the May 12, 1992, regular Council meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Road
Maintenance
Concerns

ROAD MAINTENANCE CONCERNS

Daniel Slaughter expressed his concern regarding snow drift problems encountered at Tundra Ridge, specifically citing the afternoon of March 5 when he alleged that the roads had not been plowed for

more than 24 hours. Mr. Slaughter's immediate concern was that in case of an emergency the roads were impassable to emergency vehicles. He stated that he believed it was the City's responsibility to maintain avenues for emergency transportation. A lengthy discussion concerning budgets for road maintenance equipment, providing overtime for drivers and splitting the maintenance crew into shifts during inclement weather, and other solutions to the problems followed. Council members pointed out that several steps to alleviate the problems had been taken such as: 1) approval to purchase the new D-8N Caterpillar; 2) purchase of additional road maintenance equipment; and 3) reinstatement of a mechanic's position which had previously been cut. In addition, City Manager Hohman indicated that an agent from the Department of Agriculture could come to Bethel to do a study on planting grass and trees behind the subdivision. He also indicated that under the City's summer youth employment program, trees could be planted to act as a buffer against the wind. Mayor Feaster invited Mr. Slaughter as well as other interested and concerned citizens to attend the budget work sessions which will be held to review the annual budget for FY 93.

Item C: Intro.
Amendment #1 to
Ordinance #199

**INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT #1 TO ORDINANCE #199,
SECTION 2.04.030--ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councilman Wintersteen introduced Amendment #1 to Ordinance #199 by stating that he felt Council meetings would be better attended by Bethel citizens if they were allowed to speak under the "People To Be Heard" item at an earlier time. The amendment allows the Council to set a schedule or time line for agenda items by resolution which, in effect, allows for some flexibility on the part of the Council to make changes in the Order of Business as it considers appropriate.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wintersteen to introduce Amendment #1 to Ordinance #199, Section 2.04.030-- Order of Business for public hearing at the May 12, 1992, regular Council meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

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motion M/M by Dale, 2nd by Vanasse to adjourn the meeting
at 9:45 PM. Voice vote. Motion carried
unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF May, 1992.

James H. Feaster III
James H. Feaster III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Elam
Jane Elam, City Clerk