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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 1980

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Guinn called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called for the roll call. Present: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, and Guinn. Absent: none. Excused: Elliott. Quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of January 28, 1980. M/M by Charles/2nd by Twitchell to approve the minutes of January 28, 1980 as presented. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda of February 25, 1980.

Manager Hoffman added the following items:
Item D under New Business: Sewage Lagoon Expansion Grant

M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd by B. Hoffman to accept the agenda as amended. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman stated that there are no further communications.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman's report to Council covered the following topics:

A. Potential Cultural Arts Facility for Bethel
B. Fire Station Grant - 1.9 million
C. Report by Mr. Maurice Wilson, Department of Transportation, regarding Bethel's capitol projects - March 10th Council meeting.
D. Request of the Finance and Public Safety Committees to impose a 90 day residency requirement before issuing Taxi Cab Permits.
E. March 6, 1980 meeting of the committee to study the possiblity of acquiring Bethel Utilities Corporation.
F. Reminder to Council and public that a work session is scheduled for March 5th at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers regarding the river erosion.

Carpenter inquired about the Comprehensive Plan. Manager Hoffman stated that the draft should be ready during the first part of March. She also asked about the Bowling Alley. Manager Hoffman stated that everything is going well, all the lanes are now working.

Charles inquired about the laundromat. Manager Hoffman stated that everything is coming along very well, and it should be opening soon.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

There will be a Public Environmental Health Committee meeting on February 26th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

VII. REPORT'S OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Twitchell gave a report of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on January 30, 1980. M/M by Carpenter/2nd by E. Hoffman to accept the minutes of the January 30th Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Both B. Hoffman and Carpenter requested a copy of the Bowling Alley Report.

Carpenter gave a report of two Finance Committee meetings held on February 14th and 20th. M/M by Charles/2nd by Twitchell to accept the report of the Finance Committee meetings held on February 14 and 20, 1980. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Charles gave a report of the Planning Commission which met on January 7, 1980. M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd by Charles to accept the report of the January 7, 1980 Planning Commission meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The new Senior Center was discussed by Council. It was the consensus of the group that a 5 member sub-committee should be chosen as soon as possible.

VIII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Carpenter expressed her concern regarding snowmachine hazrads and stated that something must be done about it right away.

Charles stated that it is partially the person riding the snowmachine's re-responsibility.

Rosie Porter stated that the program should be ongoing, not just for one winter.

Hal Borrego stated that there are special devices that can be attached to the wires, they can be purchased from Bethel Utilities.

Manager Hoffman suggested that this should go to the Public Safety Committee for their consideration and suggestions.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. REPORT AND PROCLAIMATION FROM TUNDRA WOMENS COALITION ON THE MONTH OF MARCH - "RAPE AWARENESS MONTH"

Jackie Rhuman, Director of Tundra Womens Coalition gave a report on Rape Awareness Month and the activities planned for that month.

Mayor Guinn proclaimed the month of March "Rape Awareness Month", and signed the proclaimation.

ITEM B. DELAY OF THE OPENING OF THE NEW CEMETARY

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. He stated that on January 11, 1980 a meeting of the members of the Bethel Clergy Conference and City Administration was held regarding the planning and administration of the new cemetary. Several recommondations were made at the meeting. They are:

a. That the opening of the new cemetary be delayed until July 1, 1980.
b. That the cemetary be established on a non-denominational basis
c. That family plots should be established and made available for purchase.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd by Twithell to accept the report of the Cemetary Planning Committee of January 11, 1980. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. B. Hoffman requested a progress report in May.

ITEM C. REPORT ON THE VACATION OF PORTIONS ALONG TUNDRA LANE

Manager Hoffman gave a report on the status on the vacation of portions of Tundra Lane. At least 50% of the people along Tundra Lane have petitioned the Platting Board for 20' section on the north and south side of Tundra Lane and a Public Hearing date has been set for March 3rd. If Tundra Lane is approved by the Platting Board, then Council has 30 days to veto this decision, if not, that decidion will stand.

ITEM D. APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF CHECKER CAB PERMITS TO CLARK MILLER

Manager Hoffman stated that the Council addressed the transfer of these permits at the December 10th meeting and the only requirement set was that the sale of the company of Checker Cab not include the price of the permits. A sworn affidavit has been submitted by Faye Short and Clark Miller to this effect. They are requesting that Council approve the transfer of the permits upon completion of any sale.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by E. Hoffman that Council approve the transfer of Checker Cab permits to Clark Miller upon the completion of any sale. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Motion carried.

Mayor Guinn called for a short break before going on the New Business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Before moving on to New Business, Mayor Guinn appointed Bill Bruce to the Finance Committee, pending his acceptance.

ITEM A. A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE NUMBER OF TAXI CAB PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. Mayor Guinn opened the meeting for public comment.

Several cab drivers stated their opposition to the issuance of another permit to any cab company as there isn't enough business to warrant it.

After a long discussion on the matter, Mayor Guinn stated that he felt that more input from the public was needed before a decision could be made. A work session was set for Tuesday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public was encouraged to attend. Also, it was decided by Council that Manager Hoffman and Mayor Guinn would do a Yuk to Yuk on KYUK right away to solicit public input.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd by Twitchell to postpone Item A. A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE NUMBER OF TAXI CAB PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL, and also that the City Administration will do a Yuk To Yuk radio show on KYUK. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

In addition, Carpenter asked for some hard data from the City Planner on this issue.

ITEM B. INTRODUCTION OF MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE INCREASING TAXI CAB RATES WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Manager Hoffman stated to Council that the rates have received review from the Transportation and Public Safety Committee and they recommended approval because of increases in fuel prices and inflation. Council needs to introduce this and set a public hearing date.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by B. Hoffman to approve the introduction of Modification #2 of Ordinance No. 107, establishing taxi cab fares. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. The public hearing will be set for March 24, 1980.

ITEM C. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT GRANT IN SUPPORT OF BETHEL FIRE STATION/REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER

Manager Hoffman stated that this Resolution is no longer needed by EDA, and requested that this item be tabled. M/M by Charles/2nd by Twitchell that Item C be tabled. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Carpenter formally commended Nancy Kraning for her really excellent effort in pulling together the funding on that project.

ITEM. SEWAGE LAGOON EXPANSION GRANT

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. M/M by Charles/2nd by Twitchell to accept and approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO GRANT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL'S EXPANSION OF THE SEWAGE LAGOON. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Motion carried.

M/M by Charles/2nd by B. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:00.