

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order at 7:35 pm by Mayor Guinn.

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

Absent: Twitchell (out of town, business) *Wjm City Clerk 4/26/83*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/M Pavil, 2nd by Anvil to accept the minutes of 3/14/83 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Pavil to adopt the agenda with the following corrections and additions: New Business, Item B (delete); add new Item B, Modification No. 1 of Ordinance 97, Port Authority Ordinance; new Item C, Owl Street Vacation. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Hoffman reported to Council on the following matters:

1. YKHC, PHS, and the City Administration met concerning the funding for the ambulance. The City is seeking payment from 3rd party billings from the villages for ambulance service between the airport and the hospital.
2. the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting in Bethel at KCC on March 31 concerning river usage in the Bethel area
3. Seawall project update - a public meeting is being planned for public input as to where construction should begin on the seawall. The meeting will be held late April or May. Construction should begin next winter with the contract let late September, 1983.
4. the City Manager will be on vacation from April 4 - 20. Request that the next Council meeting be held on April 7. (Council approved)

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Guinn reported that he had a good vacation.

REPORTS OF STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - 3/1/83  
COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Binkley reported on the 3/1/83 Finance Committee meeting. M/M by Hoffman, 2nd by Anvil to accept the minutes as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PORT COMMISSION - 3/24/83

City Manager Hoffman read the Port Commission minutes for 3/24/83. M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Hoffman to accept and adopt the Port Commission minutes as read. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PEOPLE TO HEARD:

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Councilmember Buttane extended congratulations to TWC on the opening of TWC's new facility. The Council joined in the message of congratulations.

Louie Andrew requested that a trash bin and street lights be placed in the area of lower 1st Avenue. The matter was referred to Administration.

Donna Criss requested an update on the Mission Road riverbank assistance request. The Administration reported that sand bags have been ordered and that sand would be placed in the area once the sand bags arrive.

Alan d'Susa inquired as to the burning being done at the City dump. He informed Council that the odor and smoke had made the north side of town nearly uninhabitable. The matter was referred to Public Works for review of City policy concerning burning at the dump.

Mr. d'Susa asked when the river safety patrol would begin operations for this year. The Administration anticipated a June 1 start-up date. It was suggested that the river patrol be placed under the Harbormaster who would have peace officer authority with respect to river patrol. The suggestion was referred to the Port Commission.

Councilmember Pavil requested police department assistance in directing traffic for funeral processions. The matter was referred to the Police Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

UTILITY RATE STUDY REPORT

Item A: Utility  
Rate Study

City Manager Hoffman read the Utility Rate Study Committee minutes. The Committee is meeting on Wednesday of each week.

A discussion took place concerning the rate study. Councilmember Hoffman asked how the City could increase rates and not increase the level of service to the residents of Bethel. City Manager Hoffman stated that the Public Works department is looking at 7 day water and honey bucket service.

Councilmember Buttane stated that he was not comfortable with the concept that the utility services must break even or show a profit if to achieve that goal it would mean a rate increase for those least able to afford such an increase. Mr. Buttane inquired if private enterprise was going to be encouraged to undertake the service. City Manager Hoffman stated that the Committee could consider that option.

Item A Cont

Councilmember Buttane suggested that two public hearings be held on the recommendations concerning utility rates brought to Council by the Utility Rate Study Committee.

motion

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Pavil to accept the Utility Rate Study Committee minutes as read. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Steven Constantino suggested that the City more actively pursue the large past due utility accounts. The Administration stated that it is reviewing options available to the City as to collection on such accounts.

motion

M/M by Pavil, 2nd by Buttane to present to the Utility Rate Study Committee the questions asked of Council at this meeting for consideration by the Utility Rate Study Committee in preparing its utility rate recommendations for Council. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Coastal  
Zone Management  
Public Hearing

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 8.25 pm.

Cheryl Keepers, CZM Coordinator, reviewed for Council the CZM document and the time schedule for Fall adoption of the final document.

Councilmember Buttane complimented Ms. Keepers and the Planning Department on the work done in preparing the report before Council.

Louie Andrew addressed Council with his concerns for the water front from the petro dock to Louse-town Slough, the road system for the area projected for development, and the placement of mini-parks in the Louse-town area. Mr. Andrew presented Council with a memorandum outlining his concerns.

Councilmember Buttane stated that Council and the Administration should inform Juneau that the sea-wall remains a top priority for the City of Bethel with respect to capital project funding for this year.

Mary Pavil requested that the Administration look into the concerns of the Louse-town residents with respect to the CZM report.

Councilmember Buttane stated that waste disposal by burning should be included under air quality in the CZM plan.

Item B Cont

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC HEARING CONT

Councilmember Binkley asked how the suggestions would be incorporated into the final document. Ms. Keepers stated that Council would have the final word as to what would be in the completed document.

Councilmember Binkley asked if AVCP and the IRA Councils had been involved in the CZM process. Ms. Keepers stated that DNC had been involved, but that AVCP was not directly involved because the document being prepared was primarily a Bethel document and not an area wide proposal.

Mayor Guinn read the minutes of the CZM public hearing of 3/24/83.

Frank Foster suggested delaying the date for final Council action on the Plan. He suggested holding five additional meetings, one meeting for each of the following topics:

- a. riverfront
- b. small boat harbor and Lousetown
- c. residential development
- d. commercial development
- e. public lands

Andy Edge and Jerry Korthuis agreed with the recommendation of Mr. Foster. City Planner Stigall reminded Council of the time constraints that the City was under as to adoption of the Plan.

motion

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Hoffman to hold 5 public meetings prior to April 25, with a 2nd public hearing on April 28 and the recommendation that Council participate in the inclusion of recommendations into the final document. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item C: Disco  
Building

DISCO BUILDING

City Manager Hoffman reviewed the status of the Disco Building and the reason for the termination of the lease - failure to make lease payments.

Bruce Werba, former lease holder, addressed Council concerning a new lease arrangement. Mr. Werba stated that he would make good any money owed the City under the old lease and would be agreeable to a year to year lease arrangement.

Item C Cont

DISCO BUILDING CONT

City Manager Hoffman stated that Police Chief Varnell has received complaints from residents in the area of the Disco relating to drinking and excessive noise outside the building early in the mornings of Disco operations. But it was also the understanding of the Administration that there was a need for a place for the post teenage residents of Bethel to go for entertainment. The Disco had served this function in the past.

Councilmember Binkley stated that any action on the Disco building would require a public bid as to a new lease once the termination of the old lease had occurred. Councilmember Binkley recommended referral of the matter to the Finance and Parks/Recreation Committee.

Speaking in opposition to continued operation of the Disco in its present location and manner of operation were Father Hargraves, Barb Knapp, Sharon Ausdahl, Councilmembers Hoffman, Anvil, and Buttane.

Mayor Guinn stated that the Administration was correct in closing the Disco but that there now exists the need for a place for adult recreation in Bethel.

Councilmember Hoffman stated that the Council had stated that the building would be sold and moved. The Council should now see that such action is taken.

motion

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Pavil to refer the question of the Disco Building to Finance and Parks/Recreation Committees. Poll vote, 5 yea, one nay (Hoffman voting no). Motion carried.

Council recessed from 9.50 - 10 pm.

motion

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Hoffman to go past 10 pm. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Ordinance  
No. 141.

ORDINANCE NO. 141, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Pavil to introduce Ordinance No. 141 and to set a public hearing on the Ordinance in 30 days. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Modifica-  
tion No. 1 of  
Ordinance no 97

MODIFICATION NO. 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97, AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PORT FACILITY FOR BETHEL

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the changes in the Ordinance which included substituting Harbormaster for Port Director and making the City Manager supervisor of the Harbormaster. A Harbormaster would be hired as soon as possible once the Ordinance was enacted.

City Manager Hoffman reviewed the Kuskokwim Transportation Company's agreement with the City concerning the operation of the dock. A question has arisen as to the involvement of Crowley Maritime, a mainline carrier, in the operation of the dock. Council had previously denied Crowley the right to receive the transfer of United Transportation's lease agreement to operate the dock. City Manager Hoffman stated that such an involvement by Crowley was viewed by Council as a conflict of interest and too costly with respect to future shipping rates.

The Administration had asked Ms. Jan Fredericks to address Council as to Crowley's reported 49% interest in Kuskokwim Transportation. Ms. Fredericks was not in attendance.

Councilmember Buttane stated that by amending the Ordinance, the City would retain oversight responsibility for the dock operation while the City continues to resolve the agreement conflict between itself and the Kuskokwim Transportation Corporation with regards to Crowley Maritime involvement in the operation.

Dwight Lefner of D & G Express and Spike McCray of Foss-Alaska spoke in opposition to Crowley's involvement in the dock operation.

Councilmember Buttane requested that a public hearing be set for the next council meeting on matter and that the Kuskokwim Corporation be requested to attend and that the Administration formally request an explanation of the organization of the Kuskokwim Corporation.

Item C: Vacation  
of Owl Street

VACATION OF OWL STREET

City Planner Stigall reviewed for Council the  
vacation request.

motion

M/M by Pavil, 2nd by Anvil to accept the Planning  
Commission's recommendation to vacate Owl Street.  
Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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motion

M/M to adjourn by Pavil. Meeting adjourned at  
10.30 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS *26<sup>th</sup>* DAY OF *April*, 1983.

ATTEST:

*Wayne J. Maiers*  
Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk

*John Guinn*  
John Guinn, Mayor

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