



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 26, 1979

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Manager Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers. Councilpersons present: Charles B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Twitchell. Councilpersons absent: Mayor Elliott and Gregory.

Manager Hoffman stated that Mayor Elliott was out of town and that the floor was open for nominations for Acting Mayor.

M/M by Councilperson Twitchell to nominate Councilperson Carpenter as the Acting Mayor. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOCATION

No invocation given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked if there was any correction on the Minutes of February 12, 1979.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve the Minutes of February 12, 1979 as written. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked if there was any corrections or additions needed on the Agenda of February 26, 1979.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to add to the Agenda under New Business., ITEM C., WATER & SEWER INCREASE & FISH TAX, ITEM D., BILLY McCANN'S TAXI PERMIT. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman stated that Tom Jensen of RCA Alaska Communications has notified him that they will be sponsoring a town hall meeting this Thursday, March 11, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers. They will be receiving the Community's views on their company present and future Tele-communications needs in the Bethel area.

The State of Alaska has sent Bethel its final payment under the State Revenue Sharing Program. Because of a shortage of funds they have only sent a Prorated Entitlement to Municipalities this year of 88.7% of all requested. The City was entitled to \$286,316., but will receive \$253,997., for a decrease of \$32,319., because of the prorated entitlement.

Manager Hoffman also stated that as a result of a survey conducted by the Insurance Services Offices last August, the City will receive a protection class improvement from a rating of Class 9 to a Class 8. The new classification will result in a decrease in fire insurance rates for many home owners in the City. This new rate will be effective on March 2, 1979. ISO has informed us that the overall effect is usually a reduction of 24% in costs. A copy of the letter from ISO has been handed out to you.

Manager Hoffman also received a letter from the Chairman of the Code Revision Commission, Mr. John Abbott, regarding the City of Bethel Resolution proposing a change in the current law to authorize local control of the number and types of licenses issued when a community votes from dry to wet status. Basically, it states that although they have held hearing on the issued they have decided that it is the Legislatures Councils, and ultimately the Legislatures right to make any changes. They will convey our position of this subject to them for consideration. Manager Hoffman also has given Council a copy of this letter for review.

Manager Hoffman stated that Jerry Gilliland of the U.S. Department of Interior has been holding a workshop today at the KVNA Building on ways to improve their communications services with this region. He is also here to answer any questions that you as Council might have.

Manager Hoffman said that at this time a representative from the Department of Interior might give a brief description of why they were holding a meeting and open it up for discussion for the Council as well as the public.

CONTINUED MANAGER'S REPORT

Wayne Dawson introduced Ron McKoy, Secretary of Interior from Anchorage, Bob Stevens, Fish & Wildlife, Mike Davis, and Carl Gidland, Bureau of Land Management.

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked is it true that the Division of Fish & Wildlife Service was going to open 506 new jobs?

Ron McKoy stated that the Division of Fish & Wildlife Services submitted a proposal to provide more jobs for the Legislatures request by HR-39, It has no guarantee at all.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Councilperson Twitchell of the Parks & Recreation stated that they had a meeting on February 21, 1979 and will give to Council proposals on the swimming pool. Also they elected a chairperson.

Acting Mayor Carpenter stated that Nancy Kraning and Fran Reich appeared before Calista and request land for the swimming pool and she extends her appreciation for their work.

Councilperson Charles of the Planning Commission stated that they had a worksession on Friday, the 23rd of February, the discussion that they had is Item A under New Business COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT.

Councilperon E. Hoffman stated that the Public Safety-Transportation Committee will meet on th 9th of March, 1979.

Acting Mayor Carpenter of the Finance Committttee said that they met on the 23rd of February and reviewed the audit and the Manager's Letter and the elimination of Housing subsidies for Department Heads and the Utility service rate increase to cover depreciation of the ASHA facility and charging for utility service to the City Employees.

Manager Hoffman stated that the Public/Environmental Health Committee met on February 21, 1979. Manager Hoffman also stated that B. Buttcanne gave an outline of the goals of BATC. Also that there were now three (3) full time counselors at the BATC.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT'S OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

M/M by Councilperson Charles to accept the Minuts of the Parks & Recreation, Finance Committee's and the Public/ Environmental Health Committee reports as written. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Acting Mayor Carpenter stated that she had several complaints on the matter of the Aging which was referred to Social-Economic & Cultural Committee.

Manager Hoffman commented that were are waiting for Mr. Plotnick's Office in Juneau, Office of Aging, before the recommendation is made to Council for consideration.

Councilperson E. Hoffman stated that he'd had a call from the NIA, National Indian Council, in Mexico and that Mary Poppy from the agency was coming to Bethel on the 8th of March and going to Toksook Bay on the 18th and to Quinhagak on the 21st.

Manager Hoffman stated that he'd look into the matter of how they plan on addressing the problem of Aging in Bethel.

Acting Mayor Carpenter said that the Dog Catcher should make a house to house check to see whether all the dogs in Bethel had a license etc. Also that spaying and neutering should be free of charge to the public to encourage them to have their animals spayed or neutered. Also, that another method of putting animals to sleep with less inhumanity such as "Sodium Penithol". Last that the Education be made part of the system such as talk show, this would make the public more aware of the Animal Control Program.

Councilperson Charles asked about the Bowling Alley?

Manager Hoffman stated since that last Council Meeting we have hired a Structural Engineer, Also a representative from Lane, Knorr and Plunkett was here in town and that he and the representatives when to the Bowling Alley to see the facility.

Councilperson Twitchell asked about the traffic light on Watson's corner? Councilperson Twitchell stated that the reason that he brought it up was cause of more pedestrian control.

Chief of Police stated that the pedestrian control here in Bethel is that the people like to cross the streets anytime and anyplace they please.

Manager Hoffman stated that at the present time he felt there isn't a need for a traffic light on Watson's corner only at 5:00 p.m., rush hour. Also he talked to Archie Watson and that Mr. Watson has chosen a lot in Ptarmigan Subdivision and that we plan to work with him to relocate his house to that lot, we have contacted the Department of Transportation and Highways and told them about the road problem and we have offered them Archie Watson's lot to correct the problem. They stated that they do not have it in their plan, but they will include it in their improvement plans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. CITY OF BETHEL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MANAGEMENT LETTER ENDING 9/30/78

Mr. Vern Johnson of Peat, Marwick & Mitchell stated that he has met with the Council and the Finance Committee all afternoon discussing the financial status with the City. Their main concern is to get the general deficit and get the City operation in the Black.

Mr. Vern Johnson gave some descriptions of the City of Bethel's deficit, which is \$427,483.00.

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman to accept ITEM A., CITY OF BETHEL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MANAGEMENT LETTER ENDING 9/30/78 as prepared by Peat, Marwick and Mitchell. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM B. COMMITTEE REPORT'S ON YELLOW CAB'S REQUEST FOR TWO MORE PERMITS

Manager Hoffman stated that at Council's request regarding Yellow Cab's request for two more permits, the Special Committee consisting of the following reports:

Donald Elliott, Mayor
Fay Short, Kusko Cab Owner
Clark Miller, Checker Cab Manager
Lyman Hoffma, City Manager
Ed Hoffman, Councilmember
Joe Mandregan, Cab Driver
Nancy Kraning, Assistant City Manager
David Kutch, Cab Driver
Thomas Blanchard, Yellow Cab Part Owner

Manager Hoffman stated that the statistics from Community and Regional Affairs and the Division of Motor Vehicles shows that the population and Motor Vehicle registration information from 1972 through 1978 show that the population increased by 28% and during the same period the number of passenger vehicles has increased 63.3% as a result of the number of passenger vehicles has increased 25% faster than population. This means that the average number of people per vehicle has decreased from 12 in 1978. Manager Hoffman stated that based on these statistics presented, if anything, the permits should be reduced.

T. Blanchard commented on behalf of Yellow Cab Company regarding two more permits.

A couple of the local cab driver's commented back and forth about the Yellow Cab's illegalness in running his cab company.

Acting Mayor Carpenter called for a 5 minute break.

Acting Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:05 p.m.

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman to accept the Committee's recommendation not to give Yellow Cab two more permits. On September 30, 1979, if Checker Cab does not taken the two permits holding they will automatically go to Yellow cab. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, B. Hoffman, Carpenter and Twitchell. Nay: E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

ITEM C. PUBLIC HEARING ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX ORDINANCE.

Acting Mayor Carpenter opened the Public Hearing on Motor Vehicle Registration Tax Ordinance to the public.

Councilperson E. Hoffman asked that ITEM C., PUBLIC HEARING ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX ORDINANCE., be tabled til March 26, 1979, and adertise so that interested public may know and attend.

Manager Hoffman stated that he called Frank Allen, Division of Motor Vehicles, to get an Annual Revenue Figure implemented by the City of Bethel, but he wasn't able to get it, it was still being compiled.

Manager Hoffman also stated that when he talked to our Attorney (Ben Esch) he stated that upon the adoption of the Ordinance the City of Bethel can levy the tax without holding an election.

Manager Hoffman went on to state what the statutes wrote.

Acting Mayor Carpenter closed the Public Hearing on Item C., Public Hearing on Motor Vehicle Registration Tax Ordinance to the Public.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to table ITEM C., PUBLIC HEARING ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX ORDINANCE and set a Public Hearing date for March 12, 1979. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT - DECISION ON A SEPERATE CZM PLAN FOR BETHEL OR A REGION CZM PLAN

Manager Hoffman stated that at the worksession last Friday between the Planning Commission and the Council they discussed whether or not we wanted to participate in a regional Coastal Zone Management or a seperate one. It was felt that we did not want to participate in the Regional one, that a seperate one would have more power to have a say so.

Manager Hoffman also stated that Oscarville and Napakiak were invited to participate with Bethel as one regional Coastal Zone Management unit.

Councilperson Twitchell translated in eskimo.

Manager Hoffman gave a brief description of the location and the size of the region to be affected. Also stated that a decision has to be made by the 2nd of March.

The Mayor of Napakiak stated that they (people of Napakiak) will have a meeting on the 27th of February, 1979 and invited 2 representatives from Bethel, City Manager, Lyman Hoffman and Councilmember B. Hoffman, to attend the meeting with a Resolution.

Councilperson E. Hoffman stated that if we do have our seperate region started maybe Nunapitchuk, Atmauthluak, and Kasigluk might join in with us because they have nothing to do with the coast.

M/M by Councilperson Charles that the Bethel City Council form a seperate CZM Program and invite Napakiak and Oscarville to participate with Bethel. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Resolution 254

ITEM B. RDA ASSISTANCE GRANT PREPLANNING APPLICATION

Randy Cry, Chief of Police, submitted a preplanning request for RDA, Community Regional Affairs, Community Development and the request is for \$28,672.00, the purpose is the segregation of juvenile offenders out of sight and out of sound. They need three things at this time:

- 1) A resolution of support from Council
- 2) Council elect a person who will be responsible for the completion of the grant, Randy Cry stated that he'd like to do it.
- 3) Grant administration Committee, he suggested the Public Safety/Transportation Committee.

Manager Hoffman stated that we should put the City Manager or his designee to be at the heading of the grant just in case we do get into some hassle.

Some comments on the subject.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to go past 10:00 p.m. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

R. Porter suggested that instead of building an addition to the Police Department, that the PD use the receiving home as a place for juveniles.

Randy Cry commented that the majority of the offenders are a threat to the community and threat to their own lives and we do have quite a few juveniles with serious offences.

Some discussion on the subject.

M/M by Councilperson Twitchell to accept ITEM B, RDA ASSISTANCE GRANT PREPLANNING APPLICATION & approve Resolution #254. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Charles B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Twitchell. Motion carried.

ITEM C. WATER SEWER INCREASE AND FISH TAX.

Councilperson E. Hoffman stated that we have a Public Hearing on Water & Sewer Rates & Fish Tax, on March 26, 1979.

Manager Hoffman stated that the rates have not been increased for about 2 years.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to set a Public Hearing on March 26, 1979 to set the Water & Sewer Increase & Fish Tax. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM D. BILLY McCANN

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to approve Item D.,
McCANN PERMIT, between Napakiak and Bethel. Voice vote
was taken. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Councilperson Charles to adjourn. Voice vote
was taken. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 10:30 P.M.

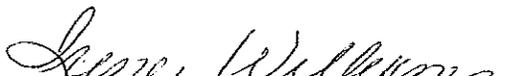
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th day of March
1979.

APPROVED BY:



Don Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:


Irene Williams, City Clerk