

- CALL TO ORDER Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
- ROLL CALL Present: Anvil, Carpenter, Dale, Hoffman, Trantham and Warner.  
Absent: Kelly (on business travel).
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to approve the minutes of 6/16/88. Voice vote, motion carried.
- motion M/M by Warner, 2nd by Anvil to approve the minutes of 6/28/88. Voice vote, motion carried.
- motion M/M by Anvil, 2nd by Dale to approve the minutes of 6/30/88 minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA M/M by Anvil, 2nd by Warner to approve the agenda as presented.
- Councilman Trantham expressed his concerns of receiving Council packets the day of the meetings, and that at least 2 day notice was required. Wanted public to know that he is fed up with receiving packets late. Mayor Carpenter briefly reminded Councilman Trantham that the City just got through with 1 of the 4 elections coming up and being short staffed at the office did not help much either.
- Voice vote, motion carried. Councilman Trantham opposing the motion.
- MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Carpenter reported to Council on the following subject matters:  
- stated it was a busy week as there were number of visitors in town on City business;  
- met with Dave Karp of CEDC regarding tourism;  
- assisted in hosting for the NASA personnel at KuC College - with a good turn out;  
- reported that City Manager Chinn and herself went to Anchorage to meet with AML/JIA regarding recent changes with the AML/JIA Insurance agreement. The rest of the report would be given in Executive session.
- MANAGER'S REPORT City Manager Chinn reported the following items to Council:  
- updated report on status of the jobs bill:  
bulkhead by the Ausdahl's residence; leveling Pinky's Park beautification; safety issues; bouy at the Boat Harbor; Office help at Harbor Master's office; boardwalk projects on main & 5th avenue; repair Small Boat Harbor with gravel and the ramp; report filed with State regarding affirmative action; Jordon Suhr of JMM Montgomery Engineering working on limited design work on the south end of Harbor ramp accomplished; publish on radio that safety ladders along the seawall are for emergency use only.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
continued

Met with chairman of the Port Commission regarding the boat ramp; Harbormaster Connick reported that depth sounding accomplished; Sales tax auditor Doug Hansen had initiated 2 different audits; met with Resource Development Council; met with John Guinn of AVCP HA; discussion with Council regarding the Court system needing more space at the Court Building. One of their possibilities is to bring in an ATCO building and add on to the Court or have City Offices relocate to another facility. Setting a public hearing with the Court system was discussed; Indicated that Purchasing Department had transferred from City Shop to the Braund Building; reported that he is waiting for a response from DEC regarding asbestos with the Kilbuck lift station; requisition for purchase of utility truck was sent to purchasing department for preparation of necessary papers for the interested bidders; Councilman Trantham asked for an update on the Washington, D.C. trip - City Manager Chinn indicated that he had not prepared the report yet, but that Planning Technician Little was in the process of drafting one; City Manager Chinn requested that his vacation be approved from 8/7/88 to 8/22/88; Councilman Trantham requested that he be provided with a copy of a written bi-weekly itemized financial report since he hasn't recieved any from the previous requests.

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REPORT

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Acting Police Chief Chris Liu reported to Council on latest police report status. Indicated that they had received a total of 1,016 calls within the last 4 weeks. Of that number there were 100 arrests with 116 under protective custody, which 24 of those were Bethel residents. Concluded his report by indicating that only 1 position was left to fill in the Community Service Officer's positions.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

Councilman Trantham expressed his concerns of the safety ladders being used for other purposes than for emergency use, wondered if Police Department could watch the seawall and the Cargo Dock area for any vandalism. Acting Chief Liu indicated that the River Patrol is currently not in service since the State Troopers are tied up with other important business, but that there were 2 boats on stand by for any emergencies. Councilman Dale expressed his concerns of filling the Finance Director position; City Mgr. Chinn indicated that he is currently checking on references while at the same time looking for more candidates. Councilman Hoffman expressed the concern of changing voting Precinct 1 - KVNA to either Joe Lomack building or another location since KVNA does not have water, heat or bathroom.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to look into other possibilities for voting precinct. Voice vote, motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT  
continued

Councilman Trantham expressed concerns of too much traveling within the City administration, and felt traveling should be cut down. Further expressed that the Travel Policies & Procedures needed to be updated and more trip reports filled out.

REPORTS OF STANDING  
COMMITTEES

Councilman Trantham reported that during the Port Commission meeting, following decisions were made: request City to advertise for one vacancy in the commission; concern with safety hazard of the North Ramp at the Harbor; lack of steps at Harbor's office; concern of no parking lot at North end of Small Boat Harbor; status of the south end ramp and the finger floats; concern of the \$150,000 for the finger floats from the Jobs bill - money may lapse in June 30, 1989; Committee requested to meet with Council either 8/9/88 or 8/11/88 regarding their concerns - Council concurred; concerned of the Binkley property since it is a legal matter.

Planning Technician Little reported on behalf of the Planning Commission and presented the following to Council: 1 commission position to be vacant Sept 1; ONC had indicated that there was no funds to work on his residence and that assurance was also given that insulation and heater would be added to his house for this winter; concluded by reporting that if City can secure land by 9/30/88 ONC would secure funds for house construction next year.

Councilman Dale indicated that he was no longer the Chairman for the Finance committee and thought Mr. Jack Flood was the Chair now. Mayor Carpenter indicated that the Chamber of Commerce had worksession on the sales tax ordinance and wanted Finance Committee to hold worksessions on issue.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

motion

Joerene Hout approached Council requesting that her 200 gallon water tank and 300 gallon septic tank be waived since one of her units does not meet the current ordinance requirements, and that she had a problem with this for years. Mayor Carpenter suggested that she be granted waiver until such time the ordinance can be changed. M/M by Dale, 2nd by Anvil, that a temporary waiver regarding water/sewer tank sizes for the building at 110 N. Avenue be granted to Joerene Hout until such time when the water/sewer ordinance can be changed. Voice vote, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
Item A: Dog Pound  
(1) Dog Cages

DOG POUND - DOG CAGES

City Manager Chinn informed Council that the dogs were currently temporarily holding on the Public Works yard until the cage and power situation are handled and installed. Acting Police Chief Liu presented Council for their consideration for cages. Concluded by recommending that Council approve the purchase of 18 cages with 2 puppy cages from Lower 48 and not from Anchorage, since they are cheaper.

Item A: Dog Pound- M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to purchase 18 cages  
(1) Dog Cages cont. with 2 puppy cages for \$17,028.00 taken out of the  
contingency account. Poll Vote, motion carried.

Item A: Dog Pound- DOG POUND - POWER  
(2) Power

Council discussed with City Manager Chinn the proposal received from Bethel Utilities. The proposal included a complete system with poles, anchors, conductors and transformers from the City Shop directly to the dog pound. Councilman Dale expressed concern of the purchase order not being signed in a timely manner since as discussed previously; felt it was another needless delay. Council discussed which fund(s) to take out from for the power purposes.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Dale, to accept Bethel Utilities proposal for the new dog pound and to be taken out of two funds: Police Department - specifically from the River patrol since it's not in operation; and the contingency account not to exceed \$12,500.00 plus hook-up fees that are normally required. Poll vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:  
Item A: Canvassing/  
Certification of  
Election

CANVASSING / CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

After City Clerk McGowan presented the Council with unofficial results, Council proceeded to canvass the question and absentee ballots.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Warner to certify and accept the results of the election of July 26, 1988 with the total results being: YES = 225 and NO = 442. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item B: Pump House  
Upgrade

PUMPHOUSE UPGRADE

City Manager Chinn and Council discussed in length the Pumphouse Upgrade issue in detail - mainly focussing on sand blasting the 100,000 gallon water tank and the pressure pump.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Dale that an RFP process be initiated for refurbishing the inner water tanks, to be paid out of excess of water/sewer monies. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item C: Proposed  
Protective Custody  
Plan

PROPOSED PROTECTIVE CUSTODY PLAN

Mayor Carpenter reported to Council that involved agencies met regarding a plan for protective custody issue. Since as of January 1, the State would allow only 2 PC's per jail cell, forcing the City to find other options. Further stated that there might be emergency funds available in Juneau to deal with the problem; but in order to get support, City would have to be in agreement on the issue. The following plan was agreed upon in concept: City of Bethel run a Community Center where an EMT examines would be

Item C: Protective  
Custody Plan cont.

provided. Then the person might be sent home or to some other home that would receive them. If that was not the option and the individual was disorderly, argumentative or otherwise a problem, they would be taken to the jail. If their blood alcohol level was very high or other serious health problems, they would be taken to the hospital. If they were just drunk and needed to sleep it off, they would stay at the reception center overnight. The Reception center would have 4 to 6 cells to use, and facility would need to be opened by January 1, 1989.

Mayor Carpenter further stated that the other part of the service needed would be detox beds. These would be for those who needed more assistance than just being held for 24 hours and released. This service would attempt to provide individuals with services such as counseling, nourishment and efforts to get people into treatment. This portion of the project would probably not begin until July 1, 1989, however, the planning and securing of a building would have to be done prior to that. Options for paying for the pick ups had been discussed also. Representative agencies had expressed concern of charging individuals picked up and make them responsible for their behavior. After a lengthy discussion the Council concurred on the following plan: a) the City needs to take responsibility for this issue; b) City would operate the service(s), but would subcontract it out; c) funds would have to come from the State; d) Billing for services would be necessary, and could be done with billing system already in place at the Fire Department; e) the \$120,000 PATC building monies would be left for the PATC facility and not be used for this project as there are some problems with the sprinkler system and roof which will need attention.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Anvil that Council approve the conceptual protective custody plan as presented with the provision that charges for services be built in at the beginning; that the old Guinn Lumber building be examined as a facility and that the remaining PATC grant monies not be used for this project. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item D: Executive  
Session  
motion

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Trantham to go into Executive Session to discuss the following issues: a) legal matters; b) AML/JIA Board Report; c) City Manager's one year evaluation; d) City Clerk's six month evaluation, with no action anticipated. Voice vote, motion carried.

Council went into executive session at 11:24 p.m.

Item D: Executive  
Session continued

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Hoffman to get out of Execu-  
tive session. Voice vote, motion carried. Council  
came out of executive session at 12:06 p.m.

Mayor Carpenter briefly indicated that the City  
Clerk's evaluation was successful, and that she did  
a good job for her six months and with her special  
elections. Council concurred with the Mayor.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Hoffman to adjourn the meeting  
of 07/28/88 at 12:15 p.m. Voice vote, motion  
carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 1988.

Diane Carpenter  
Diane Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna McGowan  
Anna McGowan, City Clerk