

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bainton called the meeting to order at 7.30.

ROLL CALL

All present except for Clark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Chris to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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Mayor Bainton, with the concurrence of Council, appointed Kathy Olson to the Planning Commission.

COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS

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Councilmember Carpenter inquired as to the status of the PATC Advisory Board. Mayor Bainton informed Council that letters have been sent to potential board members requesting their participation.

Councilmember Reich asked if management was going to publish the names of delinquent accounts and the amount owed. City Manager Widom indicated that Administration was not planning to publish such a list. Councilmember Reich asked if the Mayor had been contacted concerning Councilmember Clark's status. Mayor Bainton noted that she has not been contacted by Mr. Clark about his continued participation on Council but that Bethel residents interested in serving on Council should submit a letter of interest to the Mayor.

Councilmember Chris requested that the City dumpster trucks be painted a lighter color for easier viewing.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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City Manager Widom reported on the following:

- a. apologized to Council and the residents of Bethel for comments made at last week's work session
- b. informed Council that the rumor stating that he was leaving was premature
- c. asked Council to add to the agenda Item C under New Business : Financial Advisory Service
M/M by Warner, 2nd by Reich to add Item C to the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.
- d. reviewed for Council meetings attended while at Juneau
- e. informed Council that the City has begun conducting sales tax audits

motion

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Widom

Councilmember Warner asked if the City had decided on an auditing firm for next year. City Manager Warner suggested that Council review the matter of an auditing firm for next year with Finance Director Donnell at a Council work session next Tuesday.

Mayor Bainton inquired if Council wished to respond to the Y-K Goose Management Plan. Council expressed its support for the plan.

Councilmember Warner asked if the engineer's report on the seawall required any Council action. City Manager Widom suggested that Council review the TAMS recommendations at the work session. Councilmember Warner asked if the wharfage rate for gravel is under review by the Port Commission. Port Commissioner Chris reported that the Port Commission had approved the \$2.00 rate for gravel and that the Commission's recommendation would be before Council in the near future.

Bobbie Garthwaite of the Tundra Drums requested a copy of the Manager's Report and asked that a summary of the report be made available to the public. A discussion took place about the need to make the Manager's Report available to the public. City Manager Widom expressed his need to be able to communicate in a confidential manner with Council and his fear that if the Manager's Report is published that it may result in a less candid report for Council, both from himself and Department Heads. Councilmember Chris suggested that the Manager and Council use executive session if necessary to discuss confidential matters. Councilmember Warner expressed his concern about balancing the public's right to know and the Manager's ability to address issues with the Council in a confidential manner. All Councilmembers noted that the Manager's Report, in its present form, enabled them to better address City issues. Rosie Porter of the Tundra Drums reminded Council that Alaska law required public access to public records. City Manager Widom suggested that the matter be reviewed at the Council work session.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES

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Port Commissioner Chris reported on the Port Commission meeting noting that the Commission had approved, and would recommend to Council, a \$2.00 a ton gravel wharfage rate.

Councilmember Carpenter reported on the activities of the Transportation Commission noting that the Commission has 3 openings.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

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Vicki Malone asked if the revision of the sales tax ordinance was underway. City Manager Widom noted that the revision would begin after the present sales tax audits are completed and that a workshop on the sales tax ordinance will be held in conjunction with the revision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DAY CARE FUNDING REQUEST

Item A: Day Care
Funding Request

Mayor Bainton reviewed for Council the request for funding by Bethel Community Services Day Care and opened the meeting for public discussion. Patty Zulkowsky, representing parents of day care children, read a letter to Council expressing their support of the day care funding request.

Mary Whitaker of Bethel Community Services reviewed for Council BCS's request for funding, as follows:

- a. \$10,000 (total for April and May)
- b. forgiveness of \$4000 in sewer costs owed to the City
- c. \$10,000 next fiscal year
- d. no City utility charge for next fiscal year

Councilmembers Warner, Bainton, Chris, and Aloysius expressed concern about Council funding of the day care program. Councilmember Carpenter expressed support for the request. Councilmember Reich expressed support for the request if BCS would restructure its Board of Directors.

motion

M/M by Chris, 2nd by Carpenter to donate \$10,000 to BCS for the day care program if the amount is matched by service agencies in the community; to forgive the \$4000 sewage debt owed the City by BCS; to place in the FY '87 City budget \$10,000 for the day care program if legislative funding is received by the day care program. Poll vote, motion failed: yes: Carpenter, Chris;
no: Aloysius, Bainton, Reich, Warner

City Manager Widom expressed his concern about the forgiveness of the sewage debt noting for Council that such an action could weaken Administration's effort to collect back money owed the City.

motion

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Chris to donate matching funds of \$8,000 to BCS day care for the balance of this fiscal year. Poll vote, motion failed:
yes: Carpenter, Chris
no: Aloysius, Bainton, Reich, Warner

Council recessed from 9.10 - 920 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Better
Living Center
Funding Request

BETTER LIVING CENTER REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Mayor Bainton reviewed for Council the request for funding assistance by the Better Living Center.

Mayor Bainton suggested that the agency should re-submit its request for funds during the FY '87 budget process.

Council took no action on the request.

Item B: Legal
Matters

LEGAL MATTERS

City Attorney Garnett reviewed for Council the status of cases involving the City.

Councilmember Reich expressed his support for a strong legal position by the City.

Item C: Financial
Advisory Service

FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICE

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council his request to retain the First Southwest Company as consultants on bonding for the City/Court building expansion.

motion

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Reich directing the City Administration to enter into an agreement with First Southwest Company for financial advisory services related to bond funding for expansion of the City/Court building. Poll vote, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Linda Curda requested that Council reconsider its denial of funding for the day care. Council took no action on the request.

motion

M/M by Warner to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 1986.

ATTEST:

Wayne J. Maiers
Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk

Marge Bainton
Marge Bainton, Mayor