

CITY OF BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 1981

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 p.m.

MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Guinn.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles, Twitchell, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn.

Absent: Elliott and B. Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Clerk Walker read the summary report for both the July 22, 1981 regular Council Meeting, and the August 5, 1981 special Council Meeting.

Motion

M/M by Charles, seconded by E. Hoffman to approve the minutes of the July 22, 1981 regular Council Meeting, and the August 5, 1981 special Council Meeting as read.

Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn requested the following changes be made to the Agenda:

Deletions: Item C. under New Business

Additions: Item D. under New Business, become Item C.
Item D. under New Business, Reclassification
Study Introduction,

Item E. under New Business, TWC Resolution

Item F. under New Business, Recreation
Building.

Motion

M/M by Carpenter, seconded by Charles to approve the agenda for the August 25, 1981 regular City Council Meeting with the above stated changes.

Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

MANAGERS REPORT

Assistant City Manager Kraning gave a report on the following items:

- 1) The next Mayors Conference will be held October 26, 27, and 28, 1981. Chief Eddie Hoffman, on behalf of the Mayors of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta called the Lt. Governors Office, and requested that Lt. Governor Miller attend the meeting.

- 2) Tom Brennan, Public Relations Counselor for Alaska Management Consultants representing fourteen oil companies will be in Bethel on October 1, 1981 for a meeting with the general public for their input into oil exploration in the area. It will be announced in the local paper, and posted around town.

MAYORS
REPORT

None

REPORTS OF
STANDING
COMMITTEES

Diane Carpenter, gave a report on two Finance Committee Meetings:
July 22, 1981 - There were four recommendations to Council.

- 1) Utility Billing Late Charges - The Finance Committee recommends to Council that a late fee not be levied at this time, but to wait until the billings are current, and old accounts cleaned up.
- 2) A subcommittee with representation from the Finance Committee and the Public Works Committee be formed to review the current Utility Rate Structure, and make appropriate recommendations.
- 3) Sales Tax Payment - to accept land in exchange for cash. The Finance Committee recommends that the City Council accept George Charles proposal of Lot 8 Block 2 of TundraRidge Subdivision in lieu of Sales Tax owed the City.
- 4) Recommendation of acceptance of the Capital Improvements Projects for this fiscal year.

August 18, 1981 - no specific recommendation. During this meeting the new budget review system was discussed. There was also discussion on the Fixed Asset Inventory being done for the City by Steve Walker.

Motion

M/M by Charles, seconded by Twitchell to accept the reports of the Finance Committee as presented.

Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

PEOPLE
TO BE
HEARD

Council member E. Hoffman brought up a point of interest concerning the pick-up of intoxicated persons by the Phillips Alcoholism Treatment Center Detox Attendants.

Mr. E. Hoffman sited one example in particular in which he witnessed a person being mistreated.

His suggestion was that the picking up of intoxicated persons be the responsibility of the Police Department.

Mayor Guinn responded, and suggested that the Police Chief and Administration investigate the possibility of courses being taught to Detox Attendants by the

Police Department on non-violent arrests, and that any possible violent arrests be made by the Police.

Andy Edge had a question of the legality of P.A.T.C. picking up intoxicated persons.

Diane Carpenter questioned whether the drivers had any formal training in the handling of non-violent arrests, and to know that excessive force is not necessary.

Motion

M/M by Carpenter, seconded by Charles to direct the City Administration to work with the Police Department to set up a training program for P.A.T.C. Drivers in the pick-up of intoxicated persons.

Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Carpenter wanted to know if the sand pad at the Twenty-One Acre Park was going to be stabilized in any way in order to prevent the sand from blowing away.

Assistant Manager Kraning responded that Parks and Recreation Director Jane Dudley had purchased grass seed, and planned to seed the field the first week of September.

Andy Edge expressed concern on management procedures of the Dock Facility Project. He questioned the Council about the hearing held by the Department of Transportation and whether there had been response back from them.

Assistant Manager Kraning stated that D.O.T was in Bethel today. Dan Boyette elaborated on their meeting.

Mr. Boyette responded that the City is currently working on additional information needed by the Department of Transportation, and should have that material to D.O.T. soon.

There was discussion on the issue.

Mr. Edge also questioned the amount of money going into Bethel area projects.

Edge is concerned that Bethel is using money directed for Bethel and surrounding villages strictly for Bethel itself.

There was discussion on the issue.

Patty Callahan approached Council with the idea of actively pursuing the possibility of getting a Veterinarian in Bethel full time. She stated that she has received lots of positive support from the community so far.

There was discussion on the issue.

Mrs. Callahan asked that the Council appoint someone from the City staff to aid a Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mayor Guinn appointed Dan Boyette to be on the Citizens Advisory Committee, and report to Council.

Dan Boyette accepted.

RECESS

Council recessed at 8:45 p.m.

BACK TO ORDER

Mayor Guinn called the meeting back to order at 9:50 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. RESOLUTION #342, A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO INITIATE STEPS AND TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BETHEL NATIVE CORPORATION IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE A SITE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL.

City Clerk Walker read the Resolution to Council.

Discussion on the issue.

Motion M/M by Carpenter, seconded by Twitchell to adopt Resolution #342, a resolution of the Bethel City Council directing the City Administration to initiate steps and to begin immediate negotiations with the Bethel Native Corporation in order to acquire a site for the placement of a Regional Correctional Facility within the City of Bethel.

Poll vote was taken; Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Carpenter and Guinn. Nays: None. E. Hoffman abstained with cause.

Motion carried.

ITEM B. RESOLUTION #337, A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS AND SEEK TO ACQUIRE LANDS FROM THE BETHEL NATIVE CORPORATION, UNDER ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT 14 C(3) LAND RECONVEYANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SMALL BOAT HARBOR.

City Clerk Walker read the Resolution to Council.

There was discussion on the issue.

Motion M/M by Charles, seconded by Twitchell to adopt Resolution #337, a resolution of the Bethel City Council directing

the City Administration to begin negotiations and seek to acquire lands from the Bethel Native Corporation, under Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act 14 C(3) land reconveyance, for the purpose of creating a small boat harbor.

Poll vote was taken; Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Carpenter and Guinn. Nays: None. E. Hoffman abstained with cause.

Motion carried.

ITEM C. CONSIDERATION OF A T.R.W. PROPOSAL TO CLOSE OUT THE THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT.

Assistant Manager Kraning explained the proposal to Council.

Rosie questioned whether the City was acting actively enough in T.R.W.'s action in the City of Bethel.

There was discussion on the issue.

M/M by Carpenter, seconded by E. Hoffman to accept T.R.W.'s proposal to close out the Thermal Energy Storage Project.

Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Charles request that Item E., T.W.C. Resolution, be handled by Council first.

There was no disagreement from Council.

ITEM E. T.W.C. RESOLUTION

Corliss Cooper, President of the Board of Directors presented the Tundra Womens' Coalition proposal to the Council.

T.W.C. has a alternative Resolution to offer the City of Bethel rather than the agreement drawn up by the City's Attorney, Ben Esch. T.W.C.'s objection is the amount of Administration dollars being taken out of the grant money by the City of Bethel.

Dan Boyette responded.

There was discussion on the issue.

Mayor Guinn suggested that the agreement be accepted with the Administrative figure of two (2) percent.

There was discussion on the amount of Administrative dollars to be received by the City of Bethel.

Motion M/M by E. Hoffman, seconded by Twitchell to direct Administration to draft an agreement similar to Bethel Social Services, allowing the City of Bethel to hold back five (5) percent of the total grant monies. Three (3) percent to be for cost overruns, and two (2) percent for Administrative costs.

Poll vote was taken; Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ITEM A. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Tony Stigall explained to the Council that Joe Sullivan who had been filling the vacant seat of Andy Anderson, would like to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Guinn stated that if there were no objections, he would like to appoint Joe Sullivan to the vacant seat on the Planning Commission.

There were no objections.

ITEM B. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITY OF BETHEL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1981-82 AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Nancy Kraning explained the budget introduction to the Council.

Motion M/M by E. Hoffman, seconded by Twitchell to introduce an ordinance establishing a City of Bethel budget for fiscal year 1981-82, and set an effective date of September 16, 1981.

Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

ITEM C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, APPROVING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENTITLEMENT FUND PROGRAM.

Nancy Kraning stated to Council the projects requesting funding and the amount of each. They are as follows:

- 1) \$1,517,240 - Public Utility Maintenance Shop
- 2) 500,000 - Police Station
- 3) 25,000 - Anti litter program (metal crusher)
- 4) 25,000 - River Patrol boat

Gary Volkman expanded on the Utility Maintenance Shop Project.

There was discussion on the issue.

Carpenter recommended that the Planning Commission make a recommendation on the Utility Maintenance Shop, and the priority list at their September 1, 1981 meeting.

Motion

M/M by Carpenter, seconded by E. Hoffman that a Public Hearing be set for September 16, 1981, that prior to that date it be placed on the Planning Commission agenda, and that prior to election the City Manager and Public Works Director hold a Yuk to Yuk as well as advertisement in the local paper.

There was further discussion on the advertising of the options open to the public.

Poll vote was taken; Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

ITEM D.

RECLASSIFICATION STUDY INTRODUCTION

Tony Stigall introduced the Reclassification Study being done by Darbyshire and Associates to the Council.

He stated that the goal of the Planning Department and the Planning Commission is to make the public aware of the reclassification option, and not to back one side or the other.

He also stated that there are two Public hearings scheduled; September 3, 1981 and September 16, 1981.

There was discussion on the issue.

ITEM F.

RECREATION BUILDING

Mayor Guinn requested a motion be made to allow the meeting to continue past 10:00 p.m.

Motion

M/M by E. Hoffman, seconded by Twitchell to continue the Council Meeting past 10:00 p.m.

Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Eddie Hoffman stated to Council that he believes that the City is not being responsible enough to the Children of Bethel. The Teen Center has not been built, and there is not an appropriate place for them to congregate.

E. Hoffman reported that Swansons has offered to move the present Recreation Building back approximately

sixty (60) feet at no cost to the City.

Mayor Guinn stated that if there is going to be an alternative moving site for the Recreation Building, it should be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation to Council.

Rosie Porter suggested that the building be looked at seriously before moving it.

Council agreed to refer the option of moving the Recreation Building to the Planning Commission and the Public Works Committee. Both Committees are to report back to Council with their recommendations.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mayor Guinn asked to have a motion to go into Executive Session.

Motion

M/M by E. Hoffman, seconded by Charles to have the Council recess for an Executive Session.

Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Executive Session began at 10:15 p.m.

BACK TO ORDER

Mayor Guinn called the meeting back to order at 10:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

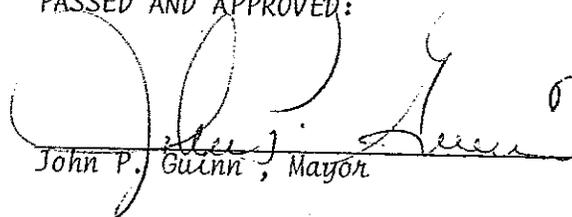
Motion

M/M by Twitchell, seconded by Charles to adjourn Council Meeting.

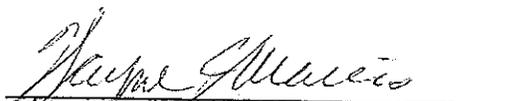
Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED:


John P. Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk
9-16-81