



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 24, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:40 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:40 P.M.
Present: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick.
Absent: Alexie.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Father Hinsvark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Guinn to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 1977 Regular Council Meeting as written.
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Peltola recommended that Item A. under New Business be changed to "Councilman Alexie's Resignation and Election of New Council Member", and that subsequent item headings be consecutively changed to reflect the addition of the new Item A.

Councilman Guinn recommended the addition of Item G. entitled "Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for Bethel's "VFW".

Manager Bartlett recommended the additions of Item H. entitled "Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for City of Bethel's Catholic Church", Item I. entitled "Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for Yukon/Kuskokwim State Fair, Inc.", and Item J. entitled "Resolution #184 (Approval of Submission of the City of Bethel's Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority Application)".

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M/M by Councilman Elliott that a new Item A. under New Business be added entitled "Councilman Alexie's Resignation and Ratification of New Council Member"; that subsequent item headings be consecutively changed to reflect the addition of the new Item A.; that there be added an Item G. entitled "Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for Bethel's VFW"; that there be added Item H. entitled "Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for City of Bethel's Catholic Church"; that there be added an Item I. entitled "Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for Yukon/Kuskokwim State Fair, Inc."; and that there be added Item J. entitled "Resolution #184 (Approval of Submission of the City of Bethel's Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority Applications)"; and that Council approve the January 24, 1977 Agenda as amended.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Bartlett distributed a letter from the Alaska State Legislature addressed to Mayor Peltola with Senate Bills #32, #35 and #47 attached. Senate Bill #32 is entitled "An Act relating to revenue sharing with municipalities providing transportation facilities or services"; Senate Bill #35 is entitled "An Act providing for assessment levy and collection of a tax on developed land within the unorganized borough; and providing for an effective date"; and Senate Bill #47 is entitled "An Act allowing municipal property tax exemptions for certain improvements to real property".

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Bartlett reported on the dedication ceremony and open house for the Municipal Offices/Courthouse Building on January 31, 1977 at 3:00 P.M., and requested Council members to remind him of anyone excluded from the invitation list for the dedication ceremony. Secondly, Manager Bartlett requested Council ratification to change the Municipality's check signing card to reflect the City Clerk's married name. M/M by Councilman Guinn to ratify the change in the Municipality's check signing card.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Guinn announced the Personnel Committee's selection of Ms. Nellie Coolidge for the position of Museum Director on the basis of her background and knowledge of native culture.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to ratify Ms. Nellie Coolidge as the new Museum Director.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Councilman Hinsvark reported the first meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee as one of orientation and stated that a skeletal five year plan was being mapped, and that decisions for facilities and programs relative to the City's 21 acre park site are in the process of being reviewed.

Councilman Stichick reported that the Public Safety Committee would meet Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Eddie Hoffman requested that the City Manager be authorized to sign KVNA's Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill, stating that the KVNA had not received the permit application as of today and would need to file the application by July 31, 1977.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to authorize the City Manager to sign KVNA's Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill, if in proper order when received.

Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A. Mayor's Appointment of Committee Members to Standing Committees of City Council

Councilman Guinn reported that Councilman Hinsvark was now officially installed on the Personnel Committee, because of Councilman Alexie's resignation.

Manager Bartlett introduced Resolution #185 (A Resolution of the City of Bethel, Alaska, Providing for the Establishment of Standing Committees of City Council and Procedures Thereof) and recommended that Council adopt Resolution #185.

M/M be Councilman Guinn to adopt Resolution #185 (A Resolution of the City of Bethel, Alaska, Providing for the Establishment of Standing Committees of City Council and Procedures Thereof).

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item B. Introduction of the City of Bethel's Goals and Objectives for FY 1977

Manager Bartlett stated that this item of business had been thoroughly discussed at a Council work session and remains only to be written up.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Councilman Alexie's Resignation and Ratification of New Council Member

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Manager Bartlett distributed a photocopied page from the August 11, 1976 Regular Council Meeting as a format for resignation and installation of Council members. Manager Bartlett itemized the procedures, beginning with step 2) under Item A.: 2) accept (Councilman Alexie's) resignation as a Council member and declare his seat vacant by formal motion; 3) the Mayor is then to propose a candidate to fill the vacant Council seat; 4) Council then votes by secret ballot on the nomination; and 5) if the nominee fails to obtain a majority vote, the Mayor is then responsible for proposing a new nominee and the voting process is repeated. The new Council member will serve until the next general election and until such time that the new members of Council are seated after the election. The qualifications for a nominee to City Council are that he or she be 18 years of age or older, has resided in Bethel for 30 days prior to being nominated and appointed, and that he or she is a citizen of the United State and is not barred by other laws from participating on City Council.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to accept the resignation of Councilman Alexie and to declare his seat vacant.
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mayor Peltola then nominated Louise Charles for Council's acceptance or rejection, citing his selection was based on her being a native, a woman, a long time resident of Bethel and one who would be active on Council.
Council then balloted secretly, resulting in five affirmative votes and one negative vote. Louise Charles then took Oath of Office, administered by the City Clerk.

Mayor Peltola directed that Councilwoman Charles be presented with a backlog of Council business and Robert's Rules of Order to orient herself.

Item B. Resolution #183 (City of Bethel Seawall Project)

Manager Bartlett introduced Resolution #183 (A Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a New Seawall by the Association of Village Council Presidents and the City Council Within the City of Bethel's Jurisdictional Boundaries), and queried if such were acceptable to Mr. Hoffman, as President of AVCP.

Mr. Hoffman approved of Resolution #183.

M/M by Councilman Stichick to adopt Resolution #183 (A Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a New Seawall by the Association of Village Council Presidents and the City Council Within the City of Bethel's Jurisdictional Boundaries).

Councilman Hinsvark, prior to voting, questioned the plan of action as

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referenced in the resolution.

Manager Bartlett returned that the plan was to contact the area's congressional delegation for support in the construction of a seawall. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item C. Public Hearing on Ordinance #88 (An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of Bethel, Alaska, of \$795,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Bethel to Pay the Costs of Planning, Designing, Construction and Equipping the Bethel Court Building Located within the City of Bethel, at the Election to be Held for that Purpose in Bethel on February 22, 1977)

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #88 (An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of Bethel, Alaska, of the Question of Issuance of \$795,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Bethel to Pay the Costs of Planning, Designing, Construction and Equipping the Bethel Court Building Located within the City of Bethel, at the Election to be Held for that Purpose in Bethel on February 22, 1977) with a second reading.

Councilman Guinn requested that Manager Bartlett explain the advantages of the bond issue to the public.

Manager Bartlett summarized that the City has a one year interim construction loan of \$562,000.00 at 10½% interest from the National Bank of Alaska which will terminate in May of this year, and that the City has funded the balance of the project. In May, the City has a choice to either sign a long term debt obligation with the First National Bank of Anchorage or pay back the \$562,000.00. If the Bond issue is ratified, the City will 1) recover its entire investment and will have ten to fifteen years to pay back the bonds; 2) reduce the 10½% interest between 5.8 to 6.2%; and 3) be able to adjust the number of years to pay back the bonds. Manager Bartlett reiterated that the bond issue would be the most monetarily advantageous manner in which to finance the courthouse building. The bonds will take seven to eight weeks to sell, and will be sold by the Alaska Bond Bank, not the City. According to the Statutes, Council must adopt an ordinance in order to submit the issue to the voters. Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #88 (An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of Bethel, Alaska, of the Question of Issuance of \$795,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Bethel to Pay the Costs of Planning, Designing, Construction and Equipping the Bethel Court Building Located within the City of Bethel, at the Election to be Held for that Purpose in Bethel on February 22, 1977, for a third and final reading.

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M/M by Councilman Guinn to adopt Ordinance #88 (An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of Bethel, Alaska, of the Question of Issuance of \$795,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Bethel to Pay the Costs of Planning, Designing, Construction and Equipping the Bethel Court Building Located within the City of Bethel at the Election to be Held for that Purpose in Bethel on February 22, 1977.)

Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion passed.

Item D. Public Hearing on Ordinance #89 (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a Compensation Plan for City Employees of the City of Bethel, Alaska, and its Codification within the Bethel Code of Ordinances as Section 2.52).

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #89 (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a Compensation Plan for City Employees of the City of Bethel, Alaska, and its Codification within the Bethel Code of Ordinances as Section 2.52) with a second reading.

Kevin Murphy suggested a service pin denoting longevity in the City of Bethel's employ. Manager Bartlett stated that such suggestion could be incorporated into Ordinance #86 (Personnel Rules and Regulations) at a later date. Manager Bartlett introduced an amendment to Ordinance #89, which recommended the inclusion of a category intitled Other Benefits (i.e., housing, utility, and car allowances.)

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #89 (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a Compensation Plan for City Employees of the City of Bethel, Alaska, and its Codification within the Bethel Code of Ordinances as Section 2.52) For a third and final reading, including all proposed amendments.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to adopt Ordinance #89 (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a Compensation Plan for City Employees of the City of Bethel, Alaska, and its Codification within the Bethel Code of Ordinances as Section 2.52) and Amendments to Ordinance #89. Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion passed.

Item E. Public Hearing on Ordinance #90 (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a Classification Plan for City Employees of the City of Bethel, Alaska, and its Codification within the Bethel Code of Ordinances as Section 2.50).

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #90 (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a Classification Plan for City Employees of the

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City of Bethel, Alaska, and its Codification within the Bethel Code of Ordinances as Section 2.50) with a second reading.

Manager Bartlett also introduced amendments to Ordinance #90 which included modification of the Animal Control Agent and Parks and Recreation Sections.

Councilman Guinn noted that the Amendments to Ordinance #90 replace the entire numbered classification and do not interpolate in the Class Codes and Class Titles.

Manager Bartlett recommended an additional amendment under PUBLIC WORKS (1300) Utility Services by replacing the entire (1300) section with the following:

(1300) Utility Services

<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Class Title</u>
1301	Pumphouse Operator I
1302	Pumphouse Operator II
1303	Pumphouse Operator III
1304	Garbage Truck Driver I
1305	Garbage Truck Driver II
1306	Garbage Truck Driver III
1307	Sanitation Truck Driver I
1308	Sanitation Truck Driver II
1309	Sanitation Truck Driver III
1310	Water Truck Driver I
1311	Water Truck Driver II
1312	Water Truck Driver III
1313	Utility Service Foreman

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #90 (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a Classification Plan for City Employees of the City of Bethel, Alaska, and its Codification within the Bethel Code of Ordinances as Section 2.50) and Amendments to Ordinance #90 for a third and final reading, recommending that such be adopted in conjunction with the replacement of PUBLIC WORKS (1300) Utility Services as delineated above.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to adopt Ordinance #90 (An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a Classification Plan for City Employees of the City of Bethel, Alaska, and its Codification within the Bethel Code of Ordinances as Section 2.250) and Amendments to Ordinance #90 as written and delineated verbally.

Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion passed.

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Item F. Introduction of Ordinance #91 (Amendments to City of Bethel Utility Rates).

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #91 (An Ordinance Modifying Rates for Water and Establishing Utility Record Keeping and Automatic Utility Bill Adjustment Procedures) with a first reading.

Mayor Peltola remarked that this ordinance modifying rates for water delivery was promulgated as a result of community input, and requested that the community consider additional amendments or modifications to Ordinance #91.

Manager Bartlett noted that Ordinance #91 represents a 3% ascending rate reduction in each category for inside and outside water delivery.

Mayor Peltola stated that the ordinance was an effort to stimulate consumer initiative to utilize larger tanks, and that, whereas the previous ordinance (Ordinance #85) stated "(customers) may request and shall be granted by the City, an adjustment to their utility bills", Ordinance #91 amends that section to read "(customers) shall be granted an automatic adjustment to their utility bills..."

Manager Bartlett recommended that Ordinance #91 be accepted for publication in a newspaper of general circulation, posting in at least three public places within the City and the establishment of a public hearing on February 28, 1977, informing Council that this ordinance requires publication for an extended period of time.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept Ordinance #91 (An Ordinance Modifying Rates for Water and Establishing Utility Record Keeping and Automatic Utility Bill Adjustment Procedures) for publication in a newspaper of general circulation, posting in at least three public places within the City and a public hearing to be scheduled for February 28, 1977, 7:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers.

Roll call vote, Yes : Charles, Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion passed.

Item G. Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for Bethel's "V.F.W".

Manager Bartlett recommended that Council ratify the VFW's application for permit for authorized games of chance and skill for calendar year 1977.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to ratify the VFW's application for permit for authorized games of chance and skill for calendar year 1977. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Item H. Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for City of Bethel's Catholic Church.

Manager Bartlett recommended that Council ratify the Catholic Church's application for permit for authorized games of chance and skill for calendar year 1977.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to ratify the Catholic Church's application for permit for authorized games of chance and skill for calendar year 1977.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Councilman Hinsvark abstained.

Item I. Application for Permit for Authorized Games of Chance and Skill for Yukon/Kuskokwim State Fair, Inc.

Manager Bartlett recommended that Council ratify the Yukon/Kuskokwim State Fair, Inc. application for permit for authorized games of chance and skill for calendar year 1977.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to ratify the Yukon/Kuskokwim State Fair, Inc. application of permit for authorized games of chance and skill for calendar year 1977.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item J. Resolution #184 (Approval of Submission of the City of Bethel's Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority Application.

Manager Bartlett recommended that Council adopt Resolution #184 (a Resolution of the City of Bethel, Alaska, Approving the Submission of the City of Bethel's Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority Application Requesting the Issuance of \$795,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds for the City of Bethel to Pay the Costs of Planning, Designing, Constructing and Equipping the Bethel Municipal Offices/Courthouse Building Located within the City of Bethel), informing Council that the resolution is required by the Alaska Bond Bank to be submitted with the application.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to accept Resolution #184 (A Resolution of the City of Bethel, Alaska, Approving the Submission of City of Bethel's Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority Application Requesting the Issuance of \$795,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds for the City of Bethel to Pay the Costs of Planning, Designing, Constructing and Equipping the Bethel Municipal Offices/Courthouse Building Located within the City of Bethel).

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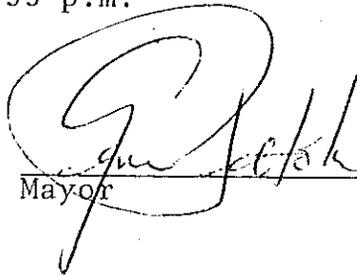
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Roll call vote, Yes: Charles, Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion passed.

M/M by Councilman Stichick to adjourn.

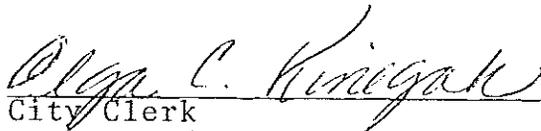
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk