CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vanasse called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Feaster, Richardson, Trantham, Vanasse and Wallace.
Absent: Dale and Lilienthal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Wallace to approve the minutes of 08/13/91 regular Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

motion
*City Clerk McGowan doubled checked the Council tape of 8/27/91 and found that page 3 was correct as indicated & other correction stands as corrected.

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster to approve the minutes of 08/27/91 regular Council meeting with the following corrections: on the page 3 motion, change the vote to unanimous since Madam Richardson indicated that she voted no on that motion; and on page 8, indicated that there was one opposing vote by Madam Richardson. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Feaster to approve the agenda with the following changes/additions: change the wording of Item C under New Business to - Financial Information on Public Safety Recorder; add Item D: Parks & Recreation Mission Statement discussion. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Vanasse appointed Tom Warner to the Planning Commission per his letter of interest.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Richardson to confirm Mayor Vanasse's appointment of Tom Warner to the Planning Commission. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Vanasse continued to report that September 17 through September 23 declared as Consitutional week; attended Alaska Housing Authority meeting last Wednesday re: possibly developing a statewide comprehensive housing affordability stragedy and comments welcome until September 6th and to contact John Guinn for any questions or comments; received a state revenue sharing agreement from DCRA, indicating that the FY'92 City budget needed to be submitted in order to receive the revenue sharing money, expressed that he was disappointed that this had not already been done; indicated that he would like the City Clerk's evaluation on the next agenda, since an annual evaluation had not been done and clarification made that each Councilmembers turn in a written statement to the Mayor; and requested that each Councilmember present City Manager evaluation form proposals to the Mayor or the City Clerk. Concluded by indicating that he had received written statements from Councilman James Feaster, Councilman David Trantham and Finance Director Tom Graham regarding the newspaper article on alleged misconduct. Each letter contained that they were not personally involved in the bonding issue for City Manager Hohman. Mayor Vanasse also added that

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he himself was not personally involved in any way in obtaining bonding for the City Manager; but did indicate that he did contact Mr. Beltz once to have him try and obtain bonding for the Interim City Manager as much as he can and communicate by fax if any were found. Councilman Trantham indicated that he had requested Acting City Manager Hastie to provide a written statement of the fact, which was provided and asked if he could read it to Council. Madam Richardson pointed out that Council did receive copies; Councilman Trantham indicated he was not aware Council received copy since his original letter had no indication that copies were given out. Council at this time further discussed with Mr. Hastie regarding the allegations. After lengthy discussion, Councilman Trantham requested that Administration provide Council in writing with alledged charges of misconduct and as to what the charges are. Council indicated that these were serious allegations that needed proof and clarification. Administrative/Personnel Officer Hastie read his letter to Councilman Trantham in it's entirety to Council and further discussed the issue with Council. Madam Richardson commented regarding Council involvement of City operations; felt that the only Council involvement should be at the Council table, felt that this is what happens when Councilmembers get involved personally.

Council briefly discussed the City Manager's contract proposal and after discussion had it added on the next agenda since Mr. Hohman was on vacation at this time.

Madam Richardson thanked Administrative/Personnel Officer Hastie for providing Council with this document and the fairness of the document and indicated that next time a Councilmember contacts the City Office, that she would like to see it in writing as to why.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Hastie reviewed his written report with Council on the following items:
- memorandum of agreement written up between Kusko Inn and the Police Department regarding the activities surrounded to that business;
- City Manager's bonding for $150,000 in affect as of September 3, 1991;
- City Clerk's bonding application received yesterday for completion;
- Mr. Hohman's college transcripts enclosed per Council's request;
- requested Denali Insurance Broker to submit in writing as to the allegations, which to date none have been received;
- sales tax delinquent process received from the Finance Department and completion regarding the Phil Franciso's sales tax delinquency would be affected by Administration and Finance Department;
- Mark Barker would like a few minutes to address

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the personnel rules and regulations status;
- ONC and City Administration met recently regarding the Bowling Alley status and as a result, City waiting for list of discrepencies to be acted upon to bring the building to a reasonable condition as to which it was received;
- several new insurance policy coverages through Rollins, Burdick, Hunter of Alaska and standard broker record letter on file at the City; savings this year to be about $15,000 and next year's savings expected to be $30,000; and workman's comp to remain with Denali Insurance to avoid any short rate fee.

Councilman Trantham indicated that he thought the City was in agreement with Denali Insurance Brokers for insurance and any penalty charges for closing out contract early? Mr. Hastie indicated that a short outline was enclosed in the packet tonight, and further discussed the outline of each policy and that a short rate fee was charged for closing out early.

Councilman Trantham indicated that he would like a document evidence from a third party opinion.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster to get a 3rd party opinion from an Insurance Company as to the transfer of insurance companies.

Councilman Feaster asked if Mr. Beltz was contacted regarding the specific areas which City is at risk. Mr. Hastie indicated that he did contact Mr. Beltz of the coverage and additional charges would be implemented to the additional coverages. Further Council discussion at this time of this issue. Councilman Trantham indicated he would withdraw his motion if this would be put out to bid per the purchasing ordinance.

Councilman Trantham asked if the Administration had the authority to go and spend millions of dollars and change contracts, etc. without Council approval. Mayor Vanasse indicated he was at a conference call with Mr. Brady of Rollins, Burdick and Hunter, and one of the questions asked was if he was aware that this required Council approval, which Mr. Brady had indicated he was not aware of it and also further discussed the other questions asked. Also indicated that the current bond was in affect for 90 days. Also indicated that he received a call from Mr. Beltz and that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting and also Mr. Beltz indicated that he was notified that he was fired by the City of Bethel as of September 4th, which the Mayor indicated that he was not made aware of this, nor at the conference call last night. Councilman Trantham withdrew his motion and Feaster withdrew his second to the motion and request in return to contact the City Attorney to get legal opinion if the transaction taken

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regarding the insurance issue, if it is legal and binding and done without approval and knowledge of the City Council and if Administration does have the legal authority to do so. After brief discussion on this matter, it was indicated that a special Council meeting be called if it was illegal. Also it was asked that Denali Insurance Brokers be allowed to present a proposal to the City.

Madam Richardson asked if the MOA with Kusko [illegible] a usual thing; indicated that she would not approve the MOA due to the liability issue on the City's part and suggested eliminating it. Councilmen Feaster, Trantham and Wallace concurred with Madam Richardson. Council at this time heard from Sgt. John Bilyeu regarding this issue. Council further discussed this issue.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wallace to approve the MOA between the Police Department and the Kusko Inn to show support. Poll vote, motion carried. 4-yes; 1-no (Richardson).

Madam Richardson indicated that she supported the cooperation and appreciate the progess and only problem was the insurance liability and Police Officer's time in training when they are back logged as is.

Councilman Trantham referring to the Finance Director's report, asked what was going to be done with the utility deliquent list. After discussion it was asked to place this on the agenda.

COUNCIL BREAK 9:06 PM to 9:14 PM.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

Madam Richardson indicated that she would be out of town next week.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Madam Richardson reported that there was no quorum at the scheduled Transportation Commission meeting.

Councilman Trantham reported that the next Public Works Committee was scheduled for next Tuesday.

Councilman Feaster reported that the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for September 19th and topics to discuss were: sales tax review and bad utility debt review. Madam Richardson requested that the Finance Committee at their next agenda, look at some numbers, for cost, etc., regarding the insurance.

Mayor Vanasse reported that he was not aware of when the next Parks & Recreation committee meeting was, but that there was one vacancy.

Councilman Trantham indicated to the public that Council seat #6 is to be vacant soon and encouraged the public to run for Council.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Fire Chief Mark Barker indicated that the 45 day window for the personnel rules and regulations to be presented to Council was too short, and asked that the 45 day be voided, and that he would continue to push to have it done.

Mayor Vanasse indicated that this had been an on-going project for years and suggest that it be done and that it can be amended if needed. Madam Richardson indicated that the motion still stand and present at least a draft portion within 45 days from 8/27/91 Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
Item A: Place Informational Question on Ballot re: Council Election Prodecure

PLACE INFORMATION QUESTION ON BALLOT RE: COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURE

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Richardson that Advisory Question ballot as suggested by City Attorney Chandler be placed on the October 1, 1991 election. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Introduction Amend 2 - Ord 143 Re: Business closing hours

INTRODUCTION AMENDMENT #2 TO ORDINANCE #143-BUSINESS CLOSING HOURS

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster to introduce Amendment #2 to Ordinance #143 for public hearing to be held at the September 24th Council meeting. Poll vote, motion failed. 3-yes; 2-no (Feaster & Vanasse)

Item C: Public Safety Recorder Review

PUBLIC SAFETY RECORDER REVIEW

Fire Chief Barker at this time discussed the public safety recorder status situation with Council at this time and asked for Council direction. After Council discussion, Fire Chief Barker was asked to bid out for a lease/purchase (and/or) for each of a radio and a recorder.

At this time, Councilman Trantham congratulated Mr. Bruce Perry for acquiring the Fire Captain position.

Regarding the fire department window replacemnts, Council also directed Fire Chief Barker to include those in his bid.

Item D: Parks & Recreation Mission Statement

PARKS & RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

Mayor Vanasse indicated that he was not really prepared to deal with this issue since it was not on the agenda. Councilman Feaster indicated that he had been pushing for something to be established as far as adult league open gym arrangements; softball liability issue and been pushing for them to do their own scheduling, etc. Madam Richardson suggested that the Mayor bring this up at their next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting and present a proposal for Council to consider.

ADJOURNMENT
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M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Feaster to adjourn the Council meeting at 10:04 PM. Voice vote, motion

ADJOURNMENT continued carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1991.

Gary Vanasse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna McGowan, City Clerk