

City of Bethel
City Council

Regular Meeting of November 9, 1994

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:30 PM by Mayor Wintersteen in the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chris, Harding, McComas, Miller, Twitchell (late), Wintersteen

Absent: Tubbs (excused)

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Chris to approve the minutes of the October 25, 1994, special meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Harding, 2nd by McComas to approve the minutes of the October 25, 1994, regular meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/REGULAR AGENDA

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Harding to approve by consent, Items A, B, C, D, E and F under New Business. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Chris, 2nd by Miller to amend the agenda by adding Executive Session Item C: Legal Strategy--James Pete v. City of Bethel. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Chris, 2nd by Miller to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wintersteen appointed Hal Jones to serve on the Public Safety Committee.

motion M/M by Chris, 2nd by Miller to ratify the appointment of Mr. Jones to the Public Safety Committee. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wintersteen read a proclamation declaring November 21-27, 1994, as Korean Community Appreciation Week in Bethel.

motion M/M by Chris, 2nd by Miller to accept the proclamation showing appreciation to the Korean Community. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wintersteen read a proclamation declaring November 13-19 as American Education Week in Bethel.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by McComas to accept the American Education Week proclamation. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wintersteen read a proclamation declaring November 14-20 as Children's Book Week in Bethel.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by McComas to accept the Children's Book Week proclamation. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wintersteen distributed a request from the Library to sell art work and wall hangings from the old library at the auction to benefit the new library. Mayor Wintersteen and City Manager Hunter stated that the ownership of the items was not clear, since some items were donated to the library. By consensus, the Council decided the items should be considered as part of the library; therefore, they were free to be auctioned if the library wished to do so.

Mayor Wintersteen then referred to his written report, advising Council that the Work Session scheduled for November 30 needed to be rescheduled to Monday, November 28, 7:00 p.m., at the City Conference Room.

Mayor Wintersteen referred Council to the request from the City Clerk regarding appropriating money from the Contingency Fund to offset the run-off election expenses.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Chris to authorize a transfer of \$1700 from the

Contingency Fund to the Supplies line item in the Clerk's Budget. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wintersteen directed Council's attention to the petition from children at Kilbuck School requesting the City set up an ice rink for the community to use, and pointed out that the Youth Services had already begun developing one of the ponds at Pinky's Park for an ice rink. Mayor Wintersteen asked a letter be sent to the children thanking them for their interest and suggestions.

Mayor Wintersteen reviewed the remainder of his written report.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hunter reviewed his written report with Council and requested direction on the following items:

1. Safety and Loss Prevention Policy

City Manager Hunter explained that this policy is intended to serve as an umbrella policy statement and each department would then develop its own safety policy.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by McComas to adopt the Safety and Loss Prevention Policy. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items/Discussion/Questions on City Manager's Report:

City Manager Hunter informed Council the Surplus Sale was scheduled for December 10.

In response to Council member Miller's question regarding financial reports, City Manager Hunter explained that the finance computer is not programmed to provide accurate financial reports for FY94-95 until FY93-94 has been closed out, which the auditors were in the process of completing. Mr. Hunter assured Council that reports would be provided as soon as possible.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Scheduled dates for upcoming Committee/Commission meetings were announced.

Council member McComas reported the Planning Commission Work Session scheduled for November 2 had been canceled due to lack of a quorum.

Council member Twitchell reported the Transportation Commission had not met.

Council member Chris reported the Port Commission had not met.

Council member Harding reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting of November 2, relaying the Committee's recommendation that the Council direct the City Manager to provide written commendations to the Fire Department for providing light sticks for children's use on Halloween. The Committee asked City Administration to review staff availability for monitoring an emergency VHF Channel, and to work with local organizations regarding protective custody. A discussion followed on options for collecting more revenue from users and abusers of alcohol.

Mayor Wintersteen reported that the Senior Services Committee met on November 9 and recommended that a new bus driver be hired to provide consistent and dependable service, and that a front door key be given to a City Maintenance worker and to the Ayalpik Apartment Manager in the event of a fire in the apartments. A discussion on the requirements of the bus driver position followed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Public Hearing--Ordinance #94-22: An Ordinance Amending Title 18, Chapter 18.16.060 Entitled Action on Application and Chapter 18.72.010 Entitled Appeal of Decision of the Planning Department, and Adding Chapter 18.16.110 Entitled Display of Site Plan Permit Required

Mayor Wintersteen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance #94-22. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Wintersteen closed the public hearing.

motion M/M by Chris, 2nd by McComas to adopt Ordinance #94-22. Poll vote. Motion carried 6-Yes, 0-No.

ITEM B: Review of Project Report Form

Mayor Wintersteen spoke on setting a work session for reviewing and prioritizing the project report form and establishing a calendar summary for the Council.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by McComas to schedule a work session on December 13, 1994, at 6:30 p.m. in the Log Cabin. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Introduction of Ordinance #94-24: An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal/Lease of City Property in Furtherance of Economic Trade or Development--Laundromat

Approved under Consent Agenda

ITEM B: Introduction of Ordinance #94-25: An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal/Sale of City Property to an Entity Providing a Necessary Public Service--YKHC

Approved under Consent Agenda

ITEM C: Introduction of Ordinance #94-26: An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 2.04, Entitled City Council.

Approved under Consent Agenda

ITEM D: Introduction of Ordinance #94-27: An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 3.029, Entitled Classification Plan

Approved under Consent Agenda

ITEM E: Resolution #94-41: A Resolution Applying for Municipal Capital Project Matching Grant Program

Approved under Consent Agenda

ITEM F: Gaming Permit Application(s)

Approved under Consent Agenda

ITEM G: Award of Lobbyist Request for Proposal

Mayor Wintersteen reported two responses had been received for the Lobbyist Request for Proposals, one from Sharon Macklin and one from Kevin Sullivan.

Discussion followed on the advantages of each proposal, with Mayor Wintersteen pointing out that the response from Mr. Sullivan was technically non-responsive due to the omission

of letters of reference from three previous clients.

City Manager Hunter suggested the Council provide clear direction of its goals and objectives to the lobbyist.

motion M/M by McComas, 2nd by Harding to hire Sharon Macklin as the City's Lobbyist for the 1995 Legislative Session. Poll vote. Motion carried 5-Yes, 1-No (Twitchell).

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council member Miller thanked everyone for voting on November 8.

Council member Harding thanked everyone involved in Kid's Voting.

Council member McComas stated he hoped everyone's candidate won. Mr. McComas also asked that the City become more involved in its parks and children's activities.

Council member Twitchell stated he hoped the City would take comments from its committees to heart and pursue ideas that are brought forward.

Mayor Wintersteen stated he was surprised to see the people campaigning on the corner in a blizzard.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

motion M/M by Chris, 2nd by Miller to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing APEA negotiations, update on Council member insurance and legal strategy--James Pete v. City of Bethel. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by McComas, 2nd by Miller to come out of Executive Session. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wintersteen asked Council to consider the request from the Native Village of Mekoryuk to sell pull tabs in Bethel.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Chris to approve the request from the Native Village of Mekoryuk to sell pull tabs in Bethel. Voice vote. Motion failed, 3-Yes, 3-No (Chris, McComas, Wintersteen).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Chris, 2nd by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1994.


Allan Wintersteen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Connie Tucker, City Clerk