



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 26, 1979

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Manager Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. At the Council Chambers. Councilperson present: Gregory, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman, Twitchell and Charles, Mayor Elliott is excused for 2 Council Meetings.

Manager Hoffman said that the floor was open for nominations for Acting Mayor.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to nominate Councilperson D. Carpenter as Acting Mayor. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOCATION

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked Councilperson Gregory to do the invocation.

Councilperson Gregory said that everyone should say the "Lord's prayer", with her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked if there were any corrections on the Minutes of March 12, 1979.

Councilperson Charles stated that on page 4, Item A, under Unfinished Business, Lease of Land to Jesuite Group Home, should read Lease of Land to Bethel Group Home.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to approve the minutes of March 12, 1979 as corrected. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked if there were any additions to the Agenda or if there were any corrections.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve the Agenda as written. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman stated that he received a report of Federal Action on the repavement of the Bethel Airport to Brown Slough Road. Basically the State of Alaska is requesting authority to proceed with the project stated Manager Hoffman. The \$1,286.00 will be used as follows: The entire route needs to have adequate shoulders constructed and to be repaved. Prior to repaving, an estimated 1/3 of the route requires reconstruction due to frost heave damages.

Manager Hoffman stated that Lane, Knorr & Plunkett has verbally agreed to correct the Bowling Alley as recommended by our structural engineer. They have to come up with a more specific design form Harry Steve, the design has been approved but the joints and thickness of the brassing from the structural Engineers has not been devised yet. Hopefully, we will get it by next week, if not, then we will get it by April 15th or the end of April.

Manager Hoffman said that tomorrow, March 27th, is the second prt of the State-wide Town Meeting of the Air regarding the 5 year Federal Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing schedule. The leaseing areas that will affect us are: from Beuford Sea, Norton Sound Basin, Narvin Basin, Bristol Bay Basin and St. George Basin. This meeting will be carried over KYUK Radio & T.V. Bethel has been requested to appoint one spokesman for the 6 to 10:00 p.m. meeting.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to nominate Councilperson Carpenter to attend the State-wide Town Meeting of the Air regarding the 5 year Federal Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing schedule. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Councilperson Twitchell of the Parks & Recreations Committee stated that he had nothing to report.

Councilperson E. Hoffman stated that he'd like to put the Napakiak Road Resolution on the Agenda.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to add to the Agenda, under New Business, Item G., NAPAIAK ROAD. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S CONTINUED

Councilperson Gregory stated that the last time they had a meeting set up for the Public/Environmental Health Committee she forgot all about it.

Councilperson Charles of the Planning Commission said that her Committee would meet next Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Councilperson Carpenter of the Finance Committee said that her Committee met and the items of discussion were, Departmental Head Allowances, The Finance Committee members suggested that the Department Heads get together and get back to the Finance Committee as soon as possible. An Ordinance showing rate increases and we modified that and giving it to the Finance Committee. On the Finance Directors Applications only one woman out of eight of the applications was qualified. And last, were looking into finding another Insurance Company, as the City of Bethel is paying a little too much. Last, we were looking into Fish Tax, The City of Bethel's Attorney, will get back to us on the legality of going about it.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilperson Gregory asked Manager Hoffman, "What is the Public Works or the City of Bethel doing about the road problem now?"

Manager Hoffman said that "well we can't do anything right now until the roads dry up, but were trying to drain all of the little puddles that we can right now."

Ken Anderson of 6th Avenue stated that every year water runs under his house constantly, not only his but, also Mendolas, A.C. Company etc. He wanted to know what the City of Bethel can do to stop it or slow it down, like inserting a drainage ditch between the graves and Ridgecrest on to the Upper part of Brown Slough.

Manager Hoffman stated that doing something like that would be really great, if we had the money to do it. Acting Mayor Carpenter, directed this issue to the Public Works Committee.

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked Manager Hoffman if the EPA was ever in town checking up on the dumping from Kuskokwim Inn, A.C. Company etc.

Manager Hoffman stated that EPA was in town about 16 months ago, but, that they were in the accepted tolerance of raw sewage being dumped.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF BETHEL'S FIVE YEAR
COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Acting Mayor Carpenter opened the Public Hearing on the City of Bethel's Five Year Comprehensive Development Plan to the Public.

Manager Hoffman asked R. Darbyshire to the floor.

Mr. Ralph Darbyshire stated that he and his other two firms partners, Quadra Engineering and Simpson, Usher & Jones were very fortunate to be doing five year Comprehensive Plan for the City of Bethel. Gave brief things of what will be done by late this fall.

R. Darbyshire gave some things that his company and there other two partners would be doing: Maps, Aerial Photos, Orient the Solution, Attitudnal Survey, Workshops, Public Hearings, Physical Inventory, Social Economic Inventory, Population Studies, Transportation, Communications, Land Use & Cities Prospectives on Land Claims under the 14C Land Claim Act. Village Village Corporations are responsible for transferring land to the City of Bethel for expansion, etc.

Jordon Suhr, is the Quadra Engineer's contact person here in Bethel. Anyone can reach him at 543-2500, Room 18, Hohman's Office Building. R. Darbhshire also said that they would do a survey, they'd use local people for the survey.

R. Darbyshire said the breakdown is as follows:
\$100 thousand for Base Mapping
\$ 25 thousand for Printing of the Base Mapping
\$ 10 thousand for Processing, e.g., Public Hearings,
workshops, etc.
\$ 55 thousand for Studies

In terms of cost for the City of Bethel. Manager Hoffman stated that were getting 20 thousand from the State of Alaska, 10 thousand from the City of Bethel and the difference is being picked up by HUD.

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked if there were any more questions for Mr. R. Darbyshire?

Acting Mayor Carpenter closed the Public Hearing on the City of Bethel's Five Year Comprehensive Plan to the public.

ITEM B. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SALE OF FIVE LOTS IN PTARMIGAN
SUBDIVISION AND FIVE LOTS IN TUNDRA NORTH SUBDIVISION

Acting Mayor Carpenter opened the Public Hearing on the Sale of the five lots in Ptarmigan Subdivision and five lots in Tundra North Subdivision open to the public.

City Planner, Jay Livey, stated that Mr. Ed Kiokun signed a waiver for his land.

Acting Mayor asked if there were any objections to the people on the lots in Ptarmigan Subdivision and Tundra North Subdivision and to the price list and alternate listing names.

There was some discussion on the subject of the legality of some of the names of people that were on the list and seeing if they were all legally in the flood plain.

Acting Mayor Carpenter closed the Public Hearing on the sale of the Five Lots in Ptarmigan Subdivision and Five Lots in the Tundra North Subdivision to the public.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve of THE SALE OF FIVE LOTS IN PTARMIGAN SUBDIVISION AND FIVE LOTS IN TUNDRA NORTH SUBDIVISION to the individuals as recommended by the Planning Commission along with the price list set by the land appraisal and approve the Alternate names on the list. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman. Nay: Gregory. Motion carried.

ITEM C. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX
ORDINANCE

Acting Mayor Carpenter opened the Public Hearing on the Municipal Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance to the Public.

Manager Hoffman stated that the Division of Motor Vehicles would collect the tax and then forward the amount once a year to the City of Bethel.

Mr. C. Atkins asked what about the outside Contractors? He comes into town for a job, brings, all of his trucks and completes the job makes his money and leaves without even paying any of the Motor Vehicle Tax that was imposed on us. (The local contractors). Then we have to compete against that Contractor for the job. Fairbanks doesn't have a Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance, but, Anchorage does. We'd be suffering the consequences.

Mr. Atkins, and Al Laroux were both against the Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance.

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked Manager Hoffman did you do any censuses on the other 2nd Class Cities on the Motor Vehicles Tax Ordinance? Was there any difference?

Manager Hoffman said that he hadn't, but would look into it.

Acting Mayor Carpenter asked if there were any more questions on the Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance.

Acting Mayor Carpenter closed the Public Hearing on the Municipal Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance to the public.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to table, ITEM C., PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ORDINANCE, until the next meeting, 4/9/79, and give Administration time to look further into this. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Gregory, B. Hoffman, Carpenter and Charles, Nay: E. Hoffman and Twitchell. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. PRESENTATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE RADAR PROGRAM

Chief of Police, R. Cry gave a brief description of the traffic problems that the City of Bethel was having, and suggested that we try a Radar Gun.

Mr. Cry stated that the Radar Gun would cost the City of Bethel from \$300.00 - \$400.00 for it and all of the equipment.

The Checker cab Company was for the Radar Gun, he stated that it would slow some of there drivers down considerable.

Mr. Cry went on to state that his officers would have to have a Certified Operators License to use the Radar Gun. Which they will have training for.

There was some discussion on the length of road it takes to do an accurate clocking of the vehicle to be followed. Something like 2.10 - 3.10 miles.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to approve the Motor Vehicle Radar Program. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM B. PRESENTATION OF A LIBRARY GRANT PROGRAM

Teddy Winterstein, of the Library, would like the City Council to approve the guidelines of the policy for the selection of materials.

There was some discussion on it.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to postpone the Presentation of a Library Selection Policy until the 9th of April. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM C. APPLICATION FOR PERMITS OF GAMES OF SKILL & CHANCE FOR 1979.

Manager Hoffman said that we had 2 applications for the applications of Games of Skill & Chance for 1979. From the Tundra Women's Coalition, wanting, Bingos on Friday, Raffles and Lottery. And the Bethel Group Home asking for Raffles and Lottery. Manager Hoffman stated that these two were both Civic Centers.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to approve the Applications for Permits of Games of Skill & Chance for 1979 from Tundra Women's Coalition and Bethel Group Home. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM D. NOMINATIONS FOR 1979 FIRST LADY'S AWARD.

Acting Mayor Carpenter stated that Bella Hammond of the Volunteer Program, that recognizes volunteers for civic center, wanted input on nominations for men or women for the 1979 First Lady's Award. Acting Mayor Carpenter asked for nominations.

Councilperson Charles nominated Nora Guinn.

Councilperson Carpenter nominated Robin Bailey of Rural Cap.

Councilperson Gregory nominated Norman Cohen for donating time at KYUK, Sports.

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman to close the nominations on the First Lady's Award. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

After a hand vote Nora Guinn received the most vote for the First Women's Award.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to go pass 10:00 p.m. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM E. NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE STATE EMPLOYMENT
AND TRAINING COUNCIL.

Acting Mayor Carpenter nominated Jean Krumm for the position.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to close the nominations on the
Membership on the State Employment and Training Center.
Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

It was a unanimous consent to choose Jean Krumm for the
position of Membership on the State Employment and Training
Council.

ITEM F. NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRIME SPONSOR'S
PLANNING COUNCIL

N. Kraning gave a brief description of what it was about.
and the following were nominated in order:
It was agreed that the first choice would be Oscar Jenkins,
the second, William Naneng, and the third, Pauline Ota.

ITEM G. RESOLUTION FOR NAPAKIAK ROAD

No discussion.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to support the Resolution
for Napakiak Raod and the concept of it. Also to send a
letter Governor J. Hammond. Voice vote was taken. Motion
carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to adjourn. Voice vote was
taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment at 10:15 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd day of April, 1979.

APPROVED BY:

Samuel S. Elliott
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucene Williams
City Clerk