

# CITY OF BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 1981

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7.30 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 7.34 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Binkley, Twitchell, Carpenter, Anvil, Guinn  
Absent: Hoffman, Pavil

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Anvil to accept the minutes of the December 4, 1981 Special Council Meeting. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion

Asst. City Manager Kraning requested that Item A under New Business be changed to read Ordinance No. 131; Item B under Unfinished Business be tabled until the Planning Commission makes its final recommendation. M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Binkley to accept the agenda as amended. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Asst. City Manager Kraning reported on behalf of City Manager Hoffman that the Court system has suggested to the City that the City lease the space now occupied by City offices to the Court system if the City should move its offices from the present location. The matter has been referred to the Finance Committee.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn reported that he had attended the State Manpower Convention and that he had been appointed to the Vocational-Education Department Committee and is a member of the Education Council.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports.

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Stephanie Walker presented to the Council a Coastal Zone Management report and informed Council that the CZM working group would start meeting again on Jan. 17. A CZM draft is due in January at which time a Public Hearing will be scheduled..

PATC Director Flood issued an invitation to the Council to the Senior Citizens Center holiday banquet co-sponsored by PATC and scheduled for Dec. 18 at 7.30.

Councilmember Antone Anvil requested that the City present the public with more information concerning the upcoming vote on Home Rule Charter Commission membership. Additionally, he asked that Yup'ik translation be made of the information.

*"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #356, a Resolution placing the construction of a City Utility Maintenance Shop on the January 12, 1982 Special Election Ballot.

Asst. City Manager Kraning presented to the Council a proposed brochure to be distributed by the City in support of the Maintenance Facility. Councilmember Binkley objected to the tone of the brochure in that it appeared to him to be too political in its approach and not just informational. Andy Edge stated that the voters were disenchanted as to the spending of over a million dollars on the project and agreed with Councilmember Binkley that the brochure was too political in its tone.

Councilmember Carpenter noted that the issue was voted down by Council 6-1 for lack of information and that the present information available still does not answer sufficiently the question of what the total cost of the facility will be. She asked if the problem of land acquisition had been resolved with BNC. Asst. City Manager reported that the acquisition of the needed land for the facility did not appear to be a problem.

Councilmember Binkley stated that he had reviewed the present shop conditions and he agreed that a new facility is needed, but, that 1.5 million would get the City about 2/3 a shop so that additional funding would be required. It was the expressed concern of Councilmember Binkley that if the additional funds are not forthcoming from the legislature that the City of Bethel would be stuck with 2/3 of a building. It was his opinion that the City should go back to the legislature and secure the additional funds before beginning construction of the facility.

Asst. City Manager Kraning suggested that the question of building the facility be placed before the voters at the Special Election on January 12, 1982 but that the vote not authorize any expenditure of funds until all the funds are appropriated. In the interim, a study could be conducted as to the project.

Councilmember Binkley suggested that the City use Municipal Assistance money to fund a feasibility cost study to obtain a final cost figure for the project.

Councilmember Carpenter stated that it is not correct to place the issue on the ballot before the voters have the total cost of the project to consider when voting on the issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT)

Asst. City Manager Kraning stated that there are presently problems with utility services for the City and that the City needs a place to put its equipment, particularly the City Water Trucks, to be in compliance with State regulations.

Andy Edge suggested that the City should obtain the final cost figures for the project before putting it before the voters.

Councilmember Twitchell stated that a new facility was no guarantee that service would improve and that it would be best to have the final cost figures before placing the question on the ballot.

Councilmember Carpenter stated that she doesn't believe that an outside study would slow the process and in the long run would be better received by the voters if and when the issue goes before the voters.

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M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to table the matter and direct the City administration to use Municipal Assistance funds to conduct a study on the total costs of the project and to seek additional funds from the Legislature. Voice vote taken, motion carried with Mayor Guinn voting in opposition to the motion.

motion

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Carpenter directing the City administration to use Municipal Assistance Funds to contract with an architectural firm to do a cost analysis study concerning the construction of a City shop. Voice vote taken, motion carried with Twitchell voting in opposition to the motion.

ITEM B

Tabled.

ITEM C

Public Hearing on Modification #3 of Ordinance No. 107, an Ordinance modifying rates for vehicles for hire.

Police Chief Varnell reported on the Transportation Committee recommendations to allow Mute's Limousine service to increase its rate from \$4 to \$5 dollars; the Committee did not recommend that the Limo be permitted to stop at the hospital as requested.

The public hearing was opened at 8.15 p.m.

Clark Miller stated that the rates permitted are maximums and that they could be adjusted downward without Council action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT)

Fay Short requested a Tundra Ridge rate. The Mayor suggested that it should be brought before the Council at the next meeting for introduction by the Council. Asst. City Manager Kraning suggested that the matter should go through the Transportation Committee and be presented at the January 12 Council meeting.

Public hearing closed at 8.25 p.m.

motion

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Anvil to approve Modification No. 3 of Ordinance no 107. Poll vote was taken, the vote was unanimous.

Council adjourned at 8.30, reconvened at 8.38 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

INTroduction of Ordinance No. 131, an Ordinance providing for the establishment of personnel rules and regulations for the City of Bethel.

Asst. City Manager Kraning presented the proposed revision of the personnel rules and regulations. The second meeting in January was set for the Public Hearing on the Ordinance.

motion

M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Binkley to introduce Ordinance No. 131 and set January 25, 1982 as the date for a Public Hearing on the Ordinance. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Public Hearing, EMERGENCY  
ORDINANCE no. 7

8.40 p.m. the Public Hearing was opened.

Chief Varnell stated that because PHS was not offering physical exams to non-natives that is is necessary to accept a certificate of health from the Health Center in lieu of the physicians statement. The exam given by the Health Center could be done in one day which remove the need to issue temporary permits while awaiting the results from Anchorage with respect to physical exams. A model form was presented to the Council to be used by the Health Center in giving the physical examination. Hearing closed at 9.51 p.m.

motion

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to adopt Emergency Ordinance no. 7. Poll vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

ITEM C, MODIFICATION NO. 4  
OF ORDINANCE NO. 110.

Police Chief Varnell reported that the transportation Committee had recommended passage of the modification Clark Miller wanted the word habitual defined or removed from the Ordinance. Chief Varnell stated that no matter what or how the ordinance was worded, in many instances

NEW BUSINESS (CONT)

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the police would have to make a judgment call on the issuance of permits. Chief Varnell stated that the word habitual needs to be in the Ordinance and any objections to enforcement of the Ordinance can be appealed through the City processes.

Clark Miller requested that Item B, first part of the Ordinance requiring a 60 day residence in Bethel before one can obtain a permit be removed. Chief Varnell replied that the 60 day requirement is needed to allow the Police to do a proper background check on the applicant.

Fay Shortt stated that a person could drive for a company for 3 or 4 years, leave Bethel for a few months, then return to Bethel but not be eligible to drive a cab for 60 days. Chief Varnell stated that in such instances a permit was usually issued.

Clark Miller requested that the certificate of health statement read 30 to 60 days and 15 to 90 days.

Jack Flood stated that there is a need to make the wording of the Ordinance as precise and clear as possible; make the Ordinance definitional rather than situational.

Asst. City Manager Kraning stated that the matter should be referred to the City's attorney and returned to Council for a Public Hearing on his recommendations.

motion

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Anvil to introduce modification no. 4 of Ordinance No. 110 and set a Public Hearing on the modification for January 25, 1982. Voice vote was taken, motion carried. The Mayor would direct the City Administration to talk with the City Attorney to set up a possible work session on the Ordinance.

ITEM D - Water Truck

Resolution No. 357, a Resolution approving the additional grant from the State of Alaska for the purchase of a City Water Truck.

motion

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Carpenter to accept the additional funds for the Water Truck. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

ITEM E \_ Election

Judges  
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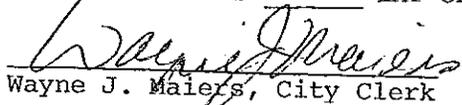
Resolution appointing election judges for the Special Election. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the election judges for the Special Election. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

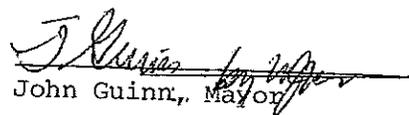
ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Twitchell to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9.15 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF JANUARY, 1982.

ATTEST:

  
Wayne J. Maier, City Clerk

  
John Guinn, Mayor