

City Council Minutes

1/9/84

ROLL TO ORDER

Mayor Guinn called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7.38 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Buttane, Guinn, Hoffman, Sullivan, Twitchell, Veit
Absent: Binkley (vacation)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Twitchell to approve the minutes of the 12/8/83 Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Twitchell to approve the minutes of the 12/12/83 Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Twitchell to approve the minutes of the 12/15/83 Council meeting with the following addition: Administration presented to Council a copy of the agreement between the City and the Binkley Family. Voice vote, motion carried.

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman to approve the minutes of the 12/19/83 Council meeting with the following correction: first vote on Helping Hands Agreement - voice vote, 5 yes, 1 no; second vote on Helping Hands use fee of Disco Building - poll vote, unanimous. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to approve the agenda with the following changes: UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Item A - tabled; add new Item D - Kusko 300 Starting Line; NEW BUSINESS: add Item F - Games of Skill and Chance; add Item G - Library Resolution; add Item G - Legal Matters. Voice vote, motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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City Manager Hoffman reported to Council on the following items:

- a. reminder to Council to vote for their choice for Alaskan of the Year;
- b. request by Administration to the Governor's office for \$25,000 to assist Helping Hands Inc. with the operation of the shelter; awaiting a response from the Governor's office;
- c. the Association of Stranded Rural Alaskans is interested in holding a workshop in Bethel; the date is yet to be announced;
- d. recommended that Council set a date for a work session on the City reorganization;
- e. announced the resignation of PATC Director Jack Flood.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn reported to Council on the following items:

- a. Senator Stevens review of the City seawall project - favorable response from the Senator;
- b. review of the Alaska Municipal League Policy Statement for 1984;
- c. requested that Council hold a Special Council meeting on Wednesday, 1/11/84, 7.30 pm, topic, Bethel Police Department. Councilmember Butt-cane requested that the meeting be scheduled for 1/17/84 at 7.30 pm. Council agreed upon the 1/17/84 date for the Special meeting.
- d. requested that Council meet in a work session on the City reorganization on Monday, 1/16, at 7 pm. Council agreed to the work session date.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES

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H/E by Sullivan, 2nd by Butt-cane to accept the minutes of the 12/13/83 Planning Commission meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

H/E by Sullivan, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the minutes of the 11/29/83 Parks/Recreation Committee meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

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Councilmember Hoffman addressed Council on the following items:

- a. the problem of stray dogs, requesting that the Police Department continue to shoot strays; Police Chief Varnell recommended that the emergency dog ordinance be enacted on a quarterly basis in addition to special requests to provide for an on-going program of dog control.

City Manager Hoffman reported to Council that the animal control shelter should be completed in about a week. The opening of the animal shelter should assist in controlling the dog problem.

- b. Helping Hands Inc. is open and is receiving donations from some of the villages.

Councilmember Butt-cane reported to Council on the following items:

- a. requested that the ball diamond be seeded to prevent the blowing of sand. Thom Foote of the Parks/Recreation Committee reported to Council that seeding was planned but to do so would cause the field not to be used for a year. The matter has been tabled.
- b. requested a copy of the Administration's letter to the Attorney General on the Police Dept.;
- c. requested Council to authorize a \$1000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest/conviction of the murderer(s) of Ms. Williams. Referred to Finance Committee.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
CONTINUED

Fred Ali, President of KuCC, addressed Council on behalf of the Library Committee and requested that Council pass a resolution supporting the proposed library expansion. Mr. Ali presented to Council a draft resolution for Council's consideration. Councilmember Buttane recommended that the Library Committee work directly with the Capital Projects Director to expedite the project. Councilmember Sullivan recommended that the City Planner be added to the study group. The matter was added to the agenda as New Business, Item G.

Louie Andrew requested that 2 additional street lights be placed in the East Addition. Referred to Public Works.

Councilmember Twitchell requested a status report on the placement of access ramps at the major City businesses. City Manager Hoffman reported that two businesses had responded and that they had indicated that any new construction would incorporate access ramps into the design. Administration suggested that grant money may be available to assist businesses in the placement of access ramps.

Councilmember Veit requested that a thorough investigation of the Tom George murder be undertaken. City Manager Hoffman reported that the murder is under investigation and that if Council had specific questions concerning the investigation, the questions should be asked in executive session. Police Chief Varnell reported to Council that the District Attorney's office in Anchorage is directing the investigation and that work done on the case by the Bethel Police Department will be complete by January 13.

Phyllis Horrow, representing the Social/Cultural Committee, requested that Council explore the possibility of turning the operation of the museum over to KuCC. Fred Ali, KuCC President, indicated that KuCC is willing to discuss such a transfer. City Manager Hoffman noted that any transfer of the museum would be considered within the context of the proposed City reorganization now before Council; it is anticipated that Council would consider various options concerning the operation of the museum.

Councilmember Buttane requested that Council take action on the reorganization of the City structure. Mayor Guinn recommended that Council place on the Council table a proposed reorganization plan at the January 23 Council meeting. A Council work session on the reorganization was set for January 16.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Item A: Commission
Appointments

Mayor Guinn made the following Commission appointments:

- a. Planning Commission - Virginia Borrego
- b. Port Commission - Andy Edge

Pat Jennings

M/H by Buttane, 2nd by Hoffman to approve the Commission appointments by Mayor Guinn.

Mayor Guinn will appoint someone to the remaining vacant Planning Commission seat at the January 23 Council meeting.

Item B: Lobbyist

LOBBYIST

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the status of a lobbyist for Bethel. \$25,000 is in the City budget for a lobbyist. City Manager Hoffman reported to Council that Senator Sackett has indicated his preference to work directly with City representatives rather than through a lobbyist. Council recommended no action on the hiring of a lobbyist until after the January 27 meeting with Senator Sackett and Representative Vaska.

Item C: Centennial
Committee

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the matter of a Centennial Committee for Bethel. \$30,000 has been included in the budget for a centennial celebration. Administration asked Council for direction on the matter. Mayor Guinn suggested working with the Moravian Church in preparing for the centennial. Councilmember Sullivan suggested that the City advertise for a citizens committee to work on the centennial project. The matter was referred to Administration for coordination with the Moravian Church.

Item D: Kusko 300
Starting Line

KUSKO 300 STARTING LINE

City Manager Hoffman presented to Council a proposed limited license agreement permitting the Kusko 300 Committee use of City property as the site for the start/finish for the Kusko 300 race. City Planner Stigall reported to Council that the Planning Commission supports the agreement. M/H by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit directing Administration to enter into the agreement with the Kusko 300 race committee for the location of the start/finish line for the Kusko 300 race. Voice vote, motion carried.

Council recessed from 9.15 - 9.25 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

LEASE RENEWAL LOUSETOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Item A: Lease
Renewal

Administration reviewed for Council the present lease agreement between the City and Lousetown Development Corporation. Lousetown Development has requested an extension of the agreement. The Planning Commission recommends extension of the Agreement. City Manager Hoffman recommended that Council request that an appraisal be done as to the fair rental value of the property for inclusion into the lease. Councilmember Buttane recommended that the lease be reviewed by the City attorney. M/M by Hoffman, 2nd by Buttane to submit the lease to the City attorney for review and to bring the lease, with the City attorney's recommendations, back to Council at the January 23 Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item B: Contract
Approval Procedures

CONTRACT APPROVAL PROCEDURES

Councilmember Sullivan recommended that Council adopt the following schedule for contract review purposes:

- a. for contracts between \$5000 - \$10,000, Administration is to inform Council of such contracts at the first Council meeting following execution of the contract;
- b. for contracts over \$10,000 - Administration is to present to Council the contract before implementation.

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Veit to adopt the above contract approval procedure. Poll vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item C: Roster of
Personnel Actions

ROSTER OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Councilmember Sullivan recommended that Administration present to Council on a monthly basis a report on hires, dismissals, demotions, and terminations. Mayor Guinn recommended quarterly reports. Councilmember Buttane recommended that action on this matter should be deferred until after the reorganization plan has been completed. Council took no action pending the completion of the reorganization of the City structure.

Item D: Bethel
Youth Facility

BETHEL YOUTH FACILITY

Councilmember Buttane reviewed for Council the status of the proposed youth facility for Bethel. M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Guinn to accept the proposal as presented and to release funds as allowed by the grant for project planning. Poll vote, motion carried, 4 yes, 1 no, Councilmember Buttane abstaining.

motion

NEW BUSINESS CONT

Item E: Taxi Or-
dinance Modifica-
motion

MODIFICATION #5 OF ORDINANCE 107, TAXI/BUS FARES

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the pro-
posed modification. H/H by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoff-
man to introduce modification #5 of Ordinance 107
and to set the modification for a public hearing
in 30 days. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

H/H by Buttane, 2nd by Sullivan to go past 10 pm.
Voice vote, motion carried.

Item F: Games of
Skill and Chance

GAMES OF SKILL AND CHANCE

H/H by Twitchell, 2nd by Sullivan to approve the
request by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for a Games of
Skill and Chance permit. Voice vote, motion
carried.

Item G: Library
Resolution

LIBRARY RESOLUTION

H/H by Sullivan to adopt the resolution as pre-
sented by Fred Ali supporting the proposed library
expansion. The motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

motion

H/H by Buttane, 2nd by Sullivan to adopt the re-
solution as presented by Fred Ali supporting the
proposed library expansion with the following
changes:

- a. Deletion of the 3rd paragraph from the bottom
of the resolution;
- b. change capital projects committee to capital
projects director and add immediately after
capital projects director the words "and City
Planner" to the last paragraph of the resolu-
tion. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item H: Legal
Matter

LEGAL MATTER

H/H by Sullivan, 2nd by Twitchell to go into execu-
tive session on a legal matter. Voice vote, motion
carried. Executive session from 10.12 - 10.22 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

H/H by Twitchell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned
at 10.23 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY

January, 1984.

ATTEST:

John Guinn, Mayor

Wayne J. Baiers
City Clerk

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