



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 1, 1978

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn. Councilpersons present: Hoffman, Charles, Twitchel, Guinn and Hickling. Councilpersons absent: Elliott and Gregory.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve the Minutes of April 10, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Hoffman requested that the following items be added to the agenda under New Business, Item F. Application for permit for authorized games of chance and skill, as requested by the Bethel Group Home, and Item G. Subdivision of lot owned by the Elm Corporation, located on the river front.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to add to the agenda under New Business, Item F. Application for permit for authorized games of chance and skill, as requested by the Bethel Group Home, and Item G. Subdivision of a portion of U.S. Survey 1002, owned by E.L.M. Corporation. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman reported that he received a letter from Mr. Verne Shimanek, Service Unit Director of the P.H.S. Hospital requesting a transcript of testimony on the patient care policies of the Bethel P.H.S. Hospital.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported that this afternoon he met with Mr. Gary Garthwait and Kyle Cherry of the State Office of the Environmental Conservation, to view City dump and take samples from the City well and survey various sewage disposal sites within the community.

The office building under construction on Ridgecrest Drive is owned by Blackstock and Manager Hoffman has been unable to contact anyone at the Building site, in regard to the trash around the building.

Manager Hoffman requested that the next regular Council meeting scheduled for May 8, 1978, be postponed until May 22, 1978, as there was no urgent items for that date.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to schedule that next City Council Meeting for May 22, 1978. Voice Vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn reported that there will be a Social/Economic Cultural Committee meeting at the Kuskowim Inn on thursday, May 4, 1978, to discuss the seawall project. Representatives from City Council, Office of the Governor and Army Corps of Engineers will be present, interested Citizens are welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson Charles reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommend to City Council that John Alder be hired as the new Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Councilperson Hoffman Reported that the Public Safety Committee has requested that the Department of Environmental Conservation check the sewage disposal at the Kuskokwim Inn, K.C.C. and F.A.A.

Councilperson Twitchell reported that the Special Committee on Transportation will hold a Public Hearing on the newly proposed Taxi Cab Ordinance, on May 11, 1978, to obtain input from concerned citizens.

Manager Hoffman presented the Planning Commission Minutes of March 6, 1978.

M/M by Commissioner Cohen to appoint Mayor Guinn acting Chairperson for the next Planning Commission meeting of April 7, 1978. Voice Vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Commissioner Cohen that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council pass a Resolution in opposition

to the closing of the district recorders office in Bethel. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Commissioner Cohen to allow Mr. Atkins to replat his two lots in Ptarmigan subdivision as one lot. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of March 6, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Manager Hoffman presented the Finance Committee Minutes of March 10, 1978, no recommendations were made.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve the Finance Committee Minutes of March 10, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Manager Hoffman presented the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee Minutes of March 9, 1978.

M/M by Committee Member Shimanek to allow the staff of the Museum to hold a sale in any fashion they feel is necessary to decrease the Museums inventory. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee Minutes of March 9, 1978, as written. Voice Vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilperson Charles stated that on Saturday April 30, 1978, she received various complaints from concerned citizen about the large number of intoxicated people out on the streets the previous evening.

The problem of cab drivers bottlegging will be discussed at the next Social/Economic/Cultural Committee Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTENDED LEASE OF 2,706 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE LOCATED IN THE BRAUND BUILDING, TO THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Manager Hoffman reported that the office space is presently being leased at a cost of \$.80 per square foot, in the new lease the first year will be \$1.05 per square foot, the second year will be \$1.10 per square foot and the third year will be \$1.15 per square foot. Manager Hoffman stated that the Department of Health and Social Services has requested that the City of Bethel provide more windows in the office, this is not written in the proposed lease.

Mayor Guinn closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve the lease of 2,706, square feet of office space located in the Braund Building, to the State of Alaska for the Department of Health and Social Services. For four additional years at the fees recommended by City Administration. Roll Call vote was taken. In Favor: Councilpersons Charles, Hoffman, Twitchell, Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM B. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTENDED LEASE OF THE "OLD LIBRARY" AND A 70' X 50', SECTION OF LAND IN FRONT OF THE "OLD LIBRARY" TO THE ELM CORPORATION.

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Guinn requested that the lease state that no heavy equipment is to be stored in the building.

Mayor Guinn Closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve the lease of the "Old Library" and a 70' X 50', section of land in front of the "Old Library" to the ELM Corporation, at the rate of \$200, per month for a period of six months to begin on March 15, 1978, and to end on September 15, 1978. Roll Call vote was taken. In favor: Councilpersons Charles, Hoffman, Twitchell, and Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM C. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 108, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, SECTION 2.48.070, PART 8, OF THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS ORDINANCE KNOWN AS SICK LEAVE: AND AMENDING SECTION 2.48.070, PART 7, MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF LEAVE.

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Manager Hoffman stated that the new ordinance will increase the maximum accumulation of sick leave from 18 days to 60 days. Manager Hoffman also requested that the ordinance include, after 5 years of service an employee will be paid at his regular hourly rate for unused sick leave up to the maximum of 60 days.

Mayor Guinn closed the Public Hearing at 8:18 p.m.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve Ordinance No. 108, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, SECTION 2.48.070, PART 8, OF THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS ORDINANCE KNOWN AS SICK LEAVE: AND AMENDING SECTION 2.48.070, PART 7, MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF LEAVE, and also to include after 5 years of service an employee will be paid at his regular hourly rate for unused sick leave up to the maximum of 60 days. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. RESOLUTION NO. 233, A RESOLUTION FROM THE BETHEL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS REQUESTING THAT THE BETHEL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF THE YUGTARVIK REGIONAL MUSEUM.

Manager Hoffman suggested that the Bethel Council on the Arts act as the advisory committee for a six month trial period, for the Museum. Manager Hoffman stated that the purpose of the Museum is to collect native artifacts for display, and to provide an outlet for native crafts, to be sold on consignment.

Councilperson Hickling suggested that the Bethel Council on the Arts work along with the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee as the advisory committee and the City of Bethel be the administrator for the Museum.

Mrs. Judy Shoemake reported that the following people are on the Bethel Council on the Arts Board: Carol Schatz, Peter Twitchell Owen Freeman, Lacer Horter, Rae Baxter.

M/M by Councilperson Hickling to table Item A. Resolution No. 233, until May 22, 1978, when further information will be available to Council. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM B. RESOLUTION NO. 234, A RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF BETHEL SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS THE SUBSISTANCE LIFESTYLE NECESSARY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF PEOPLE OF THE YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA.

Mayor Guinn read and introduced resolution No. 234, A RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF BETHEL SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS THE SUBSISTANCE LIFESTYLE NECESSARY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF PEOPLE OF THE YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve Resolution No. 234, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hickling requested that Mrs. Guinn be given a copy of Resolution No. 234 to hand carry to Washington.

ITEM C. REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Manager Hoffman stated that Tittle 29, of the Alaska Statutes states that a recall election must be held to replace a Council Member. Manager Hoffman will contact the City's Attorney and report back at the next Council Meeting.

ITEM D. REVIEW OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL DOCKS TERMINAL TARIFF RATES.

Manager Hoffman reported that the new rates have been reviewed by United Transportation. The rates will be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission and after a thirty day waiting period they will go into effect.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve Tariff No. I, and file it with the Federal Maritime Commission. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Charles, Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell, Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM E. HIRING OF THE NEW PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.

Manager Hoffman reported that the Personnel Committee recommends Jeff Helms, the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends John Alder, and the staff of the Park and Recreation Department recommends John Alder, for the position of Park and Recreation Director. John Alder has agreed to sign a two year contract with the City of Bethel.

Mr. Frank Beecroft a member of the Park and Recreation Committee reported to Council that John Alder has been handling the job well and plans to stay in Bethel.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to appoint John Alder as the Park and Recreation Director. Roll call vote was taken. In favor; Charles, Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell, Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM F. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT OF GAMES OF SKILL AND CHANCE BY BETHEL GROUP HOME.

M/M by Councilperson Hickling to approve the permit of Games of Skill and Chance for the Bethel Group Home. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM G. SUBDIVISION OF LOT OWNED BY ELM CORP. LOCATED ON THE RIVERFRONT.

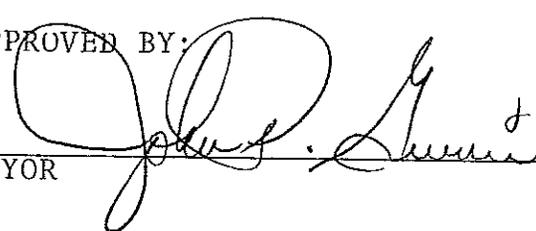
Mayor Guinn reported that this land was quick claimed back to Elm Corp. because, the seawall was not constructed in a timely manner. There are two buildings located on this lot,

one building is owned by Checker cab, the other building is owned by Elm Corp.

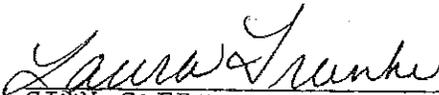
M/M by Councilperson Hickling to approve the subdivision of the lot owned by Elm Corp., located on the riverfront. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment was at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK