

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vanasse called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Feaster, Lilienthal, Richardson, Vanasse & Wallace.

Absent: Dale and Trantham (out of town).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Wallace to approve the minutes of special Council meeting of 2/25/91 as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

City Clerk McGowan indicated that the other minutes weren't quite done, but would be caught up by the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Wallace to approve the agenda with the following changes: under New Business, table Item A: Introduction Amend.#5 to Ord.#195; delete Item F: PATC Facilities Proposed Lease Agreement; add Item F: Resolution #672; add Item G: Resolution #673; and add Item H: Executive Session: Legal Matters (City of Bethel vs. Nelson Brown) & Personnel Matter (City Clerk's position). Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Vanasse reported to Council on the following items: due to lengthy agenda tonight, recommended Councilmembers to condense comments to a few minutes; re: situation like Twitchell's request, suggested to Council that a one time amnesty on all penalty & interest on sales tax debt be done with expiration date, which would allow sales tax debtors to come in and ask for a one time amnesty. Councilmembers Richardson and Wallace concurred with the Mayor and after discussion, this was referred to the Finance Committee for review, before adding it to the next agenda. Mayor Vanasse also reported that he also received a letter from Ray Price of ASHA seeking support re: modernization renovation of Bethel Heights development. Received letter from U.S. Fish & Wildlife regarding a meeting in March 4 through 8th and March 18th through 22nd, regarding proposed changes for bag limits and meeting to be held in Anchorage. Concluded by appointing Buster Richardson to the Port Commission per his letter of interest.

motion

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Lilienthal to ratify Mayor Vanasse's appointment. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Vanasse also indicated that he also had a report to give on behalf of the student Council which he would report later in the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrative/Personnel Officer Taylor read the written Manager's report to Council on the following items: 6 month budget review scheduled for Wednesday night; PATC transfer issue, a copy of lease terms established on 2/25/91 special meeting

MANAGER'S REPORT
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were attached, and memorandum to be distributed to interested agencies in submitting proposals; and Cultural Center land proposal on agenda tonight, and could be discussed further in detail when item comes up.

Madam Richardson expressed her concern that the Council packets were not complete lately and suggested next time that she would like to receive a council packet in tact, even if it had to be day before the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

Mayor Vanasse reported on behalf of the student representative regarding the ASAG Program that would be held on March 21st to 23rd in Bethel this year.

REPORTS OF STANDING

Councilman Wallace reported that PATC Advisory Board met regarding the PATC Transfer issue; also that same budget as last year would be requested, and to discuss further at the next meeting, which would be scheduled after proposals had been received.

Councilman Feaster reported that Finance Committee met last week regarding laundromat operations; sales tax collections and appeals; next meeting to be held before the next council meeting. Also reported on behalf of Planning Commission, indicating that they discussed the Inlet Salmon lease; Harry Faulkner, Sr presented affidavit regarding property across the slough; Bethel Group Home addressed Commission, and will go to Council at next meeting regarding the land use permit; and regarding land trade on 2nd Avenue where future church might be built, and next meeting to date to be discussed.

Madam Lilienthal indicated that Port Commission had not met yet since the last meeting, and requested that if the Mayor had any appointments to make to the Port Commission, to appoint someone soon. Mayor Vanasse indicated he would reconfirm with the individuals before making the appointments.

Madam Richardson reported that the Public Safety Committee had an organizational meeting, at which Don Dinius was chosen as Chairman and Sherron Smyth as Vice-Chair. Next meeting to be held March 6th, 7PM at the Fire Station, and agenda item being FY'92 budget. Madam Richardson also reported that the employee committee had been formed, with a 70% turn out vote from City employees. Employee Committee members being: Dean Baugh, Nelson Davies, Debra Gilcrest, Chris Morrill, Jerry Huey, Tim Oosterman, George Young, and Madam Richardson as Council representative. Next meeting not been set yet. Mayor Vanasse expressed his appreciation of this committee being formed.

Mayor Vanasse reported that Parks & Recreation Committee met last night and audio conference held with former Mayor of Nome, Bob Herron and Bob (no last

name was given), at which suggestions have been made and how their pools were accomplished was also discussed. And next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting to be held March 11, at the Log Cabin.

Public Works Committee Chairman Craig Rogers reported for the Committee, since Council Trantham was out of town. He reported that the Committee met on February 19th, extended his welcome to the new member; Public Works Director received thank you letter from Fire Chief thanking him for his employees responding to recent fires; mechanical failure of garbage truck recently, but back on road as of the 20th; IFB sent to Administration and Council regarding a used dumpster truck; on lagoon fencing, IFB been completed and sent to administration for approval; City received Engineer's proposal on pumphouse boiler; Public Works purchased waste oil burner and indicated City had 10,000 gallons of waste oil; Committee working on utility rate review - working on expenditures; water & sewer benefits abuse was discussed and recommended to refer to the employee committee for review. Also the Public Works Committee mission statement would be to recommend that a budget amendment be done to increase expense in Utility Enterprise Fund by \$130,702.50 and divided into \$111,000 for purchase of 3 stainless steel water tanks, and \$19,702.50 for administrative overhead. Next meeting to be held March 19, 1991.

Mayor Vanasse asked if the budget amendment would be prepared by the Public Works Director; Mr. Rogers indicated that it was their recommendation to do so. It was also pointed out that the funds have been pulled and no one to install waste oil burner.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Ted Woodruff expressed his concern to Council regarding public disasters, indicating that there had been no chaplain at recent disasters and no plans involved. After discussion, Mayor Vanasse referred him to the Public Safety Committee meeting to be held on March 6th at the Fire Station.

Tom Warner approached Council regarding past due sales tax amnesty, felt while City was in budget crunch why they were doing this, which also defeated the work of the Finance Committee; and PATC Facility lease, felt Council was giving away funding source; and concluded by indicating that the PATC Facility Lease was on the regular council agenda, while yesterdays special Council meeting had taken care of the issue, felt it was not right on public's behalf. Mayor Vanasse addressed his concerns, felt the first 2 disturbed him greatly and indicated that he had and will continue to attempt to correct actions and the penalty & interest forgiveness disturbed him intensely, but felt it something that can be corrected; and regarding PATC lease, felt it was a give away, but importance of keeping program going and not overpricing was the main issue; and regarding the

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the special meeting, indicated he was out of town Thursday through Sunday and was not aware of the meeting until yesterday, and to his understanding of the reason for the special meeting was to expedite the lease agreement for potential grantees and Councilmembers were going to be out of town tonight.

John Abrant addressed Council regarding police officers without winter parkas, as do the Fire fighters. He indicated that at recent fires, Police Officers had assisted with fires wearing waste length light non-winter coat jackets, and that the Officers were freezing out in the cold. Indicated that there had been budget line item in Police Dept. budget for officer's called uniform allowance, and have not seen that allowance in budget for 3 years. Felt there were severe priorities problem at the Police Department and concluded by asking Council to provide Police Officer with severe cold weather uniforms. Mayor Vanasse indicated ths shoudl be sent to Public Safety Committee. Tom Warner indicated that at last June budget process, the telephone system had been included, but also indicated that the uniform allowance is suppose to stay in the Police department budget and should be addressed soon as possible. Craig Rogers also stated for the record regarding issuance of parka's, that only the paid fire fighters were provided with parkas, and that volunteers were provided with bunker gears and other than those, they wore their own clothes.

COUNCIL BREAK 8:47 PM to 9:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: Res.671
motion

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #671-PATC COUNSELOR TRAINEE

M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Wallace to approve Resolution #671 as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Games of
Chance & skill

motion

GAMES OF SKILL & CHANCE-BETHEL CHAPTER DUCKS UNLIMITED

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Richardson to approve the games of skill & chance permit application for Bethel Chapter Ducks Unlimited. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Vanasse indicated that this application had been signed already for their 1 day operation.

Item C: Staff
Attorney Selection &
Job Description

SELECTION OF CITY ATTORNEY & DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Council discussed at this time that conclusion needed to be accomplished whether title would be a staff or City attorney; it was also indicated that responsibilities & duties needed to be established and who was going to be his/her boss. Madam Richardson felt the title should be staff attorney & involve in day to day operation of City and send litigations

Item C: continued

to him/her. Councilman Wallace concurred with Madam Richardson. It was also indicated that as far as legal secretary was concerned, it was suggest he/she work with the City Clerk. After further discussion, Council directed Administrative/Personnel Officer Taylor to come up with a draft job description and present it to Council.

Item D: Yup'ik
Cultural Land Pro-
posal

YUP'IK CULTURAL CENTER LAND PROPOSAL

Administrative/Personnel Officer Taylor reviewed with Council regarding the Yup'ik Cultural Center land proposal and provided them with a map showing location of 4 acres of land requested and another map showing 1.5 acres of land that BNC was requesting in addition to providing City of Bethel with 4 acres land, BNC was requesting City delete 1.5 acres of land from City getting the 10 acres of land back from USS 400 through the 14(c) entitlement. Council also heard from BNC Manager Bill Biven further explaining this process in detail. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Vanasse suggested tabling this item to next agenda for further discussion and in hope full Council would be present. Council and BNC concurred that the problem was with the additional 2 acres of land requested, and disagreement with City giving up the 1.5 acres of land, which was located at the Petro Port.

motion

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Wallace to table Yup'ik Cultural Land issue until the next meeting. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item E: Proposed
Resol #672
motion

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #672-DAY CARE ADMINISTRATION

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Feaster to accept Resolution #672 as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item F: Proposed
Resol #673

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #673-DISPOSAL SITE FOR DREDGE MATERIALS

motion

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Feaster to accept Resolution #673 as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item G: Executive
Session

Hearing no objection, Council went into executive at 10:20 PM and Council came out of executive session at 11:07 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Richardson to adjourn the Council meeting at 11:08 PM. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF March, 1991.

Gary Vanasse
Gary Vanasse, Mayor

ATTEST:
Anna McGowan
Anna McGowan, City Clerk