

- CALL TO ORDER Mayor Vanasse called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:40 PM.
- ROLL CALL Present: Dale, Feaster, Richardson,
Trantham, Vanasse
Absent: Lillenthal, Wallace.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES No minutes were presented due to the recent resignation of the former City Clerk.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Feaster to approve the agenda with the following changes: Under Old Business add Item A - City Clerks Applications; under New Business change Item B to Appointment of Mayor and move Item B (Tax Refund-Northvend) to Item C; add Item D, Executive Session.
- MAYOR'S REPORT
- Mayor Vanasse reported that he had the honor to speak to the Bethel Chamber of Commerce meeting and gained helpful suggestions for expanding the communication between the public and council members.
 - Encouraged anyone who was interested to get involved with Russian visitors from Bethel's sister city, Anadyr.
 - Mayor Vanasse closed his report by thanking the Council for their patience and understanding during his tenure as Mayor.
- MANAGER'S REPORT
- City Manager Hohman reviewed his written report with Council on the following items:
- The City is eligible for power cost equalization that it has not had for the past six years. While it cannot get benefits retroactively beyond the 1st of July, it will seek to establish those benefits back to that date.
 - ONC and the City have reached an agreement regarding the Bowling Alley. A conference call with Mr. Fitka determined that the estimated cost of renovating the building would be \$2,200. Mr. Hohman concluded by asking for Council's direction.
 - Museum crafts have been inventoried with an affixed value on craft items. A craft sale/auction has been advertised for 19 October 1991. However, the Moravian bookstore has made an offer on these crafts which averages 79% of the shelf price. Mr. Hohman stated that he felt this was a good offer and asked to finalize the matter. He also stated that there has been an offer on

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the Log Cabin and pointed out that possibly some type of agreement could be made with the Log Cabin to purchase the property of interest to the City.

- Concerning the final report from the Alaska Energy Authority on the subject of the possible purchase of Bethel Utilities by the City, Mr. Hohman stated that there was no plan for AEA to travel to Bethel to present the report. Mr. Hohman suggested that Council and Administration review the report individually and then develop a plan to request the engineers from AEA to assist where needed.

- Adult Recreation League has requested \$7,762 for lease requirements for adult basketball and volleyball. The funds are available in the FY 92 budget, and it is understood that Council will transfer.

- The Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing grant deadline is November 1, 1991. Applications are being reviewed. Further information will follow.

- Budget amendment will be coordinated and presented at the next Council meeting.

- CIP Executive Branch is working on the capital budget. Mr. Hohman requested Council submit its recommendations for Capital Improvement Projects.

- Councilman Feaster asked about the Public Safety Committee meeting. Mayor Vanasse felt that could be dealt with at the time the Standing Committees presented their reports.

- Councilman Trantham brought up the subject of reclaiming the land behind the great arch. It was suggested that John Malone may be more knowledgeable about the subject. Mayor Vanasse directed Planning to address this subject and do the follow-up work required.

motion

M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Dale to approve the Bowling Alley renovation and the transfer of money to ONC. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Madam Richardson brought up the discussion of the museum crafts that have been advertised for sale and the offer made by the Moravian Bookstore. She stated that she thought it was a great offer and would like to see Council entertain accepting its offer. Other council members expressed their opinions on

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the matter, but because the auction had been advertised, Mayor Vanasse felt Council should consider the bid but hold off on making any final decision. Councilman Dale pointed out that the Museum Log Cabin could not take anymore moves and maybe it should consider making some type of donation. At this time, Mayor Vanasse stated that a private party had brought to his attention their concern regarding the removal and storage of the Museum artifacts. Mayor Vanasse stated that he would prefer not to see those items in the City offices and asked for council members opinions.

Some discussion was held regarding sending the artifacts to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Tom Warner asked if this was to be a loan or a donation. Council members agreed that the artifacts should be well inventoried and discussed some type of loan arrangement with the University.

motion

M/M by Feaster for the City Manager to approach the University of Alaska, Fairbanks to offer them on loan the artifacts that are on display with the understanding that they would maintain them appropriately until such time as the Cultural Center opens and they will be returned for display. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Madam Richardson questioned the wording in the Manager's Report regarding the Adult Recreation League and was mainly concerned that it was in the budget and would not affect the youth programs. City Manager Hohman reassured the Council that this would have no affect on the youth programs.

Councilman Feaster asked about Administration's new policy regarding the media. City Manager Hohman explained that the policy had been implemented while he was out of town because of the possibility of a law suit. He further stated that because of some information that was released, "it was a reaction to a crisis."

Councilman Feaster stated that the Finance Manager's report had been edited and felt that this should not take place.

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Councilman Feaster next addressed the sales tax issue regarding Delta Money Transfer and the fact that at the September 10, 1991 meeting direction was given to have a contract drawn up between the City and Delta Money Transfer. City Manager Hohman stated that it was his understanding that since the taxes had been paid the verbal contract was sufficient but, in the future, contracts should be in written form.

Councilman Feaster also addressed the issue of check signers for the City. Because of resignations, there was only one appointed signatory which created difficulties when paying bills.

Councilman Feaster then pointed out that there have been memos to be distributed to Council that had not been received by Council. An example given was an appointment letter of Mr. Hastie as the Administrative/- Personnel Officer directing him to discharge duties as assigned by the City Manager.

Councilman Feaster next addressed his concern regarding new hire moving expenses and some housing privileges. City Manger Hohman responded by stating that the expenses in question occurred as a result of an interview trip and that the City did reimburse for part or all of the cost of airfare.

Councilman Feaster requested that an Executive Session be included on the next agenda and invite Mr. Hastie and Mr. Whyte to attend.

motion

M/M Feaster, 2nd Richardson that City Manager Hohman be included on the list of check signers for the City of Bethel as standard policy. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Council then broke for a short recess.

Mayor Vanasse called the meeting back to order at 9:50 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBER
COMMENTS

Councilman Dale addressed the water and sewer ordinance that requires payment of past due bills by previous owners/residents before service to the next resident can be granted and felt that this was not appropriate.

motion

M/M Dale, 2nd Richardson to request the Public Works Committee make a recommendation to Council and that Council come up with a solution within 30 days. Voice vote, motion carried.

Councilman Trantham suggested two ways to produce revenue for the City by: 1) taxing the games of skill and chance, and 2) collecting sales tax from bootleggers. Mr. Trantham then thanked all City employees and committee and commission members for their commitment to service to the City and then shared his viewpoints and suggestions with each of the council members.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES

Madam Richardson stated that the Public Safety Committee's main agenda item was the issue of the Public Safety Department structure which was included in the Manager's Report to the Council. No recommendation from the Committee had been received at this time. The Committee wants to move cautiously and support the Public Safety Department structure in concept as long as both the Fire and Police Departments can work out a structure that is not detrimental to either one and that personnel from both departments support the structure.

Councilman Feaster reported that the Finance Committee was scheduled to meet October 17, 1991.

Mayor Vanasse reported that there were committee and commission vacancies available and urged the public to become involved. He encouraged the two new council members to decide which committee they wished to serve on. The Public Works Committee and Port Commission each have a vacancy to be filled by a council member.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Tom Warner thanked Councilman Trantham and Madam Lillenthal for their service on the Council and to the City.

OLD BUSINESS

Item A: City
Clerk applic.

Council discussed procedures for reviewing applications for the City Clerk position.

motion M/M Trantham, 2nd Richardson to table the item until new council members are seated. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS The newly elected council members, Thomas Warner, James Feaster, Gary Vanasse and Allen Wintersteen were sworn in by the Acting City Clerk and assumed their duties on the Council.

Item A: Council Members to be Sworn In
Item B: Appointment of Mayor
Nomination by Councilman Warner for Mr. James Feaster. Nomination by Councilman Dale for Mr. Tom Warner. Mr. Warner requested that his name be withdrawn from consideration.

motion M/M Warner, 2nd Richardson for a unanimous ballot or a vote by acclamation for Mr. Feaster as Mayor of the City of Bethel. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Vanasse extended his congratulations to Mr. Feaster and turned over his seat to the new Mayor.

Item C: Northvend Tax Refund
Mayor Feaster reported that Northvend had been paying City sales tax on items that were not taxable and had applied for a refund. Because of the dollar amount involved it was necessary for the Council to act on the request for refund. Council reviewed the list of non-taxable items submitted by Northvend.

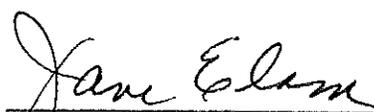
motion M/M Richardson, 2nd Warner to authorize a refund to Northvend in the amount of \$2,071.94 per their request for newspaper sales. Poll vote, motion carried (6-yes, Wallace absent).

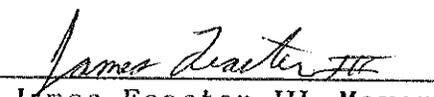
EXECUTIVE SESSION Decision was made not to go into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT M/M Wintersteen, 2nd Vanasse to adjourn Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF November, 1991.

ATTEST:


Jane Elam, City Clerk


James Feaster III, Mayor