



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 23, 1978

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 7:30 p.m.
Councilpersons present: Charles, Elliott, Gregory, Hickling,
Hoffman, Twitchell, and Guinn. Councilpersons absent:
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilperson Hickling to approve the minutes of
August 9, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was
unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to approve the agenda with the
addition of Item F., under New Business, Discussion of a
First Class City Status. Voice vote was taken and was
unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported that Mr. Andrew Minister of I.S.O.,
was in Bethel on August 14, 1978, to review and rate the
Bethel Fire Department, and the ASHA water/ supply system.
All of the testing was favorable, it is anticipated that
within the next six months the City of Bethel should receive
a new fire insurance classification from a class 10 to a
class 8 dwelling which may result in a 15% to 25% reduction
in home owners insurance.

The City of Bethel has received 80 inquires for the position
of Police Chief. The Personnel Committee has started the
selection process, and a selection will be made in late
September.

The well for the Bethel Civic Center water/sewer system has been drilled. Water was reached at 435 feet.

Manager Hoffman requested that Council approve his six day vacation from September 8th, through September 15th.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilperson Elliott reported that several roads in Bethel need to be graded in the near future.

Councilperson Hickling stated the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee did not have a quorum at their last meeting. An open discussion was held on the possibility of a bus system in Bethel.

Councilperson Charles reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee is requesting that they be given permission to move the playground equipment from the bicentennial park to another site.

Lynn Purcell an employee of the Parks and Recreation Department submitted a proposal for a swimming pool to be located in the new park site.

Councilperson Charles stated that the long term goals set by the Parks and Recreation Committee are as follows: 1. a bowling alley, which is under construction. 2. a swimming pool. 3. a new multi purpose gym.

Councilperson Gregory stated that the personnel Committee has stated to review the applications for Police Chief.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Blanchard asked the City Council for two taxicab permits to enable him to start a bus system in Bethel. He stated that he will only need two permits to start but, in the future he would like to obtain four additional permits.

Kathy Strattie requested that Council allow her to lease a parcel of land located near the Recreation Building to construct a fast food stand. Mayor Guinn directed her to take her proposal to the Planning Commission.

Several area residents expressed their concern about all the trash that is being blown around town from the open dump. Manager Hoffman stated that the City has a fence for the dump on order, which should arrive in early September.

Councilperson Twitchell requested that the dog pound be moved to another location, he stated that it is very disrupting for the people who work in nearby offices. Councilperson Twithell also expressed his concern that the dog pound has not been cleaned recently and is in a very unsanitary condition.

Mr. Franke expressed his concern that the dog catcher carries a pistol, and asked why this was necessary.

Councilperson Hickling requested that the dog catcher patrol the ASHA Housing, and school areas several times a day.

Councilperson Charles requested that the City replace the street lights that have burnt out.

Mayor Guinn directed the City Administration to contact the Department of Transportation Department in regards to widening encroachment on first Avenue right of way.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. INTENDED LEASE OF THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CITY OF BETHEL'S RECREATION BUILDING NO. 2, FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL YEARS TO BUCK RODGER'S DISCO.

Manager Hoffman stated that the Buck Rodger's Disco still has one year before their lease expires. They are interested in constructing an addition to the Building if a five year lease was approved.

M/M by Councilperson Hickling to set the date for the Public Hearing on the proposed lease of Recreation Building 2, for five additional year to the Buck Rodgers Disco for September 25, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM B. MANAGEMENT OF THE RECREATION BUILDING

Manager Hoffman stated that Bethel Native Council has agreed to contract with the City of Bethel to manage the new recreation building. Bethel Native Council will lease the recreation building to the City of Bethel for a period of five years at no cost. Under the conditions that fees must be set at an affordable rate, and all revenues must be spent on recreation.

M/M by Councilperson Hickling to tentatively approve the management contract for the new recreation building with final approval after the Parks and Recreation Committee has reviewed the contract. Voice vote was taken and was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM C. DISCUSSION OF THE AMBULANCE CONTRACT

Manager Hoffman introduced and explained the ambulance contract between the City of Bethel and YKHC. The ambulance will arrive in Bethel in September.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to approve the contract between the City of Bethel and YKHC as written. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilperson Elliott, Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell, and Guinn. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Manager Hoffman added that this contract will also be presented to the YKHC Board of Directors before final approval is made.

ITEM D. REDUCTION OF THE TAXICAB PERMITS

Manager Hoffman offered to allow the taxicab companies to pay their permit fees on a quarterly schedule.

Mr. Angstman stated that he could not see any problem for the taxicab companies paying on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Angstman also requested that the taxicab permit holders be allowed to sell their permits along with the business. Kusko cab is requesting that they be allowed to transfer their permits to Tony Lewis.

Mayor Guinn stated that all taxicab permits must be approved and distributed by City Council, as required by Ordinance. This system will protect the City's interests.