



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 22, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:40 P.M.
Present: Council Members Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Peltola.
Absent: Council Members Stichick, Hinsvark, Charles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Guinn to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 1977, Special Council Meeting as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilman Guinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman reported that Mayor Peltola and he had discussed legislative priorities with the Governor during his recent visit in Bethel. He stated that he was in contact with the Governor's Office and would be informed of any budget cuts affecting Bethel. Also, Manager Hoffman presented to Council a memorandum from himself to Ms. Nancy Kraning authorizing her to act in his absence which might be necessitated due to a personal emergency within his family.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman stated that it was his recommendation that Council in an effort to deter bootlegging offer a \$500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of bootleggers.

M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council approve a \$500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons involved in bootlegging.
Second: Councilman Hickling. Roll call vote was taken.
In favor: Council Members Peltola, Guinn, Hickling, Elliott.
Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director, Ralph Engebret, reported that the Finance Committee meeting had been cancelled and that his report would be postponed until the Finance Committee had reviewed the FY 1977 Revised Budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola reported that Governor Hammond had requested his recommendations for three appointments to the Coastal Management Committee, and requested suggestions from the public and Council. Second, Mayor Peltola stated that a communication had been received from Councilman Stichick announcing his resignation. Third, he asked that Manager Hoffman receive Council's and the community's full support in his new capacity as City Manager.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Elliott reported that the Public Works Committee had been unable to meet, due to a lack of a quorum.

Councilwoman Hickling stated that the Social, Economic, and Cultural Committee had dispersed for the summer months, until September 1, 1977.

Councilman Guinn offered the following recommendations of the Planning Commission for Council's approval: 1) They requested an on-site survey be conducted by the City surveyor, and that members of the Planning Commission conduct an on-site inspection of the property (Lot 1, Block 8 - J.B. Crow) before the next Planning Commission meeting in July; 2) They requested that an on-site inspection be conducted by the Planning Commission before July, of the Third Avenue Extension-Joe Mendola, and that the Public Safety Committee be asked to advise on the traffic pattern for that area; 3) They recommended that a second letter be written requesting further information on Mr. Gregory's intention to build; 4) That a public lottery with a voting age restriction and a statement of consent decree on the application for land in the Village Subdivision be presented as a Resolution to the City Council on June 10, 1977; 5) That the appraisal by Hall Rogers of the Commercial Lots in Ptarmigan Subdivision not be accepted because it was neither fair nor accurate; 6) That previous recipients of a lot in the Village Subdivision may not apply for Subdivision property in the next lottery, and that payment be modified to payment in full within one year and construction within one more additional year.

M/M by Councilman Guinn that the June 3, 1977, Planning Commission Minutes be ratified by Council.

Second: Councilman Elliott.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Peltola, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that they were unable to meet for lack of a quorum. The meeting had been rescheduled for June 24, 1977, at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Gerald Korthis, as spokesman for the VFW #10041, stated that they felt they had been unduly harrassed by the local police and the Alcohol Beverage Control Board during their state convention. M/M by Mayor Peltola that a committee be established to investigate the VFW complaint of harrassment, comprised of one member of the Council, one VFW representative, and one member of the City administration. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Edward Hoffman addressed the Council with regard to a comment made by Mayor Peltola. He said that it had been reported to him that Mayor Peltola had said, "We don't want anymore Eddy Hoffmans." Mayor Peltola explained that the comment was in no way meant to be an offensive on Mr. Hoffman's person, nor was it in anyway derogatory. That the expression was made only to offer Mr. Hoffman as an example of one citizen who had served and offered his time and services over many consecutive terms of office. Mayor Peltola stated that he felt that there was a need within the City of Bethel to involve more residents in the governmental processes, instead of utilizing the few who faithfully come forward to offer their time and services.

Mr. Kevin Murphy queried the Council on two points: 1) Had they officially accepted Councilman Stichick's resignation and declared his seat open; 2) How long had the City Manager position been advertised and where had it been advertised. Mayor Peltola answered that they had not declared Councilman Stichick's seat open and the City Managers position had been advertised for thirty days throughout the State of Alaska.

Mr. Edward Hoffman addressed the Council with regard to the need for an additional police officer to patrol the Brown Slough area. His recommendation was referred to the Finance Committee.

Councilwoman Hickling asked about the progress of the committee studying the mayoral form of government. Mayor Peltola reported that they had not completed their study and were not ready to report to the Council.

M/M by Councilman Elliott to amend the Agenda by adding under New Business-Item B. Declaration of Councilman Stichick's seat vacant.
Second: Hickling
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. CITY SUBDIVISION

Manager Hoffman introduced Resolution No. 200, and recommended that it be ratified by Council. Resolution No. 200 was read by the City Clerk. Commissioner Harrington recommended that I. Section 3, of Resolution No. 200 be amended be read; An applicant must be either a non-property owner in the City of Bethel, or a property owner in the flood plain in the City of Bethel, or residents/landowners in the river erosion area south of Mission Road. M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council accept Resolution No. 200 (A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF RESIDENTIAL LOT OWNERS IN THE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL) amended in I. Section 3, to read; An applicant must be either a non-property owner in the City of Bethel, or a property owner in the flood plain in the City of Bethel, or residents/landowners in the river erosion area south of Mission Road.
Second: Councilwoman Hickling.
Roll call vote was taken.
In favor: Council Members Peltola, Hickling, Guinn, Elliott.
Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM B. OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Commissioner Harrington stated that following the introduction of the OEDP at the June 10, 1977, Council Meeting no amendments or additions had been offered by Council or the public. She asked that Council amend the plan by incorporating into the plan the list of Legislative Priorities distributed to Council at the June 10, 1977, Council Meeting. M/M by Councilman Guinn to approve the submission of the Overall Economic Development Plan as presented with the list of Legislative priorities incorporated into the plan to the Economic Development Administration.
Second: Councilwoman Hickling.
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER

Councilman Guinn, chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that Lyman Hoffman was their recommendation for the position of City Manager. They recommended that he be offered a six month contract which would extend through the present Fiscal Year. M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and ratify Lyman Hoffman's appointment as City Manager. Second: Councilwoman Hickling. In favor: Council Members Hickling, Guinn, Elliott, Peltola. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

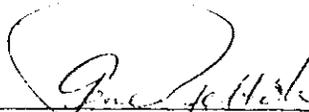
ITEM B. DECLARATION OF COUNCILMAN STICHICK'S SEAT VACANT

Mayor Peltola reported that Councilman Stichick would not be returning for a period of one year in order to further his education, and had formally requested that Council accept his resignation and declare his seat vacant. M/M by Councilman Elliott to accept Councilman Stichick's resignation and declare his seat vacant. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

It was noted that no date had been set as a final date for the acceptance of City Subdivision lot applications. M/M by Councilman Guinn that the deadline for submission of City Subdivision lot applications be Friday, July 22, 1977, at 5:00 P.M. Second: Councilwoman Hickling. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

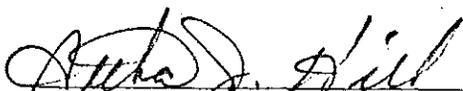
M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Peltola at 9:00 P.M.

APPROVED:



GENE PELTOLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ALTHA JEAN HILL, CITY CLERK