

City of Bethel
City Council

Regular Meeting of April 26, 1994

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:30 PM by Mayor Chris in the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chris, Jones, Metcalfe, Miller, Trantham,
Tubbs, Wintersteen

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Barb Angaiak invited Council participation in the strategic planning meeting for Kilbuck School, to be held May 3 and 4, 1994, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Meyers' Farm meeting room.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Trantham to approve the minutes of the April 8, 1994, special meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Trantham to approve the minutes of the April 12, 1994, regular meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Trantham to approve the minutes of the April 19, 1994, special meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/REGULAR AGENDA

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Wintersteen to approve by consent, Item A under New Business. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Miller to amend the agenda by adding Resolutions #94-18 and #94-19 as New Business Item C and

D. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to amend the agenda by adding the presentation by Warren Tanner, Alaska State Troopers, as New Business Item E, and the presentation by Sharon Fisher and Dennis Crawford, Cooperative Extension, as New Business Item F. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Wintersteen to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chris referred Council to her written report, and stated she had written a letter to the Governor in response to Sharon Macklin's report on HB406.

Mayor Chris relayed the request to close the Clerk's office for Wednesday, April 27, 1994, in order to continue to prepare the Recommended Annual Budget. No objection was raised.

Mayor Chris read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 6-12, 1994, as National Nurses Week.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Trantham to ratify the proclamation for National Nurses Week. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Young reviewed the written report with Council and requested direction on the following items:

1. Museum Artifacts Inventory

motion M/M by Metcalfe, 2nd by Jones to approve the inventory of the museum artifacts. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Request for Donation for Pageant Expenses

Council member Wintersteen requested further clarification from the City Manager regarding the Fourth of July expenses and any remaining money left from the Fourth of July celebration.

Informational Items/Discussion/Questions on City Manager's Report:

Mayor Chris requested further information regarding Nunapitchuk Apartments and the letter from their attorney. Council member Trantham requested research on the frequency of evacuation services to the apartments, and more information from the City Manager.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Scheduled dates for upcoming Committee/Commission meetings were announced.

Council member Trantham reported the Transportation Commission met on April 12, 1994, and held a discussion regarding taxicab complaints. Mr. Trantham urged the members of the community to report complaints in a timely manner and to include the cab company, cab number, name of the driver, nature of the complaint and the date and time of the complaint, and stressed that the Transportation Commission had the authority to investigate complaints regarding cab companies. Mr. Trantham also reported that the new inspection system for cabs had freed up Police Department time and no complaints had been received.

Council member Miller reported that the Public Works Committee had voted to create a subcommittee on solid waste management with an informational/advisory responsibility. Mr. Miller also relayed the Committee's concern that the Public Works Director was being utilized because of his expertise and expressed his view that the Council has full confidence in the Director. Mr. Miller also requested the vacancy on the Public Works Committee be advertised.

Council member Jones reported the Finance Committee had recommended rejecting all proposals to the Grant Writing Services RFP and readvertise the RFP with a contingency fee included to be paid by the City, if it approves the grant application. Mr. Jones reported the Committee had requested an opinion from the attorney regarding the request from YKHC to use the City's bonding authority, and addressing the concerns of the City's liability in the event of default; effect on the City's ability to obtain other bonds; and the Attorney General's ruling on municipalities participating in activities that are discriminatory. Mr. Jones also reported that the Finance Committee recommended the Finance Director and Committee review the Recommended Budget before its passage.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to reject all bids for the Grant Writing Services Request for Proposals and direct

the City Manager to readvertise the RFP with payment on a contingency basis. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Trantham questioned Council member Metcalfe if he wanted to make a motion regarding the report on Lot 4, Block 8, USS 3790. Mr. Metcalfe responded that he would recommend the City negotiate with the Crows for the lot and would draft a resolution for the next Council agenda.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Public Hearing--Ordinance #94-11: An Ordinance Amending Title 2. Chapter 2.04.030 Entitled Order of Business by Moving People to be Heard Immediately following Roll Call on the City Council Agenda

Mayor Chris opened the Public Hearing. Joe Bowles addressed the Council in support of the Ordinance, stating it would give people a chance to address the Council without waiting. There being no other comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

motion M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Metcalfe to approve Ordinance #94-11 with an effective date of April 26, 1994. Poll vote. Motion carried, 7-yes, 0-no.

ITEM B: Presentation by Bill Stokes, DEC

Bill Stoke, Department of Environmental Conservation, addressed the Council and referred to the list of homes he had provided at an earlier meeting which indicated the houses in Bethel that were not receiving City sewer services. Mr. Stokes suggested the Council publish this list to encourage residents to pressure neighbors to sign up for services. Mr. Stokes also advised Council that Police officers have the authority to enforce environmental statutes and issue citations. Mr. Stokes proposed the Council prepare an ordinance which would require all residents to sign up for City sewer services.

Council member Trantham requested the City Manager, with the assistance of the attorney and Mr. Stokes, develop an ordinance which would require all residents to sign up for City sewer services for introduction at the next meeting.

At this point the Mayor returned to the People to be Heard Item on the Agenda to accommodate a community member unaware of the time

change.

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Antone Anvil addressed the Council regarding concerns about the cemetery. Mr. Anvil stated he had been approached by members of the community worried that the old cemetery was approaching its capacity and the new cemetery was largely unusable due to water filling the graves. Mr. Anvil requested the Council address this issue, and suggested contacting BNC and Calista for assistance. Council requested the City Manager report on the status of the search for a new cemetery site at the next meeting.

Council broke at 8:50 p.m. for a short recess. At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Chris called the meeting back to order.

There being no other People to be Heard, the Mayor returned to the next item on the Agenda.

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Resolution #94-17: A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the AML/NACo Deferred Compensation Program

Approved under Consent Agenda

ITEM B: Award of Grant Writing Services Request for Proposal

This Agenda Item was addressed under the Reports of Standing Committees.

ITEM C: Resolution #94-18: A Resolution Recognizing Jane Elam For Her Quality Service to the City Council as City Clerk of the City of Bethel

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Trantham to approve Resolution #94-18. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM D: Resolution #94-19: A Resolution Recognizing Larry Elam For His Service to the City of Bethel As Finance Director

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Wintersteen to approve Resolution

#94-19. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM E: Presentation by Warren Tanner, Alaska State Troopers

Warren Tanner addressed the Council on a new approach the Troopers are utilizing entitled Community Oriented Problem Solving. Mr. Tanner distributed a handout, which is attached as part of these official minutes.

ITEM F: Presentation by Sharon Fisher and Dennis Crawford, Cooperative Extension

Sharon Fisher, Contract Specialist for the State 4-H program, addressed the Council regarding the proposal to create a position in the Youth Services Program to direct both the Youth Services and 4-H Programs. Ms. Fisher explained the position would be funded by the State, and the City would be invoiced for half of the expenses, and that the employee would receive State benefits and be paid through the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, which would entitle the employee to free tuition at UAF.

Council member Jones asked if it were possible for the employee to remain a City of Bethel employee with the State reimbursing the City. Dennis Crawford, State 4-H Program Leader, replied it was a possibility, but would need further discussion. Mr. Jones expressed his view that the City should keep control of the position and the program, and that he was not in favor of placing a state employee in charge of the Youth Services Program.

Council member Metcalfe requested the City Manager provide a report on the proposal, including the impact on the budget and the program.

Joanne Martin, Cooperative Extension, suggested another position in the program might be more easily combined with the 4-H position to avoid the issues discussed.

ITEM F: Executive Session: Review of Applications for City Clerk Position

motion M/M by Metcalfe, 2nd by Jones, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the City Clerk applications. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Tubbs, 2nd by Jones, to come out of Executive

Session. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council member Trantham stated that, because of the time constraints at the last meeting, he was unable to inform the public that it was the week to honor those people killed by drunk drivers. Mr. Trantham encouraged everyone not to drink and drive, and recommended calling one of the 65 cabs in town if a person has been drinking.

Council member Miller stated that, in response from a memorandum from the City Manager, he would set up regular meetings with the City Manager. Mr. Miller also related he was traveling to Juneau, where he would meet with the City's lobbyist. Mr. Miller concluded by thanking KYUK radio for its efforts in broadcasting the City Council meetings.

Council member Wintersteen stated he was scheduling his vacation so that he would miss as few meetings as possible. Mayor Chris asked that she be kept informed of when any Council member would be absent.

Council member Jones asked parents to watch their children more closely, relating an incident with a small child on a bicycle not watching for traffic.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

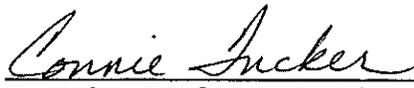
motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Metcalfe to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF MAY, 1994.



Donna J. Chris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk