CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 1978

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Elliott at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers. Councilpersons present: Elliott, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, Gregory, Charles, E. Hoffman. Councilperson Absent: Twitchell.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilperson Gregory.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman to approve the Minutes of October 23, 1978 as written. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager, Lyman Hoffman suggested two additions to the Agenda. Under Unfinished Business, A RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO THE LOCATION OF THE REGIONAL FIREFIGHTING TRAINING CENTER. Item E., under New Business., A RESOLUTION FOR THE DREDGING PROJECT. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Lyman Hoffman said that on Dog Round-up Day, 22 dogs were caught or brought to the City by the public and 2 dogs were killed. The rest of the dogs will be put to sleep on Tuesday, November 4, 1978, if not claimed by their owners.

A meeting was held on November 2, 1978, with Ed Pohl and Harry Stevens of Quadra Engineering, John Gunther of University of Alaska, Bob Gibson of KCC., Carol Shatz of KYUK, Gary Volkman, Nancy Kraning and Lyman Hoffman they viewed the designs of the Civic Center, Water/Sewer project. They will solicite bids in January for the project.

Last week Mayor Elliott and Lyman Hoffman were in Anchorage to attend the Alaska Municipal League. Topics of discussion were: The Municipal Income Tax Bill, and discussions included issues such as State and Federal Revenue Sharing, included Anti-Recession, CETA Unions, Bonding, Education and many others.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott restated what City Manager, Lyman Hoffman said, and also hopes that next year more Council Members will attend the Annual Municipal League Meeting, as it was very educational.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

None

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilperson Carpenter stated that she attended that last Finance Committee Meeting and asked for a review of the past history.

Tony Lewis stated that he was still interested in buying the Cab Permits that Fay Short holds. He said that before, someone told him that he would be contacted when and if the City Council were going to give the 2 permits to Yellow Cab, but wasn't contacted. In addition, the Council cannot re-issue the permits unless the owner relinquishes them to the City Council.

There was some discussion on the Transportation Work Session meeting that they had regarding the transfer of the Cab Permits to Tony Lewis from Fay Short.

Myron Angstman said that under City Ordinance 6.04.240 it says that they can be transferred after they are turned into the City of Bethel, City Council.

Lyman Hoffman recommended that this issue be referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee. Mayor Elliott agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF BETHEL'S FISCAL YEAR 1978 BUDGET BY FUND

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing on the City of Bethel's Fiscal Year 1978 Budget by Fund to the public.

Lyman Hoffman stated that it was the request of our Auditors that we start Budgeting by Fund Accounting. He also stated that we originally adopted our budget, not by fund.

Council asked when the City of Bethel changed to a "Budget by Fund" system? Lyman stated that an Accounting firm from Anchorage (Peat, Marwick and Mitchell) show a deficit of seven hundred thousand dollars and that the City of Bethel's budget has grown and it was recommended to Budget by Fund in March 1978.

Rosie Porter would like to know why this budget wasn't approved 5 or 6 months ago? Lyman Hoffman stated that we didn't have our Audit complete by Peat, Marwick & Mitchell 5 or 6 months ago.

Councilperson Carpenter asked if Fund Accounting would take in to account the budget transfers? Lyman Hoffman said "No, this Budget does not."

Mayor Elliott closed the Public hearing on the City of Bethel's Fiscal Year 1978 Budget by Fund.

M/M by Councilperson Charles that Council approve City of Bethel's Fiscal Year 1978 Budget by Fund. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM B. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF BETHEL'S FISCAL YEAR 1979 BUDGET BY FUND.

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing on the City of Bethel's Fiscal Year 1979 Budget by Fund to the public.

Lyman Hoffman said that the 1978-1979 Operating Budget Summary for the City of Bethel is on page A. Manager Hoffman explained where the positions were and how many people there were in them.

Page A. Inter-Fund Change is a General Fund.

Councilperson Carpenter asked if there is any grant that does not have administrative overhead? Lyman Hoffman stated, Title II of the CETA Program does not allow for the Inter-Fund charges. Under Title II we do not receive any administrative funds; under Title VI we receive 7.5% administrative overhead.

Fire Chief John Sanchez, requested a five thousand dollar modification for Radio Equipment. Sanchez stated that the Police Department has separate base radios, the two (2) radios one to dispatch ONLY the other to talk to the Officers. What they wanted to get is a radio that will have just one base station and one radio that will transmit and talk to the officers.

Lyman Hoffman stated that Chief Sanchez is asking for five thousand dollar increase in the General Fund/Public Safety & Fire Department under equipment/lease & purchase.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing on the City of Bethel's Fiscal Year 1979 Budget by Fund to the public.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to add the extra five thousand dollars for the Fire Department for the purchase of Radio Equipment. Roll call vote was taken. Yea: Charles, Gregory, B. Hoffman, Carpenter E. Hoffman, Elliott, Nay: None Motion carried.

M/M by Councilperson Charles that Council approve the City of Bethel's Fiscal Year 1979 Budget by Fund as amended, Ordinance #115, Roll call vote was taken. Yea: Charles, Gregory, B. Hoffman, Carpenter E. Hoffman, Elliott. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Elliott called for a 15 minute break at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Elliott called the Council Meeting back to order at 9:15 p.m.

ITEM C. ZONING REQUEST BY PLANNING COMMISSION

Lyman Hoffman stated that the Planning Commission requested Council give them a preliminary "ok" prior to commencing the work in researching a Zoning Ordinance and give the Planning Commission the power to zone commercial, residential, etc., inside the City of Bethel's City limits.

The Council held a discussion on the topic of the zoning and what effects it might have on the people and property. Ed hoffman stated that he was against it all.

Dr. Carpenter, stated they were asking for approval, from the Council, to investigate the zoning.

M/M by Councilperson Charles that we accept the request of the Planning Commission to investigate zoning. Roll call vote was taken. Yea: Charles, Elliott, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, Nay: Gregory E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

ITEM D. MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION #242 TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TAXI CAB AND LIMOUSINE PERMITS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

Lyman Hoffman said that at the last Council Meeting the issue was discussed on what to do with 2 cab permits, it was sent to the Special Transportation Commission and their decision was that 2 permits would be withdrawn from Checker Cab Company. If Council decided that there was a need for the 2 permits the Council would give the permits back to Check Cab Company.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter to table Item D., Modification #2, Resolution #242. Roll call vote was taken. Nay: Charles, Elliott, Gregory, E. Hoffman, B. Hoffman, Carpenter. Yea: None Motion defeated.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter that Council adopt Modification #2 Resolution #242 with the corrections:

> AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on September 30, 1978 the two remaining permits will be available to Checker Cab Company at Checker Cab Companies option. Between January 1, and September 30, 1979 the two remaining permits will be available to Checker Cab Company upon proof from Checker Cab Company that these permits are required in order that the Company may earn a resonable profit.

Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, Gregory, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory that we go pass 10:00 p.m.. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM E. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF CITY COUNCIL AND PROCEDURE THEREOF.

Lyman Hoffman outlined the resolution for the Councilmembers.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 247., OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES OF CITY COUNCIL AND PROCEDURES THEREOF with the addition of :

1) The purpose of the Committees shall be to:
   a) Advise Council
   b) Recommendations to Council
   c) Investigate issues on request of Council or public
   d) Hear comments from the public and
   e) Public input to departmental staff

Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Elliott appointed the following to the Committees:

Lousie Charles to Planning Commission
Peter Twitchell - Parks & Recreation
Mary Gregory - Public and Environmental Health
Edward Hoffman - Public Safety Transportation
Diane Carpenter - Finance Committee
Bob Hoffman - Public Works
Mayor Don Elliott - Social Economic & Cultural

Mayor Elliott stated that Lyman Hoffman has a list of potential candidates for the Committees if your interested call him. The Mayor will appoint the Candidates at the next Council Meeting.

ITEM F. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA DESIGNATING AT LEAST THREE ACRES OF PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE BETHEL REGIONAL FIRE FIGHTING TRANING CENTER.

Resolution #248, Lyman Hoffman stated that the City designated an area for the construction of the FFTC, the property between the Courthouse and Guinn Lumber's Warehouse (for the indoor) and the property at the City Dump for the outdoor FFTC, which is behind Bethel Heights.

Lyman Hoffman stated that once this Resolution is adopted they will contact State of Alaska to start the process of setting the bonds for the construction.

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman to approve Resolution #248, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA DESIGNATING AT LEAST THREE ACRES OF PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE BETHEL REGIONAL FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING CENTER. Voice vote was taken. Votion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDIANCE MODIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP AN TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE

Lyman Hoffman stated that this would modify the Ordinance to comply with the new Resolution adopted whereby one member from Council would sit on each Committee.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter to Introduce Modification #1, of Ordinance #55 and set a Public Hearing on December 18, 1978. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM B. APPROVAL OF SEWER LINE RIGHT OF WAY

Lyman Hoffman said that in 1973-74 the City of Bethel built the sewer line to the lagoon. The PHS Hospital suggested that an easement along the sewer line be granted and approached the City of Bethel saying that we should have the right of way.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to approve the Sewer Line right of way and authorize the City Manager to sign the document. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM C. AUTHORIZE AN AGENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL LAND ENTITLEMENT ACT.

Lyman Hoffman said several months ago the Council accepted from the State of ALaska, 40 acres of land that was offered to the City of Bethel. Lyman Hoffman wrote to them 2 weeks ago requesting land locations that the State of ALaska owned in the Bethel area.

Councilperson E. Hoffman said that we should inquire about the Sand Pit and determine if it belongs to White Alice.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter that the Planning Commission and Lyman Hoffman be the agents to investigate and locate the 40 acres of land that was offered to the City of Bethel by the State of Alaska under the Municipal Land Entitlement Act, and to sign the appropriate documents. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM D. SELECTION OF AN AUDITOR FOR 1978

Councilperson Carpenter said that it came up to the Finance Committee that the following Auditors sent in their bids:

Arthur Young $34- 35 thousand
Peat, Marwick & Mitchell - $20 thousand, also
Price-Waterhouse at $14 thousand

The Finance Committee decided to stay with Peat, Marwick & Mitchell because there already familar with our budget. Present Auditors for the City of Bethel are Peat, Marwick & Mitchell.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to approve Peat, Marwick & Mitchel for the 1978 Auditors for the City of Bethel. Roll call vote was taken. Yea: Charles, Elliott, B. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Carpenter, Nay: Gregory. Motion carried.

ITEM E. RESOLUTION # 250 NAPAKIAK DREDGING PROJECT

Lyman Hoffman stated that a letter was received from the Clerk of Akilmute, Elia Wassillie, requesting Resolutions from the areas of Napaskiak, Napakiak, Oscarville, and Bethel.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter to approve Resolution #250, Napakiak Dredging Project and direct this to the Planning Commission. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter to go to Executive Session at 11;00 p.m. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by E. Hoffman to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 11:15 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13 day of November, 1978

APPROVED BY:

Don Elliott

Don Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irene Williams

Irene Williams, City Clerk