



# CITY of BETHEL

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## MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 8, 1979

### COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Elliott at 7:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers. Councilperson present: Charles, E. Hoffman, Elliott B. Hoffman, Gregory, and Twitchell. Councilperson absent: Councilperson Carpenter was excused from the meeting by Mayor Elliott.

### INVOCATION

Invocation was provided by Councilperson Gregory.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman to approve the minutes of January 8, 1979 with the correction on page 3 that Twitchell made the motion authorizing the Animal Control Agent to shoot dogs. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to add under New Business, ITEM C., BINGO PERMITS. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to add under New Business, ITEM D, NOMINATION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ALASKA COASTAL POLICY COUNCIL. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to accept the Agenda with the above additions. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Elliott read a letter from the Bethel Service Unit Director, Vern Shimenak to John Sanchez and staff regarding there outstanding service provided to the five plane crash victims. Mayor Elliot also announced that John Sanchez is the employee of the Year for the City of Bethel.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman stated that as a result of the declaration on loose dogs the Animal Control Agent started killing dogs today and will continue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until this friday.

As a result of the Ambulance Contract between YKHC and the City of Bethel wich commenced September 13, 1978, the department responded to 192 calls for emergency medical assistance. At this time the program is viewed as very successful. John Sanchez will have a year end report at the next regular City Council Meeting.

*"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"*

written a letter of appeal to the Department of Community & Regional Affairs for:

1) Land Use Planning	\$18,040.
2) Health Facilities	
Tundra Women's Coalition	4,000.
YKHC	4,000.
TOTAL	<u>\$26,040.</u>

The State has already approved \$209,027 of the \$237,622 originally requested.

Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. have completed there field work for the City of Bethel's Audit ending 9/30/78. At the present time it is anticipated that we will receive the final audit during February 1979. At this time it is estimated that the General Fund deficit will be reduced by approximately \$338,000. The figure orginally budgeted by Council was \$343,000 or a difference of \$5,000.

The Comprehensive Plan was advertised in six(6) Alaskan Papers and one (1) Seattle paper. Fifteen (15) letters of interest and qualifications were received. These are currently being reviewed by the Committee consisting of:

Andy Anderson -BNC  
Pat Harrington --Planning Commission  
Don Elliott -City Council  
Jay Livey -City Planner  
Mike Emery -Public at Large

This committee will meet later this week to choose the 4 of 5 firms that will be invited to submit proposals. These firms will be invited later to present proposals to the Planning Commission and the review Committee.

The lots in Ptarmigan & Tundra North Subdivision have been advertised and applications will be accepted beginning January 15, 1979. The last day for applications will be February 2nd. The lottery will be held February 8,1979.

#### FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT

City Manager Hoffman informed Council that at the present time the Finance Director's position is vacant and will be up for consideration under NEW BUSINESS, ITEM A. on tonight's agenda.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

NONE

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson E. Hoffman read the Public Safety-Transportation Committee minutes of January 4, 1979. City Manager Hoffman stated that Council would consider ITEM A; REVISION OF THE TAXI CAB ORDINANCE and the Committees recommendations at the next regular City Council meeting. This will also be the case for ITEM A; YELLOW CAB'S REQUEST FOR PERMITS. A report of this meeting will be present to Council for consideration at their next meeting.

#### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilperson Charles questioned City Manager Hoffman if Administration was doing anything to correct deficiencies that were printed in the last

issue of the Tundra Drums. In regard to the first article on the jail, Manager Hoffman reported that five out of the six pictures were at least four months old and the structural problems have long been corrected. He also reported that the inmates do have a choice on whether or not to use sugar in their coffee. Councilperson E. Hoffman stated that if inmates were complaining about the quality of the food, some of the Councilperson would have heard about it, therefore inmates must be eating fairly good.

Councilperson Charles questioned the hours of the Animal Control Agent. Manager Hoffman explained that he does work from 8 am to 5 p.m, Monday to Friday and is on call for emergencies on weekends. An individual from the audience stated that he has noted the Animal Control car parked at home during working hours. Manager Hoffman stated that he would inform him not to park at home unless he is on his lunch hour or off duty.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### ITEM A. INTRODUCTION OF MODIFICATION #1 OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 49

Manager Hoffman recommended that Council introduce Modification #1 of Animal Control Ordinance #49. He stated that there are two sections up for modification, (a) LICENSING OF DOGS, and (b) IMPOUNDMENT FEES. The changes in license fees would require an animal license fee of \$15.00 for all dogs in Bethel, and an annual license fee of \$1.00 for all spayed females and neutered males. Any individual owning four or more animals may purchase a kennel license fee of \$30.00 per year. Under the Impoundment Fee section it is recommended that if a dog is impounded for the first time the fee would be \$10.00 per day, \$15.00 per day for the second impoundment and \$20.00 per day for any impoundment thereafter.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory that Modification #1 of Animal Control Ordinance #49, be introduced and the date set for a public hearing be February 12, 1979. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, Twitchell, E. Hoffman, Gregory, B. Hoffman, and Elliott. Motion passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### ITEM A. RATIFICATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR

Manager Hoffman informed the Council that as a result of the advertisement for the position, one outstanding applicant was received. While Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., were here in Bethel, Mr. Vern Johnson of the firm did interview Marlin Knight and Mr. Johnson did review the other applications and his opinion was that Mr. Knight was the best qualified. Manager Hoffman stated that Mr. Knight has been hired as Finance Director and is asking for Council's ratification of this decision.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory that Council ratify Managements decision to hire Marlin Knight as the Finance Director. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUED NEW BUSINESS

ITEM B. AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING ENCROACHMENT ON RIGHT OF WAYS IN BETHEL.

Manager Hoffman recommended that Council introduce Ordinance No. 114 establishing encroachment rules and regulations for all streets, roads alleys, and other easements in Bethel. At this time the City does not have any laws addressing encroachments. The City Attorney has reviewed the ordinance.

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman that Ordinance No. 114, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ESTABLISHING ENCROACHMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL STREETS, ROADS, ALLEYS AND EASEMENTS THAT ARE UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL be introduced and a public hearing be set for February 12, 1979. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas, Charles, Elliott, Gregory, B. Hoffman, Twitchell, E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

ITEM C. BINGO PERMITS

Two applications for games of skill and chance, one from KVNA and the other from the Lion's Club are up for consideration for the 1979 calendar year.

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman that the applications for games of skill and chance for KVNA and the Lion's Club be approved for 1979. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

ITEM D. NOMINATIONS FOR A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALASKA COSTAL ZONE POLICY COUNCIL

Mayor Elliott read the letter from Governor Jay Hammond announcing the vacant seat in the Southwest Region.

M/M by Councilperson Charles that we nominate Councilperson Carpenter for the vacant seat to represent the Southwest Region to the Alaska Costal Policy Council. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to adjourn. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED This 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1979.

APPROVED BY

  
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Mayor, Don Elliott

ATTEST:

  
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Irene Williams, City Clerk