



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 27, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:30 P.M.
Present: Council Members Elliott, Guinn, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Malone, and Peltola.
Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Guinn to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 1977, Regular Council Meeting as presented to Council. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilman Guinn to amend the Agenda with the following additions: Under Unfinished Business- Item B. Modification of Resolution No. 201(A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, PROVIDING SUPPORT AND APPROVAL FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL TO APPLY FOR A RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAY CARE/NURSERY FACILITY.); Under New Business- Table Item A. Commercial Lease: City of Bethel and Shane Johnson d/b/a Tundra Towing and Wrecking until the Planning Commission is able to review the lease; Add Item A. Introduction of Resolution 202(A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE SALE OF MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL LOTS IN PTARMIGAN SUBDIVISION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL.); Add Item D. Review Bethel Jail Contract. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None other than those distributed to Council prior to the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported that the City of Bethel does have one seat on the A.V.C.P., presently represented by Edward Hoffman. According to their by-laws there are no terms for the position.

Second, the Public Works Director was notified that the vehicles should not be parked so as to congest traffic along Napaiak Drive, and that the Animal Control Agent has been notified of the loose dog situation. Mr. Vaughn, the Animal Control Agent, has submitted his resignation effective August 12, 1977. Before he resigns, he will submit recommendations for improvements in the animal control program. Third, the doors on the old Fire Hall are in the process of being installed, and the completion date for the new Fire Hall is August 30, 1977. Fourth, a letter was written to Susan Murphy on July 14, 1977, requesting that she contact the members of the Women's Club to determine whether they will have any use for the "Old Library" building now located on City property that the City plans to lease. Fifth, Eric Ekvall with Northrim Associates is conducting public hearings on the Coastal Zone Management Program throughout the state. In an attempt to gain more input from the local citizens he has recommended that it be co-sponsored by the City. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 11, 1977. Sixth, the South Central Health Planning and Development Inc., will be holding a public meeting August 4, 1977 to replace the two members representing this area, George Brenneman and Nora Guinn. Applications for interested persons are available at the City Office or Y.K.H.C.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director, Mr. Engebret, stated that he had no report other than to answer questions of Council on the Revised Budget and Balance sheet that had been distributed at the July 13, 1977, Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Peltola asked if the City would be in a position to audit and monitor the spending within the various departments to insure that spending remains within budget limits. Mr. Engebret stated that the City would be able to do so. Councilman Malone requested that the variable between expenses and profit generated by the Public Works department be reassessed. Manager Hoffman stated that a formula had been adopted for administering overhead for the administration which will show more expense for the Public Works Department. This will be extended to include vehicle maintenance and building maintenance following its review by the Finance Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola stated that he had received numerous requests from the public that the dump be opened after hours or on Saturdays. Manager Hoffman stated that the dump now was open on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Councilman Hickling request that the dump hours be advertised. Manager Hoffman agreed to do so.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Guinn reported that the Planning Commission had met on July 1, 1977, and offered the following recommendations for Council's consideration: 1) That the lease of Lot 1, Block 8 U.S. Survey 3790 to the Louse Town Development Association be approved. 2) That the City of Bethel sell the five Commercial Lots in the Bethel Heights Subdivision for thirty cents per square foot for commercial development. 3) That the Planning Commission change the original intent leasing only the two large triangle areas to ASHA and researching the purpose for the commercial lots in question. 4) That the R.D.A. grant requested by Bethel Social Services for the purpose of construction of a Day Care Center with a 20% in-kind community match. M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council approve the Planning Commission Minutes of July 1, 1977, as presented to Council. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Councilman Hinsvark reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met on May 12, 1977, and recommended that the Minutes of that meeting be approved as presented to Council. He also reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met on June 23, 1977, and recommended that the Minutes of that meeting be approved as presented to Council. M/M by Councilman Hinsvark that the Minutes of the May 12, 1977, and June 23, 1977, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting be approved by Council. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mrs. Betty Hickling stated that at the request of the Public Works Director, Gary Volkman, she had contacted Colonel Newbury of the Army Corp of Engineers and the Governor's office to obtain assistance in developing a budget for use in applying for funding to correct the eroding of the waterfront area. Following discussion of the problem, Mrs. Hickling requested that Council declare the water front erosion a disaster by Resolution No. 203. Mayor Peltola finding all members of Council in agreement requested that Administration draft Resolution No. 203 to be ratified at the August 10, 1977, Regular Council Meeting.

Second, Mrs. Hickling stated that the Governor's Office was having inquiries as to how the local hire law would apply to projects being constructed in Bethel, upon investigation it was found that the law was written specifically for the pipe line and does not apply to any other projects. However, Mr. Bob Smatters of the Wage and Hour Office called and stated that even though they had no enforcement powers they can make some suggestions for getting local people hired. He stated that his suggestion for this area was that the Mayor and other

local leaders go to the Corps of Engineers as they are the prime contractor on the project, and impress upon them the local unemployment and community feeling that it is imperative that more local people be hired. Mayor Peltola stated that contractors do have a problem in finding the specific skills among local people needed for them to be able to perform the job duties required on some of the construction projects. Councilman Elliott also pointed out that in cases such as the Hospital the job is subcontracted to contractors who bring their own employees in to perform the work.

Mayor Peltola stated that there was also a problem with some of the Union people trying to force the use of Union labor on non-Union jobs. Mayor Peltola suggested that he meet with Manager Hoffman to determine what action Council might take.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 95 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.04 ANIMAL CONTROL OF THE BETHEL CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 49.)

Manager Hoffman introduced Ordinance No. 95 for a second reading and recommended its adoption by Council. Mayor Peltola called a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 95 at 8:30 P.M. Mayor Peltola closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 95 at 8:35 P.M. M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council ratify Ordinance No. 95 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.04 ANIMAL CONTROL OF THE BETHEL CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 49.) Second: Councilwoman Hickling. Roll call vote was taken:

In favor: Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Malone and Peltola.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

ITEM B. MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 201 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, PROVIDING SUPPORT AND APPROVAL FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL TO APPLY FOR A RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAY CARE/NURSERY FACILITY.

Manager Hoffman stated that Resolution No. 201, had been modified to read "approval for the City of Bethel" instead of Bethel Social Services, Inc., as it was necessary for the City to directly apply for the funds. M/M by Councilman Hinsvark that Resolution No. 201 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, PROVIDING SUPPORT AND APPROVAL FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL TO APPLY FOR A RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAY CARE/NURSERY FACILITY) be adopted. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 202 (A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE SALE OF MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL LOTS IN PTARMIGAN SUBDIVISION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF BETHEL.)

Manager Hoffman introduced Resolution No. 202 and recommended its adoption. Mayor Peltola recommended that Section I. PERMITTED USES, paragraph one be amended to read: Lots 10, 11, 12, in Ptarmigan Subdivision shall be reserved for the development of multi-family units. If no multi-family units are constructed and completed within one year from date of advertisement, these lots will be reserved for commercial use. M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept Resolution No. 202 (A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE SALE OF MULTIFAMILY AND COMMERCIAL LOTS IN PTARMIGAN SUBDIVISION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF BETHEL.) as amended and accept proposals pertaining to the multi-family and commercial development of five parcels of land owned by the City of Bethel in Ptarmigan Subdivision. That the notice for the proposed sale and development of parcels of City owned property in Ptarmigan Subdivision be posted for thirty days, final date for the acceptance of such proposals will be August 29, 1977, following which they will be reviewed by the Planning Commission before consideration by Council. Roll call vote was taken: Yes: Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Malone, Peltola. Opposed: Charles, Hinsvark. Motion carried.

ITEM B. INTRODUCTION OF SELECTED CITY SUBDIVISION LOT APPLICANTS

Manager Hoffman introduced for Council's approval the list of potential lot buyers and an alternate list of buyers for the City Subdivision chosen at the lottery held on July 25, 1977 by the Planning Commission. M/M by Councilman Guinn to establish a public hearing on August 26, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers to consider the sale of City Subdivision Lots to those individuals who were chosen as lot buyers and alternate lot buyers at a public lottery held by the Planning Commission on July 25, 1977, and that notice be published in accordance with Ordinance No. 59 of the City of Bethel. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Malone, Peltola. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM C. INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED TAXI RATE INCREASES

Ms. Louis Charles reported that a Special Meeting of the Transportation Committee had been called that afternoon, July 27, 1977 to review the Taxi operators request for a taxi rate increase. She stated that only three members of the Transportation Committee attended the meeting. After reviewing the proposed taxi rate increase it was their recommendation to Council that tentative approval of one of the following recommendations be made:

1) That since the taxi businesses did realize an increase with the meters installed, then they should implement the meter system. Services would then be improved satisfying the public and the meter taxi rates would result in an increase in revenue for the business as stated in the proposal.

or 2) That the taxi businesses submit their 1976 IRS schedule C form 1120 forms to the City so that the City accountant can verify the alleged loss. Then, if in fact there is a loss action would then be taken to approve the proposed increase, otherwise the rates shall remain the same. However, if all three taxi businesses show financial losses, then the proposed rate increase will be adopted. Therefore, at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, the administration shall report their findings.

Mayor Peltola inquired of the taxi cab owners their attitude toward the installation of meters. Mr. Schaumler on behalf of the two taxi cab owners, stated that he felt meters would not work well because the cab is in effect leased to one customer exclusively when meters are used, and under the meter system the drivers would not be able to pick up other riders at the same time when hailed or in route to the same location, leaving many taxi users probably exposed to inclement weather while waiting for a taxi.

Councilman Guinn inquired as to what portion of their losses the taxi cab owners could attribute to drivers not reporting fares. Mr. Hugh Short replied that they were now on a system where the drivers paid a set fee for the car for a shift. He stated that the system had been effect for about two months.

Mrs. Louis Charles inquired under this system how the sales tax was collected. Mr. Short replied that the taxi cab owners paid tax on the lease and the drivers paid tax on fares over and above the amount of the lease. Mr. Schaumler stated that it was his interpretation of the City Ordinances that the cab drivers were responsible for collection and remittance of sales tax on their cab fares collected. It was pointed out to the cab owners and Mr. Schaumler that the Ordinance governing taxi cabs was very specific in placing the responsibility for the collection of sales tax on the permit holder. The cab companies represented agreed to do so in the future.

It was suggested that review of the cab company accounts should be done for a period during which the new system was in effect, by Councilwoman Hickling. M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council approve a sixty day increase in rates as requested, that this increase be temporary, that within the sixty day period the cab companies document their alleged losses and need for a rate increase with a P&L Statement under the new system to be presented to the City Accountant for review before presentation

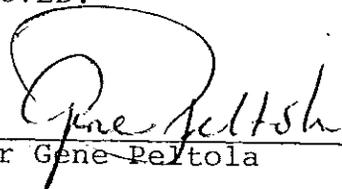
to Council. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Guinn, Elliott, Peltola, Malone, Charles. Opposed: Hickling, Hinsvark. Motion carried.

ITEM D. REVIEW BETHEL JAIL CONTRACT

Manager Hoffman presented a review of the jail contract that had derived from the proposal of the Division of Corrections to increase last year's operating budget contract by 15%. Manager Hoffman stated that the decision to be made was whether to accept the contract proposal of \$172,000 or close the jail facility to State prisoners. Mayor Peltola stated following a review of the history of the jail contract now before Council, that he felt the State would not be able to duplicate these services at these costs, that they do not have the existing facilities to be able to do so, and Public Safety which is obligated to transport those prisoners if they are not housed in Bethel does not have the money to transport these prisoners. He further stated that he did not feel that the City was obligated to subsidize the State. Councilman Malone stated that he felt all further negotiations should be based on a Man-day basis. M/M by Councilman Malone that the City of Bethel not accept the contract as proposed by the Division of Corrections, closure of the jail facility will be effective August 1, 1977, and that all future negotiations with the Division of Corrections be based on a Man-day cost basis. Second by Councilwoman Hickling. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Malone, Peltola. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. by Mayor Peltola.

APPROVED:



Mayor Gene Peltola

ATTEST:

Altha J. Hill, City Clerk