



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 14, 1980

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Mayor Guinn called the Council meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and called for roll call. Present: Charles, Twitchell, Elliott, Carpenter and Guinn. Absent: B. Hoffman and E. Hoffman. Quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any changes or questions to the minutes of March 24, 1980. Mayor Guinn questioned Item 8, People To Be Heard, a letter that was written to AVCP regarding the decision on the road. Manager Hoffman stated that Marlin Knight, AVCP Director is still working on the details. M/M by Charles to accept the minutes of March 24, 1980 as written. Voice vote was taken. Motion Carried.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Manager Hoffman added the following items under New Business:

- Item C. Request for Halon Demonstration Project.
- Item D. Request for Interim Financing for Civic Center for the Water and Sewer Project.

M/M by Charles to accept the agenda as amended. Voice vote was taken. Motion Carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman recommended the City Council take formal action on the Small Boat Harbor options. He stated that at the Public Hearing held on April 5, two locations, Hanger Lake and Lousetown Slough were discussed. Tetra-Tech recommended Lousetown Slough location based on several studies.

Council discussed whether the Planning Commission should review the site prior to a final decision by the Council. M/M by Twitchell to accept the Lousetown Slough Enlargement location as a recommended site for the Small Boat Harbor and to direct Tetra-Tech to complete its studies. Voice Vote was taken. Motion Carried.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported that City of Bethel received a notice from Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities stating they will be upgrading Ridgcrest Road by widening it and providing 6 (six) foot shoulders on each side of the road.

Manager, also, reported that Diana Anderson, resigned and moved to Aniak. Elsie John, is acting as City Clerk until the advertising period is complete.

Manager Hoffman stated that the sheet metal, previously dumped on First Avenue, is in the process of being relocated to the City Dump.

Manager Hoffman, also, reported that the Rural Development Grant submitted on behalf of the Kuskokwim Consortium Library, was denied. The Clinics and Electrification were R.D.A.'s first priorities.

Manager Hoffman directed the Council's attention to the news release regarding liquor sales. He stated that Senator Hohman was successful in amending a bill revising Alaska's Liquor Laws, which allowed the "dry" communities, if they vote to go "wet", to restrict the issues of licences to be based on the population of the community.

Manager Hoffman noted that the Laundro-Mat will be opening in late May. The delay is caused by the delay of special equipment being received. Hoffman recommended that the City assume managerial responsibility of the Laundro-Mat to hold the cost to a minimum if there was no objection from the Council. The position would be advertised and selection based on the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

Twitchell recommended the City Manager to sent a letter of thanks to former City Clerk Diana Anderson for job well done.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

VII. REPORT'S OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Peter Twitchell, Parks and Recreation Committee member, directed the Council to a letter from the Committee and outlined the following recommendations:

- A. Excess water be pumped off the field;
- B. An adequate drainage system be installed to prevent water build up on the recreation lot;
- C. Sand be hauled in and the field be build up and leveled to prevent unnecessary water buildup on the field.

Manager Hoffman stated that it is difficult to drain the water in that area because of inadequate drainage. Elliot suggested that it be graded and drained near the KVNA building if possible.

M/M by Elliott to accept the recommendations of Parks & Recreation Committee, and to make every attempt to follow through with their request. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Twitchell announced the Parks and Recreation Committee would meet on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers.

Lousie Charles, Planning Commission member, outlined the Planning Commission motions for March 3, 1980 and April 8, 1980 meetings. She, also, outlined the following recommendations from the April 8, 1980 meeting as follows:

- A. Commission recommended that Second Avenue be completed as soon as possible.
- B. Commission recommended that the decision on the dock leases needed to be made in the near future, it should be a season to season lease until more research can be done.
- C. Commission recommended that the City Council Administration attempt to control dumping into the river in an equitable way.

M/M by Twitchell to approve the March 3, 1980 and April 8, 1980 Planning Commission motions and recommendations as outlined. Voice Vote was taken. Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORT OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Manager Hoffman referenced to a previous Council meeting where the Animal Control Emergency Ordinance was enacted. He stated he had requested Lorn Campbell, Chief of Police, to give a report on the Ordinance.

Lorn Campbell reported that since the Emergency Ordinance was enacted, 130 dogs have been killed, 4 dogs given to different owners, 48 dogs vaccinated against rabies and number of dog bite reports had decreased. He reported that Pat Savage, Animal Control Agent has resigned effective May 16, 1980 to fish for the summer.

Mary Murdock, Administration Assistant to the Chief of Police, has prepared a survey and is being distributed within the community. Murdock reported that the preliminary results indicate a more humane system of animal control. She proposed to contract with the City to assume responsibilities for the Animal Control Program.

Manager Hoffman recommended that Murdock prepare a complete report for future discussion.

Twitchell recommended the City Administration to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to Pat Savage for his job as the Animal Control Agent.

Twitchell, also, acknowledged the letter from First Sgt. Godfrey for an excellent job Loren Campbell, Chief of Police is doing. Council wished to thank Loren for job well done.

Campbell announced the names of the new staff members in the Police Dept., who will assume responsibility for the new hospital security contract.

VIII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Tom Foote and Carol Shatz, representing the Tundra Destruction Company, requested a lack of effort, on behalf of the City, to solve the river bank erosion problems that exist. Foote recommended an equitable distribution of cars and trucks to all areas where the river erosion occurs, and a sand fill behind the cars.

Mayor Guinn pointed out that it is illegal to dump any vehicles in the river that cause any environmental problems. He requested Foote and Shatz to attend the Planning Commission meeting in May to discuss the issue at greater length.

Mark Miller, a Highschool Teacher, stated he would like to teach a rifle safety course and requested a permission to setup a rifle range near the high school. Mayor Guinn asked for certain information pertaining to safety, supervision, hours and exact location before the Council would give its approval. Miller stated the would prepare the report and submit it to the Council.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE INCREASING TAXI CAB RATES WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL.

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Manager Hoffman read the proposed taxi cab rates as outlined in Modificaton No. 2 of Ordinance 107. The two recommended changes are:

\$2.00 to \$2.50 in town fares
\$3.00 to \$4.00 in Limousine Services to the Airport.

After considerable discussion, Mayor Guinn closed the Public Hearing at 9:00 p.m.

M/M by Elliott to accept Modification No. 2 of Ordinance 107 as amended with an effective date of April 15, 1980. Roll call vote was taken:
Yeas: Twitchell, Charles, Elliott, Carpenter and Guinn. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

ITEM B. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MODIFICATION OF THE VEHICLE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE ALL TAXI DRIVERS TO BE 90 DAY RESIDENTS OF BETHEL BEFORE RECEIVING A CHAUFFEURS PERMIT.

Mayor Guinn opened the Public Hearing at 9:15 p.m.

Manager Hoffman stated that the recommendation to modify Ordinance No. 110, requiring a 90 day residency was passed by the Environmental Health and Public Safety Committee. He stated this stemed from people seeing too many unfamiliar faces within the community, and individuals coming into town unemplyed and hired as cab drivers where they are strong candidates for becoming bootleggers.

Carpenter objected to the length of time, she felt that the 90 days was extreme and that 60 days would be more realistic.

Clark Miller, Checker Cab, strongly objected to the length of residency. He stated that it would be difficult to hire local drivers during the fishing season.

John Peckman questioned the constitutionality of the residency issue. Manager Hoffman stated that the City Attorney reviewed the proposal and found no real objections to it.

Mayor Guinn Closed the Public Hearing.

M/M by Carpenter to approve Modification No. 3, Ordinance No. 110, Item B requiring a 60 day residence prior to receiving a chauffeurs permit with an effective date of June 1, 1980. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Elliott, Carpenter, Elliott and Guinn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ITEM C. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES THE PROPER MARKINGS OF GUIDE WIRES WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL.

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. He stated that although the Council requested the guidewires, Ben Esch, City Attorney, proposed language on proper markings on other obstructions.

Mayor Guinn stated that for an approval of this ordinance, it would be discussed within 30 days and be open for a public hearing. M/M by Elliott to set a Public Hearing on the Ordinance for May 26, 1980. Voice vote was taken. Motion Carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ON HALON FIRE SYSTEMS.

Vicki Malone, Bethel Social Service Director, submitted a Budget, letter of request and a scope of project regarding to a Halon system as a demonstration project for the Bethel Halfway House. She stated impact and research money is available through the Department of Transportation and their request is that funds be channeled through a municipality or research institution. Bethel Social Services is requesting a subcontract with the City to administer the grant should the project be funded. The City Clerk read the proposed resolution.

M/M by Charles to approve the Resolution requesting funds for the Halon Demonstration Project by the Bethel Social Services for funds from the Dept. of Transportation through the City of Bethel. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, Elliott, Carpenter, and Guinn. Nays: None.
Motion Carried.

ITEM B. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING NO SMOKING IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

Manager Hoffman introduced this ordinance. He stated that Ben Esch reviewed the Alaska Statute 18.35.300., Smoking in Public Places and Vehicle Prohibited and stated it is currently in existence. Esch felt this State Statute might currently meet Bethel needs should the Council wish to accept the statute. The issue of smoking in Taxi's was discussed for a separate Ordinance but was not acted on as it was too restricted and should be left optional.

The Council, after discussion, felt that the statute was sufficient to deal with the issue.

ITEM C. A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE AND SECURE INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE BETHEL CIVIC CENTER WATER AND SEWER PROJECT.

Manager Hoffman stated that although the project was completed, two issues were not resolved. Until the audit is complete, interim loan is requested to reimburse Walsh And Company for the work completed on the project.

M/M by Charles to approve Resolution No. 252, Modification No. 2, Water and Sewer Interim Financing. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Elliott, Twitchell, Charles, Carpenter, and Guinn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

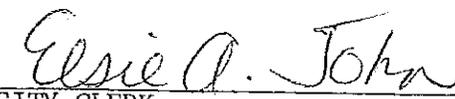
M/M by Elliott to Adjourn the meeting. Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28 DAY OF April, 1980.

PASSED AND APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK