

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Dale called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dale, Edge, Feaster, Trantham, Vanasse, Wallace & Warner (tardy).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wallace to accept the minutes of 01/23/90 with the following change: on page 2, change 'Krumpe' to 'Krum'. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

M/M by Wallace. 2nd by Feaster to approve the minutes of 02/13/90 Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster to approve the agenda with the following additions:  
under New Business, add: Item B: Committee/Commission appointment; Item C: Games of Skill & Chance - Robert D. Thomas & Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol. Voice vote, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Acting Mayor Dale postponed the Mayor's report until he arrives later in the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Earnest reviewed his written report with Council on the following items:

- certified letters sent out to all active business license holders that have failed to file sales tax forms for the past 3 years;
- finance department preparing updates on the utility accounts receivable for the rate adjustment adopted at the February 13 Council meeting;
- finance working on 2nd quarter financial reports;
- letters sent to Senator Stevens, Senator Murkowski and Congressman Young requesting support of a Congressional appropriation in the amount of \$14.6 million for completion of Bethel Bank Stabilization project;
- administration requesting Council support for a proposal entitled 'Kuskokwim River Infrastructure Development Plan' through the CDBG-REDI Grant program;
- City presently advertising for a design-built project entitled "Sewage Lagoon Island Removal" and deadline for receiving sealed bids is March 28; a mandatory pre-bid conference to be held March 16;
- received letter from Health & Human Services indicating they have included \$100,000 in their budget request for the installation of piped water & sewer extension in Housing area, but has not been approved yet;
- on the status of 3 new police vehicles, currently being assembled and expected to be done fairly soon;
- work substantially complete at the pumphouse upgrade; Council directed Administration to check on the work status of the contractors and if work has not been done, cease bid award and re-bid the RFP and get back with Council first thing tomorrow as to the status and bid information to Council.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT Councilman Trantham indicated that he had received an anonymous call just before the meeting, and indicated that from now on he was no longer receiving such calls and will hang up on them.

Councilman Vanasse indicated that there was talk as to the inavailability of Councilmembers to City employees and to the public. Councilman Vanasse publicly stated that he is available as much as his job makes him available, and that his phone number is 543-3031 and welcomes any calls he can get.

Councilman Edge indicated that with so much snow this year, and Spring on its way, would like to see the snow dumped away from possible flood zones to prevent any major flooding in certain areas. After Council discussion on the subject, Administration was directed to prepare a contingency plan to Council by the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Warner arrived at this time and resumed with Mayor's report. Mayor Warner nominated Mark Shantz and reappointed Louie Andrew to the Planning Commission and Kent Harding to the Public Works Committee per their letter of interest.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Trantham to approve Mayor Warner's nominations. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Trantham indicated that the Public Works Committee met on the 20th and following items were discussed: priorities; recommend purchase of water and sewer trucks; the new water trucks which was received on last barge not be modified with a ten inch dump valve; and 1 committee vacancy.

Councilman Feaster indicated that Finance Committee met on the 22nd and following items were discussed: purchasing ordinance review and financial reports.

Councilman Edge indicated that she had not attended last night's Port Commission meeting and the Port Director was suppose to provide her with the Port Commission report, but received nothing tonight.

Councilman Vanasse indicated that Parks & Recreation committee is scheduled to meet March 6th, 7:30 PM, at the City Offices conference room. Further indicated that there was 1 vacancy and encouraged anyone from the public to send in letters of interest.

Councilman Dale indicated that the Transportation Commission is scheduled to meet February 28, 7:30 PM at the City office Conference Room. At this time City Manager Earnest introduced new Police Chief Jack McDonald to Council.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No people to be heard.

COUNCIL BREAK - 10 MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A: Proposed  
Res. 646-Support  
Fairbanks Resol

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #646-SUPPORT FAIRBANKS NORTHSTAR  
BOROUGH ON PERMANENT FUND

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace to approve proposed  
resolution 646.

Councilman Trantham indicated that he had received  
4 calls all suggesting he voted no on this issue.

Councilman Vanasse indicated that he wasn't  
comfortable in voting on the matter with not enough  
information provided.

After further Council discussion on the matter,  
both Councilmembers Dale and Wallace withdrew their  
motions. Council requested Administration to get  
more information on the resolution and put on the  
next agenda if more information is received.

motion

M/M by Feaster. 2nd by Vanasse to table Resolution  
#646 to next meeting to gather more information.  
Voice vote, motion carried.

Item B: Public Hear-  
ing Amend 3 to Ord  
189-FY'90 Budget  
Re: Lobbyist

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT #3 TO ORDINANCE #189-FY'90  
BUDGET RE: LOBBYIST

Mayor Warner opened the floor for public hearing  
at this time. Bob Brown indicated to Council that he  
was one of the individuals that had turned in an  
interest to be a lobbyist, and that he would just be  
asking for plane ticket to Juneau and expenses and  
no wages. He further indicated that he felt the 2  
representatives in Juneau are not dependable as  
lobbyist; indicated that a lobbyist needs to go to  
all kinds of meetings and meet with so many  
different legislatures pushing for certain funds.  
Mayor Warner explained to Mr. Brown that all this  
ordinance does is appropriate funds for a lobbyist  
and not hiring one.

Mary Pavil asked if the City had a priority list for  
the lobbyist to work by. Mayor Warner indicated that  
3 CIP priorities have been done. After hearing no  
more public input, Mayor Warner closed the public  
hearing at this time.

Councilman Dale indicated that City does not need to  
appropriate \$50,000, since the original proposals  
are less than expected, recommended reducing the  
amount to \$25,000. After further discussion on the  
matter, it was explained that if the amount stayed  
at \$50,000, the unused portion of that money would  
go back to the utility fund. Councilman Trantham  
reminded Council of the 17.75% overhead charge on  
the utility account.

Item B: Public Hear-  
ing Amend 3 to Ord  
189-FY'90 Budget  
continued

Mayor Warner expressed that using the money from the Utility account to fund the lobbyist was fine, but would have to put the money back into the utility account, along with the 17.75% interdepartmental charge; but if money was to be taken out of the contingency account, no budget amendments or interest charges would be done. Council at this time discussed where the appropriated money should come from and possibly amending the ordinance to come from the contingency fund, and receive public input now if it were possible.

motion

M/M by Dale. 2nd by Vanasse to hire a lobbyist from the general fund contingency line item for the amount of \$25,000 and not \$50,000.

City Manager Earnest reminded Council that if they are to pass the motion, that the contingency account would totally be wiped out and any emergency situation that comes up between now and July 1, 1990, there would be no money to deal the problems.

Poll vote

Poll vote, motion failed. 3-yes; 4-no (Edge, Feaster Trantham and Warner.

Item C: Public Hear-  
ing Amend 2 to Ord  
190-Sales Tax

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT 2 TO ORDINANCE 190-SALES  
TAX - RE: GAMES OF SKILL & CHANCE

Mayor Warner opened the floor for public input at this time. Mary Pavil of ONC indicated that ONC was prepared to write a letter of appeal if Council were not to pass the ordinance and further explained the ONC is the traditional Council of Bethel. and also explained the non-profit status.

Nadine Griffith of Bethel Community Services explained to Council that they were dependent on the raffle tickets and bingo, and out of those earnings they are able to hire 2 employees at the Department. She indicated that without the funds from the raffles and bingos, the Day Care Centers would shut down.

John McDonald of Bethel Broadcasting - KYUK also indicated that the radio/television station gets alot of help from bingo and raffle money. He also indicated that KYUK does pay taxes on things that KYUK sells. Lastly encouraged Council to pass the ordinance.

Councilman Feaster also read a letter from Warren Loschky regarding the same concerns as the others, and encouraged Council to pass the ordinance.

motion

M/M by Dale. 2nd by Wallace to accept amendment #2 to ordinance #190 as presented. Poll vote, motion passed. 5-yes; 2-no (Trantham & Vanasse)

motion  
Ob274

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Dale to make it retroactive to January 1, 1990. Voice vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Item  
A: Intro Amend 4 to  
Ord 190-FY'90 BUDGET  
motion

INTRODUCTION AMENDMENT #4 TO ORDINANCE #189-FY'90  
BUDGET RE: PURCHASE WATER/SEWER TRUCKS

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster to introduce amend-  
ment #4 to Ordinance #189 for public hearing to be  
held on March 13 Council meeting. Voice vote, motion  
carried.

Item B: Games of  
of Chance/Skill

GAMES OF CHANCE & SKILL

Council at this time reviewed the applications  
of games of chance and contests of skill for Lottery  
Alaska and Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol. After dis-  
cussions on the applications, Council made following  
motion.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster that both items be  
sent back to get more information regarding their  
applications, and if more information is received,  
can be placed back on the agenda for further con-  
sideration. Voice vote, motion carried.

Administration was directed to send the applications  
back and gather more information.

Item C: Executive  
Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Feaster to go into executive  
session at 9:22 PM to conduct a 9 month oral  
evaluation on the City Manager and also discuss  
personnel matters. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Feaster to get out of Executive  
Session. Voice vote, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Trantham to adjourn the meeting  
of February 27, 1990 at 10:22 PM. Voice vote,  
motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF March, 1990.

  
Tom Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Anna McGowan, City Clerk