



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 23, 1978

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Elliott at 7:30 P.M.
Councilperson present: Elliott, B. Hoffman, E. Hoffman
Twitchell, Gregory, Charles and Carpenter. Councilpersons
absent: None.

INVOCATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilperson B. Hoffman to approve the Minutes of
October 9, 1978 as written, with the date corrected to read as:
October 9, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was passed unanimous.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager, Lyman Hoffman requested that Item D, Games of
Skill and Chance Permits, be added to the Agenda under New
Business.

M/M by Councilperson E. Hoffman to approve the Agenda with
the elimination of Item C. Compensation for Council Members,
under New Business and Item D, New Business. Voice vote was
taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Lyman Hoffman introduced Randall Cry, Bethel's new Chief of
Police, to the Council Members. Mayor Elliott on behalf of
the Council and Community welcomed him.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Although unable to attend, Councilperson Twitchell presented the October 5 & 12, 1978 Minutes from the Special Transportation Committee.

Councilperson Charles stated that in the Minutes of October 5, 1978, under Unfinished Business, a Cab Driver said they weren't making enough money to support themselves-- much less their families, and that some of the drivers were resorting to some illegal means of activities to make extra money that was needed.

Councilperson Carpenter questioned the effects of a mass transit system on the taxi cab companies.

Councilperson Charles noted the Minutes of October 5, 1978 that a motion was made by Committee Member Shanks that the taxi cab permits be frozen at 22 and any permits returned to the City of Bethel could not be issued without consulting the Transportation Committee. It was passed unanimously.

On October 12, Tony Lewis challenged the action of the City Council on giving two (2) permits to the Yellow Cab Company.

Lyman Hoffman stated that should a Committee disagree with Council's action and wish to challenge it, it should be a unanimous decision of the Committee and request that it be placed on the Council Agenda for reconsideration.

Councilperson Gregory stated that the Committees are there to aide the Council Members making their decisions.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter that Council accept the report of the Transportation Committee Minutes from October 5 and 12, 1978 as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Lyman Hoffman stated that Myron Angstman representing the Short brothers recommended that cab companies have the right to sell the permits.

Lyman Hoffman requested the adoption of the Committee Minutes of May 12, and March 31, and the Planning Commission Minutes of June 5, 1978.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to accept the Finance Committee Minutes of May 12, and March 31 and the Planning Commission Minutes of June 5, 1978 as written. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

ITEM A. CAB DRIVER'S ASSOCIATION - FORMING

Mr. Clark, Tony Lewis and Richard Wisecarver were selected to represent the Cab Drivers Association. Cab Drivers do not want any bus system permits issued other than to Bethel Social Service.

ITEM B. NON-DISTRIBUTION OF CAB PERMITS

Mr. Clark stated that the Cab Drivers of Bethel did not want the City of Bethel City Council distributing any more Cab Permits in the foreseeable future.

ITEM C. CHALLENGE THE TWO PERMITS ISSUED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO YELLOW CAB COMPANY

The Cab Drivers challenged the City Council for the two (2) Cab Permits that were issued to Yellow Cab Company.

Mr. Clark gave a petition from the Cab Drivers that states:

"We the Associated Cab Drivers of Bethel have come to the decision that action has to be taken to raise our income to a livable standard. Kusko Cab has 5 permits on an annual basis, owner Fay Short runs 3.4 of his permits. Checker Cab owner Hugh Short runs 9 of his 13 permits. Both owners have taken measures to supplement our income by parking cabs on slow days. Recently 2 new permits were issued to a new cab company. Yellow, by the City of Bethel. We the Associated Cab Drivers immediatly realized that our income has been reduced even more since the issue of these two permits. We are now unable to support ourselves, let alone our familes. Immediate action is needed to be taken. We the undersigned, the Associated Cab Drivers of Bethel, ask the City to revoke the new permits issued to Yellow Cab.

Ed Hoffman stated that it appears that Cab Drivers are running the City Council and that if the Cab Drivers aren't making enough money they should find another job.

A heated discussion continued between the cab owners, drivers and Members of the Community.

Mayor Elliott called for order in the Council Chambers.

M/M by Councilperson Charles that a meeting of the Special Transportation Committee be held to address the 2 cab permits and suggested all City Council persons attend the Meeting which will be held on the 30th of October, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 1979, CITY OF BETHEL

Lyman Hoffman stated that as a result of the limited time since the Finance Committee and the Council worksession, modifications had to be made with the budget, the final documents will be available at the next meeting. Hoffman requested that Item A be tabled until the next meeting.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to table Item A. Fiscal Year 1979 Budget until November 13, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM B. REVIEW OF GARBAGE ORDINANCE # 84

City Manager, Lyman Hoffman informed the Council Members that the Garbage Ordinance was approved two (2) years ago. Setting a fee for monthly and yearly permits to utilize the dump with and effective date of October 1, 1978, the fees were to be reconsidered during the first meeting of October 1978.

M/M by Councilperson Charpenter that Item B. Ordinance #84 be modified to read March 1, 1978, and that a public hearing be held within 30 days. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM D. PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND/LEASE TO THE QUICK FOOD CENTER

Lyman Hoffman described the location of the Quick Food Center in Housing. The Planning Commission recommended that the City enter into the lease, there was a recommendation of a lease of 10 years, with two - 5 year renewable options at 10¢ per sq. ft. and an 8% increase per year.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman Sr. to approve the land/lease from Quick Food Center for 10 years, with two - 5 year renewable options with a 10¢ per sq. ft. and an 8% increase per year. Roll call vote was taken. Yea: Charles, Elliott, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, E. Hoffman and Carpenter. Nay: Gregory. The motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Elliott called for a 10 minute break.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. PURCHASE OF BETHEL UTILITIES BY THE CITY OF BETHEL

Eddie Hoffman said that he put this item on the agenda. He went over to the Power Plant to see Hal Barrago, and Mr. Barrago stated that he was interested in selling out. Mr. Barrago said that he'd sell if the price was right. He stated that the minimum cost would be between 10 - 12 Million. He gave a description of the property that he owned as well as additional benefits if the utility was owned by the City.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory that the Item above be referred to the Special Committee and the results be brought back to the City Council. That the City Manager make recommendations to the Mayor and the Mayor would support the Members. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM B. ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM

Lyman Hoffman stated that they had several inquiries about problem of the Animal Control.

Dr. Alsobrook read the letter that the PHS sent us. Regarding the dog situation at PHS Compound. Several years ago when Bethel started shooting dogs to keep them under control the ASPC in Anchorage said that if the City didn't stop we'd have a law suit. Inside a 1½ years we've gone through 6 Animal Control Agents. Roger Young said that there is a \$25.00 dollar fine for dogs. So far 44 have been destroyed and 7 found homes during the month of September.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to go past 10:00 p.m. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter that the Mayor set a date within the next two weeks to provide assistance to the Animal Control Officer to have a round-up day. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

ITEM D. GAME OF SKILL AND CHANCE

Mayor Elliott stated that Item D. be move up in front of Item C.

Lyman Hoffman said that the Council on the Arts requested a permit of Games of Skill & Chance.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory that we approve the Bethel Council on the Arts permit for Games of Skill & Chance. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM C. ROLL OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

Lyman Hoffman said that we have the 8 committees: Finance Committees, Parks & Recreation Committees, Personnel Committee Planning Commission, Public Safety, Public Works, Social Economic and Cultural Committees, and the Transportation Committees. He recommends that you as the Mayor of Bethel appoint the Council Members to see if they want to sit on the existing committee or change to a new committee at the next Council Meeting. Also clarify why we have the Committee & what process we go through from the Committee level when action is passed by Council.

M/M by Councilperson Carpenter that Council have a worksession on Wednesday the 25th of October, 1978 and all interested Members from the other Committees are cordially invited, the Committee worksession recommended a modified resolution.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman Sr. to adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 10:30 P.M.

APPROVED:



Don Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Irene Williams, City Clerk