



CITY of BETHEL

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CITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 23, 1978

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Councilperson Hickling, in Mayor Guinn's absence. Councilpersons Present: Elliott, Gregory, Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell. Councilpersons absent: Charles, Guinn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilperson Twitchell to approve the Council minutes of May 1, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Hoffman requested that under Unfinished Business, Item B. be tabled, RESOLUTION NO. 233, A RESOLUTION FROM THE BETHEL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS REQUESTING THAT THE BETHEL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF THE YUGTARVIK REGIONAL MUSEUM, the Bethel Council on the Arts has withdrawn their request. Manager Hoffman requested that the following be added to the agenda under New Business, Item D. Modification of Resolution No. 220, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL DIRECTING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM; Item E. Nonpayment of City Sales Tax / Bargain Cache; Item F. Improvement of City Roads; Item G. Request by the Tundra Women's Coalition to add to their lease an option for renewal for the following two (2) years.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under Unfinished Business, Item B. Tabled; under New Business the following additions, Item D. Modification of Resolution No. 220, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL DIRECTING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM; Item E. Nonpayment of City Sales Tax/Bargain Cache; Item F. Improvement of City Roads; Item G. Request by the Tundra

Women's Coalition to add to their lease an option for renewal for the following two (2) years. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported that the City of Bethel has received a letter from Representative John Seiberling, Chairman of Subcommittee on General Oversight and Alaska Lands, which states he is in agreement with the Resolution on Title VII, of House Resolution No. 39. Resolution No. 234, was adopted by Council at the last meeting to encourage legislation to protect the subsistence way of life.

At the last Council meeting Manager Hoffman was directed to research the Ordinance concerning Councilpersons attendance at Council meetings. In the Ordinance adopted by Council, Chapter 2, section 4.080, states that: A council member's seat is defined as vacant and may be filled by the following procedures when:

- 1) The council member leaves the city with the intent of remaining absent more than ninety (90) consecutive days; or
- 2) The council member fails to attend council meetings for ninety (90) consecutive days; or
- 3) The council member has attended less than six (6) of the council meetings during a continuous period of five (5) months; or
- 4) The council member resigns and such resignation is accepted by the council majority; or by the death of the member; or by his removal from office by a court of law.
(Ord. No. 39)

Alaska Statutes Title 29, Section 29.23.570. Vacancies. An elected municipal office is vacated under the following conditions and upon the declaration of vacancy by the assembly or council. The assembly or council shall declare elective office vacant when the person elected: (6) misses three consecutive regular meetings unless excused.

On June 14, 1978, at the regular Council meeting there will be a hearing on the proposed Safer-OFF System Roads Program. At present it is planned to gravel several dirt roads within the community.

Manager Hoffman reported that he has received a copy of the State land selections that the State is entitled to under the Statehood land grant. The 35,000 acres that was originally selected around Bethel was recommended to be deleted. Anyone interested in reviewing these selections at the City office is welcome to come in at any time.

On June 22nd the Department of Environmental Conservation will receive comments and statements on the revision to Alaska's Water Quality Standards, in the Council Chambers.

The Bethel Yugtarvik Regional Museum is applying for an optional grant through the Institute of Museum services, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The grant would provide up to 50% operation monies for the staff salaries, utilities and fringe benefits.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilperson Hickling took this opportunity to thank the City Council, City Administration and the Community for their participation in the spring clean-up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson Twitchell reported that the Special Committee on Transportation held a Public Hearing on the proposed changes of Ordinance No. 71, Vehicles for Hire.

Councilperson Gregory read and presented the April 10, 1978, minutes of the Personnel Committee, the Personnel Committee recommended that Jeff Helms be hired as the new director for the Parks and Recreation Department. She also reported that the City will be hiring a part time Museum Curator and a part time Director of Arts and Crafts.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to approve the Personnel Committee minutes of April 10, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hickling reported that the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee will be holding their monthly meeting on June 1, 1978, 12:00 noon, Council Chambers.

Manager Hoffman read and presented the Parks and Recreation minutes of February 15, 1978, March 15, and 23, 1978, and April 19, 1978, for Council's approval, no recommendations were made.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee for February 15, 1978, March 15, and 23, 1978, and April 19, 1978, as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Bruce Crow, representing Louse Town requested that the City Council take immediate action to repair the roads in Louse Town. This will be discussed under New Business, Item F.

Mr. John Schuler expressed his concern that there is still a problem of litter in Bethel. Mr. Schuler suggested the the City consider paying the children in Bethel 25¢ for each bag of trash collected.

Manager Hoffman stated that ASHA will be holding another clean up in housing this spring.

Mrs. Rosie Porter suggest that the City Council start fining people for littering, including construction companies that do not clean up the site when construction is finished.

Manager Hoffman reported that the old dump site will be covered over with sand this fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTENDED LEASE OF 3,000, TO 5,000, SQUARE FEET OF LAND OF THE NORTH CORNER ABOVE THE "OLD LIQUOR STORE" OR 3,000, TO 5,000, SQUARE FEET OF LAND ACROSS FROM JAY'S AUTO TO HANK MONROE.

Councilperson Hickling opened the Public Hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Councilperson Elliott requested that the recreation area not be leased out, but kept for recreational use only.

Mrs. Rosie Porter informed the Council that in 1977, the City Council donated the land across form Jay's Auto to the Russian Orthodox Church to be used as the site for construction of a new church.

Manager Hoffman will check into the status of the land across form Jay's Auto, and report back to Council.

Councilperson Hickling closed the Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to defeat Item A. Intended lease of 3,000, to 5,000, square feet of land of the north corner above the "Old Liquor Store" or 3,000, to 5,000, square feet of land across from Jay's Auto to Hank Monroe. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Elliott, Gregory, Hickling, Hoffman, and Twitchell. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. INTRODUCTION OF TAXI-CAB ORDINANCE.

Manager Hoffman read and introduced Modification of Ordinance No. 71, Vehicles for Hire.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to set the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 71, Vehicles for Hire, for June 28, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM B. APPOINTMENT OF ELLEN KARPINSKI TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S FOR YUKON KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION.

Manager Hoffman reported that Vickie Malone, Director of the Bethel Social Services has resigned from her seat on the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp. Board of Director's. This seat is usually filled by the Director of Bethel Social Services, Ellen Karpinski, Bookkeeper for Bethel Social Services, has requested to be placed on the Board of Director's for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp. in Vicki Malone's place.

M/M By Councilperson Gregory to look into this further to find out if Vicki Malone has vacated her seat on the Board of Director's for Y.K.H.C., and to table this item until the next Council meeting. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM C. FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING, PROPOSED USE HEARING AND 6TH MONTH REVISED BUDGET.

Manager Hoffman read and introduced Ordinance No. 109, An ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPREATION FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to accept the proposed Use Hearing allocation of \$224,107,00, and introduce Ordinance No. 109, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPREATION FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978, and set the date for the public hearing for June 28, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM D. MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION NO, 220, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL DIRECTING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM.

Manager Hoffman reported that the City has a retirement program and Resolution No. 220, would enable City employees to vote to withdraw from the Social Security program in 1980.

M/M by Councilperson Twitchell to adopt Resolution No. 220, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL DIRECTING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilperson Elliott, Gregory, Hickling, Twitchell. Opposed: Hoffman. Motion carried.

ITEM E. NONPAYMENT OF CITY SALES TAX / BARGIN CACHE.

Councilperson Hoffman stated that the City should request that Bargin Cache make all their sales records available to the City's Finance Department for review.

Mrs. Rosie Porter Stated that as a citizen of Bethel who pays sales tax she feels that the payment of City sales tax should be enforced.

M/M by Councilperson Hoffman to direct the City Attorney to start legal procedures to collect the past due City sales tax from Bargin Cashe. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilperson Elliott, Gregory, Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM F. IMPROVEMENT OF CITY ROADS.

Councilperson Hoffman stated that existing roads should be repaired before new roads are constructed in subdivision. He stated that Mission Road cut off, Watson's corner and roads in Louse Town are in need of immediate repair.

M/M by Councilperson Gregory to concentrate on the repair of existing roads before new roads are constructed. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilperson Elliott, Gregory, Hickling, Hoffman, Twitchell. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilperson Twitchell to send a letter in support of widening Ridgcrest Drive to Mr. Don Harris and George Bernard, of the Department of Highways. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Manager Hoffman reported that there may be funds available to gravel existing roads and widen Watson's corner.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to request funds from the Safer-Off System Roads Program to widen Watson's corner and gravel the remaining roads under the FY '79 program. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

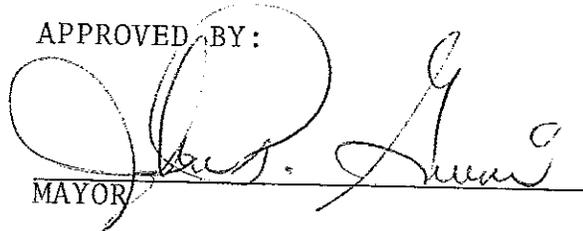
ITEM G. REQUEST BY THE TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION TO ADD TO THEIR LEASE AN OPTION FOR RENEWAL FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) YEARS.

M/M by Councilperson Elliott to set the date for the Public Hearing on the renewal of the lease of the "Old Liquor Store" for two (2) additional years to the Tundra Women's Coalition, for June 28, 1978. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

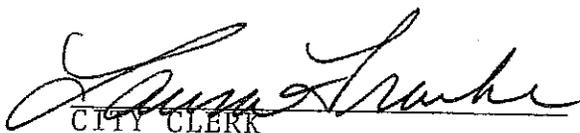
M/M by Councilperson Elliott to adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment was at 9:35 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK