



CITY of BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 26, 1981 7:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Guinn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and roll call was taken. Present: Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Absent: Charles and Elliott. Quorum established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of January 12, 1981.

M/M by B. Hoffman/seconded by E. Hoffman to accept the minutes of January 12, 1981 as presented. Voice vote was taken: motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Agenda for January 26, 1981.

Assistant Manager Kraning stated that there was one addition. Under "New Business", Item E. was added to read "Lease of Space in the Braund Building to the Department of Natural Resources".

M/M by Twitchell/seconded by B. Hoffman to accept the Agenda for January 26, 1981 with the addition of Item E. under "New Business". Voice vote was taken: motion carried.

MANAGERS REPORT

Assistant Manager Kraning gave a report on the following items:

- 1) The City's new Finance Director, David McGowan, called today, January 26, 1981, and apologized for the untimely delay of his arrival and gave a firm date of February 17, 1981. He stated that there would be no further delays.
- 2) Kraning also stated that Council Member Charles asked in advance that she be excused from this Council Meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Guinn thanked the Kuskokwim 300 Race Committee for all the time and effort they put into a very successful dog race, and stated that the community was looking forward to the race next year.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Council Member Twitchell gave a report on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

He stated that the Yukon-Kuskokwim State Fair begins February 1, 1981, and is to run through February 8, 1981.

Parks and Recreation Director Dudley made an official announcement to Council that the State Fair was beginning this Sunday, February 1, 1981, and invited all to attend and participate in the festivities.

Mayor Guinn asked if there had been any advertisement placed on the radio.

Dudley stated that advertisement provisions had been made; they have been waiting until the dog race was over so they would not interfere with one another.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Council Member E. Hoffman had a complaint on a dog being shot by the Animal Control Agent during the day by his house. He stated that there were children around and he didn't think proper caution was taken.

Chief Varnell responded in behalf of Frank DeBon that Frank believed he had looked the area over carefully and determined that it was a safe shot.

Mary Little had a complaint of loose dogs attacking her dogs that were tied up. She wants to know what she can do to protect her dogs.

Mayor Guinn responded saying that there is nothing in the City Ordinances that pertains to that particular type of problem. He stated that the best thing she could do is report it to the City Police, as she had done.

Carpenter asked Little if she knew who owned the dogs that attacked her dogs.

Little responded positively that she did know who the owners were.

Guinn then stated that the Police Force should then take whatever action was deemed necessary to control the two dogs.

Rosie Porter had a complaint on the length of notice given pertaining to the joint work session between the City Council and the Planning Commission on January 21, 1981.

There was discussion on the item between Porter and the Council.

Hal Borrego announced to Council that the Bethel Utilities Corporation was "deregulated", and that they have been authorized to form a subsidiary of the Bethel Utilities Corporation.

Hal wanted to know who from the City was going to work with the Bethel Utilities Corporation on the joint waste heat study. Borrego is eager to begin planning of the project.

Mayor Guinn responded that he would set up a meeting with Manager Hoffman and himself.

Council member Carpenter stated that the funds to be used for the Future Frontiers Conference in this region have been stopped, however, there will still be a Future Frontiers Regional Conference for the Yukon-Kuskokwim area. The expected funds were going to be used to bring people in from the villages. They will now have to find other means of funding for their travel.

The Conference will be held at the Kuskokwim Community College on February 6 and 7. For more information on the Conference you can contact her at the college.

Carpenter was also concerned with the implementation process of the Comprehensive Plan.

Assistant Manager Kraning stated that there was no definite plan, that the Planning Commission and City Planner, Tony Stigall, should be contacted.

Carpenter suggested that a work session between the City Council and Planning Commission be set up to discuss the implementation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. APPLICATIONS FOR GAMES OF SKILL AND CHANCE.

Assistant Manager Kraning stated that the Bethel Lions Club is requesting renewal of their application.

M/M by Carpenter/seconded by B. Hoffman to approve the application by Bethel Lions Club for Games of Skill and Chance. Voice vote was taken: motion carried.

ITEM B. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following people requested approval by Council to serve on selected Committees:

SOCIAL/CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Glady Jung
Phyllis Morrow
Barb Knapp

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chuck Wade
Marlin Knight
Bill Bruce

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Pauline Chaney
John Peckman

PUBLIC WORKS

Jordon Suhr
Jerry Korthius

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Glenn Godfrey
Betty Twitchell
Lucy Crow

Mayor Guinn asked that the Planning Commission consider Bob Herron to be appointed to fill the vacant position.

Mayor Guinn asked Council to approve the above named persons to the appropriate committees. There were no objections, all are approved.

ITEM C. APPOINTMENTS TO AGEING CONFERENCE

Assistant Manager Kraning explained selection of seniors to attend the White House Conference on Ageing. Members are selected from around the state, and attend a state meeting. It is from this group of seniors that delegates are selected to represent Alaska at the White House Conference on Ageing in Washington D.C., November and December of 1981.

Kraning stated that Gladys Jungs' name has been submitted as a delegate to the Conference. No other names have been received.

Mayor Guinn appointed Gladys Jung to represent the City at the State Convention March 13, 14 & 15, 1981.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. YEAR END POLICE AND FIRE REPORT

1) Police Department - Chief Varnell

Chief Varnell handed out a copy of his report to all Council Members

Varnell discussed a few of the main topics.

The Possibility of a New State Jail Facility: If the facility is constructed there is a question of who will be running the facility. If the State were to run it we would be in need of dispatchers. Possible solutions are:

- 1) That the City run the facility.
- 2) The possibility of contracting dispatch from the State. This would be for both Fire Department and the Police Department.

If the Bethel Police Department had to take over dispatching it would cost approximately \$120,000. a year in additional wages.

Mayor Guinn raised the question of the City itself constructing and running the facility.

Assistant Manager Kraning stated that there is a statute that allows a Municipality to build a Public Works project for the State. The Division of Corrections has been contacted to determine the procedure for the City of Bethel to contract directly with the State to build a correctional facility.

There is also a land problem. There is a possibility of obtaining the Public Health Service Corner across the street from Guinn Lumber, next to Nelson Browns property. That would have to be approved through the Public Health Service. The land has access to water and sewer, which is the big concern for a facility of the size the jail will be. She stated that we are in the process of contacting the Public Health Service Hospital in Anchorage. They are trying to determine what the procedure will be if the City assumes control of the building.

Kraning stated that there would be more known by the next Council Meeting.

Guinn asked that "if" the City does get the contract and the City does construct the building, will this give us any more control over running the facility.

Kraning responded that nothing has been verified one way or another, but that her assumption would be yes, the City would have more influence at the facility.

Carpenter questioned the amount of space in the jail, and wondered if housing for 24 inmates was adequate.

Varnell responded that the number of inmates fluctuates but that as a general rule it runs very smoothly.

Carpenter also wanted to know what the juvenile situation was.

Varnell stated that the majority of juveniles are in for the night only. The juvenile officer tries to get juveniles in and out of the jail as soon as possible.

Varnell also reported to Council concerning the recycling program. Everything has progressed well until this last month, when they lost their van. Gary Volkman has stated that he is currently looking for a larger van to replace the first one.

The aluminum crusher was received in November, but has not been assembled yet due to lack of space.

Another concern of Chief Varnells is the boat used for the River Patrol. It is in poor repair and in his judgement will only be good for one or two more seasons at the most. Varnell stated that the Administration is talking about purchasing a new boat, trailer and motor.

Assistant Manager Kraning stated that in past years the River Patrol has been run through CETA, and that one of this years legislative priorities is to get additional funding to provide for higher wages and a new boat. This would be to try and get a more professional staff to run the River Patrol Program.

2) Fire Department - Chief John Sanchez

Chief Sanchez gave a written report to members of the Council.

Sanchez stated that the amount of property lost thru fire has diminished this last year. He attributed this to people being more cautious, and calling frequently before a fire actually begins.

He summarized that Commercial property loss was down, while residential property loss had increased. Vehicle property loss, which includes boats, was up drastically in 1980. This was primarily due to the barge and tug fires during the summer.

Council took a five minute break at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Guinn called the meeting to order at 8:38 p.m.

ITEM B. RESOLUTION ON CONSTRUCTION OF NAPAKIAK ROAD

Mayor Guinn read the proposed resolution to Council.

Assistant Manager Kraning stated that there is still alot of preparation that needs to be completed before construction can actually get underway.

M/M by B. Hoffman/seconded by Carpenter to accept Resolution #323 Requesting funds from the State of Alaska to plat and construct a road from Bethel to Napakiak. Roll call was taken. Yes: Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter and Guinn. E. Hoffman abstained. Motion carried.

ITEM C. RESOLUTION ON KISARALIK SHELTER CABIN

Mayor Guinn read the proposed Resolution to Council.

There was discussion on the item.

M/M by Carpenter/seconded by Twitchell to approve Resolution #322 requesting funds from the State of Alaska to construct a shelter cabin on the Kisaralik River. Roll call was taken. Yes: Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. No: NONE. Motion carried.

ITEM D. PROPOSED USE HEARING ON FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING.

Assistant Manager Kraning explained the divisions of the Federal Revenue Sharing.

Twitchell questioned what was included in the portion that is to be awarded to the Police Department.

Kraning responded that it was for overall Police Protection.

Mayor Guinn opened the public hearing at 8:45 p.m.

There was discussion on the issue.

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing at 8:46 p.m.

M/M by B. Hoffman/seconded by E. Hoffman to adopt the Federal Revenue Sharing as proposed.

ITEM E. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LEASE SPACE IN THE BRAUND BUILDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Kraning stated that the area is 300 square feet, room B9, and the price is \$1.30 per square foot.

Mayor Guinn opened the public hearing at 8:46 p.m.

Council discussed the lease.

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

M/M by E. Hoffman/seconded by B. Hoffman to accept the lease to the Department of Natural Resources of space in the Braund Building. Roll call was taken. Yes: Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED:


John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elsie Jennings, City Clerk

DATE: 2/23/81