

CITY OF BETHEL

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 8, 1982

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MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 7.35 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Guinn, Twitchell, Anvil, Carpenter, Binkley.
Absent: Pavil, B. Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Special City Council meeting of February 4 were referred to the City Clerk for the addition of dollar amounts for legislative priorities. No minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Hoffman requested that three items be added to the agenda under New Business:

- a. Resolution 372 - receipt of government surplus goods.
- b. Resolution 373 - Coastal Zone Management Grants
- c. City Attorney (discussion)

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Binkley to accept the agenda as amended.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hoffman reported that the First Lady's Volunteer Awards nominations must be in by April 1. Applications are available at the City offices. The final selection will be made by Bella Hammond, the wife of the Governor.

City Manager Hoffman reported that a recent opinion by the Office of Attorney General held that the election of a Home Rule Charter Commission by the voters of Bethel was outside the scope of those powers available to a second class city. It was the suggestion of the City Manager that the Council constitute the Charter Commission as a special committee and authorize it to continue the work of drafting a charter. The matter was referred to City Attorney Esch for a further legal opinion and a request for information on how to proceed, if necessary, to void the election that established the Charter Commission. The City Manager is to report to the Council on this matter at the next Council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES

Planning Commission - report read by Mayor Guinn
Finance Committee - report by Councilmember Carpenter
M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the minutes
as read for the Planning Commission and Finance
Committee meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Blair Whipple addressed Council seeking a site for
a facility to be used as a treatment center for
male batterers. Funding for the facility and
program are being solicited from SOHIO, which money
would be seed money for the project. The group,
called "Helpers" (Ekaiuristet), requested a commitment
from the City as to the need for the facility. It is
planned as a non-profit organization. The old DAY Care
center is one building considered for the facility.
Assistant City Manager Kraning reminded Council
that that building is first optioned to the City Parks
and Recreation Department.
City Manager Hoffman stated that until the new Rec.
Center is completed, the building will be utilized
by the Rec. Department.
It was recommended that the parties return to
Council once a site has been located.

A question was presented to Council as to what is the
present status of the Rec. department building. Assis-
tant City Manager Kraning reported that the building is
being used by the Rec. Department pending the completion
of the new center. Councilmember CARPENTER suggested
that the matter of the building be referred to
Finance and Planning for their consideration.
M/M by Carpenter to so refer, 2nd by Twitchell. Voice
vote taken, motion carried.

Councilmember Carpenter stated that she had received
complaints concerning the failure of taxi drivers to
display ID photos. Referred to transportation.

OLD BUSINESS

KCC Appointment

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Two names were submitted for consideration for appoint-
ment to the KCC policy/advisory committee: Jack Flood
and Terry Hoefflerle. It was the thought of Council that
it would be most appropriate to fill the vacancy with
someone from City staff.
M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell, to appoint Jack
Flood (PATC Director) as the City representative on
the KCC policy/advisory committee. Voice vote, carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #131

Ordinance #131 - An Ordinance Modifying the City of Bethel's Personnel Rules and Regulations.

Assistant City Manager Kraning reported on changes to the Rules and Regulations as contained in the modified ordinance. It was noted that two work sessions had been held with Councilmembers to acquaint Council with the modifications included in the proposed ordinance modification. Two major changes to the Rules and Regulations were:

- a. compensatory time - ability to accumulate 80 hours, then pay straight time for hours over 80;
- b. free utility service - requirement that City employees pay \$25 per month for services.

Public hearing on the ordinance modification opened at 8.35 by Mayor Guinn. The pros and cons of the proposed changes were discussed as well as the cost to the City to pay off any comp time presently held by employees before the initiation of the recommended changes on April 1.

City Manager Hoffman suggested that the Council vote on the package except for the comp time and utility services sections and refer those two sections back to Finance Committee.

The public hearing was closed at 8.50 pm.

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Binkley to accept adoption of modification of Ordinance #131 except for the sections concerning comp time and utility services, those two sections to be referred to Finance. Poll vote taken, motion carried unanimously.

Break a 8.52. Resumed at 9.10 pm.

Consultant

George Hohman addressed the Council on the need for a lobbyist for the City. He presented himself as a candidate for that position suggesting that his years of experience in Juneau would be most useful to the City, especially this year with reduced funds available. Councilmember Anvil stated that the City was operating satisfactorily without a paid lobbyist. Councilmember Binkley suggested that because this was a personnel matter, that the Council should adjourn to an executive session for consideration of the matter. M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to go to executive session. Motion carried. Executive session at 9.25 pm.

OLD BUSINESS 9.45 pm meeting reconvened. M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to table the question of a lobbyist for the City for the remainder of this legislative session. Voice vote taken, motion carried with Councilmember Carpenter abstaining.

CONSULTANT

Letter to Corps Capital Projects Coordinator Dan Boyette reviewed the recent correspondence between the City and the Army Corps of Engineers concerning the City Seawall project. M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Anvil to send a letter to the Corps under the signature of the City Council in support of the Seawall project and Council's willingness to cooperate in the project. Voice vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #371 M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Binkley to approve the appointment of election officials for the March 23, 1982 Special Election. Voice vote, motion carried.

Special fund for Feasibility Studies Councilmember Carpenter reported to the Council that the Finance Committee recommended that two funds be established by the City council:

- a. \$100,000.00 fund to be used for preliminary design and engineer planning/design for capital projects
- b. fund for long range planning study

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to adopt the concept of the two funds but not to appropriate any funds at this time for the two funds; that such appropriation would be made at the six month budget review. Voice vote, motion carried.

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Binkley to permit Council to continue past 10 o'clock. Voice vote, motion carried.

Capital Project Committee Councilmember Carpenter reported on a Finance Committee recommendation that a Capital Project Committee be appointed to oversee capital projects and to coordinate the various committees and organizations often involved in capital projects. The committee would consist of members of the community who would have expertise in the areas of land planning, finance, construction and building design.

City Manager noted that much of this type of coordination is presently handled by the City Manager's office and that it is the function of the Manager's office

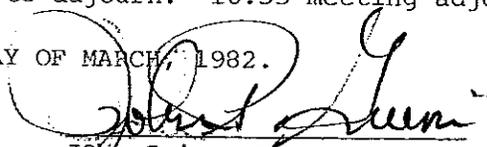
M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Anvil to postpone action on the establishment of such a committee until the next Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

- NEW BUSINESS
- Games of Chance REquest by Lions Club and Bethel Regional High School for Games of Chance permits.
M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Carpenter to grant the request for Games of Chance permits for the Lions Club and Bethel Regional High School. Voice Vote, motion carried.
- Lions Club Request for Land Blair Whipple requested that Lot 2, Block 4 (corner of Mission road, across from Fish & Game offices) be leased to the Lions Club. Planning Commission has agreed with the request. Councilmember Carpenter suggested that the matter be considered introduced at this Council meeting and that the request be set for a public hearing in 30 days. The above was made as a motion by Carpenter, 2nd by Binkley. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Resolution #372 Resolution #372 - A Resolution by Council requesting inclusion in the governmental surplus goods program.
M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Anvil to accep the Resolution requesting that the City of Bethel be included in those agencies and governmental units that may bid on and receive surplus governmental property. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Resolution #373 Resolution #373 - A Resolution in support of two Coastal Zone Management Grant proposals:
a. waste disposal
b. drainage
M/M by Binkley, 2nd by TWitchell to accept Resolution #373 supporting Coastal Zone Management efforts to secure grant money for waste disposal and drainage projects. Voice vote, motion carried.
- City Attorney Discussion as to the position of City Attorney for Bethel. An executive session was called because the matter comes under personnel concerns. 10.33 Council into executive session. 10.50 Council reconvened.
M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Binkley to palce the City Attorney position on a bid basis and to modify the Council rules to include an annual evaluation of the City Attorney. Voice vote, motion carried. Administration directed to advertise until 2nd Monday in April for the City Attorney position.
- ADJOURNMENT M/M by Binkley to adjourn. 10.55 meeting adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 1982.

ATTEST:

Wayne J. Mayers, City Clerk


John Guinn, Mayor

