



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Council Members Charles, Elliott, Guinn, Hickling,
Hinsvark, and Stichnick.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Father Hinsvark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Stichick recommended that the Council minutes of January 24, 1977 be amended to read as follows: the Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. M/M by Councilman Guinn to approve the minutes of the January 24, 1977 Regular Council Meeting as amended. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Bartlett recommended that Resolution 185 listed as Item H under New Business, be changed to Resolution 186. M/M by Councilman Stichick that the Agenda for February 14, 1977 be approved as amended. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Bartlett had no additional communications for the City Council other than what had been sent to them in the mail. Councilman Hinsvark asked a question with regard to the letter sent from Al Weinburg about REAA teacher housing. Will the City be able to aid REAA teachers in obtaining lots or housing? Manager Bartlett stated that commercial lots are available in the Ptarmigan Subdivision. Councilman Hinsvark recommended that the matter be referred to the Planning Committee. Councilman Hinsvark asked about the communication from Isaac Mute who was requesting a City bus transportation permit. Manager Bartlett informed the Council that a Transportation Committee had been established and will consider the matter of establishing a public bus service. Mr. Mute is a member of that committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Bartlett informed Council that the City is not involved with KYUK Television's Channel 2 except from the stand point that the Council approved at a regular meeting in January the submission of an application on behalf of the City by KYUK, and the City has successfully negotiated a utility pole use agreement, on behalf of the City of Bethel, for a TV cable to connect R.C.A. with the television station.

In addition, the City has filed with Senator Gravel, Senator Stevens and Representative Young in Washington, a telegram stating support for renewing the general television programming under the Bethel Film Club.

The next issue discussed under the Manager's Report concerned Standing Committees of City Council. Manager Bartlett indicated that the City Office needs to know the set meeting dates which have been established by Standing Committees, in order to coordinate and prevent time conflicts between such Committees. Manager Bartlett recommended that Council view the Committees as the place where Ordinances, Resolutions, Grant Proposals, Contracts, and other documents (information) pertinent to the Committee areas of responsibility are to be reviewed prior to being referred to Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola, reported that the initial meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Friday, February 18, 1977. The Committee reviewed the City's financial statement as of January 31, 1977. The Committee established a regular meeting time and date for the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. The Committee meetings are open to the public.

In continuing with his report, Mayor Peltola stated that based on Alaska Statutes 29.48.150, Ordinances in the Municipality can originate from the Council, Administration or at the standing committee established by the City Council. The Mayor indicated that this process can make the committee more effective and increase the public's involvement in government.

Finally, Mayor Peltola requested that the City Council members bring any concerns they may have directly to the Administration rather than going to the individual Department Heads.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Hickling reported on the first meeting of the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee meeting. The meeting

date has been established as the 1st Thursday of each month, at 12:00 - Noon - in the City Council Chambers. Discussion centered around the length of term for each member and an open public luncheon at the Kuskokwim Inn on the last Thursday of each month will be held.

Councilman Guinn reported on the Planning Commission meeting of January 7, 1977. Councilman Guinn referred to the minutes and the motions outlined in Council packets and reviewed the five main items with the Council. M/M by Councilman Guinn to ratify the minutes from the Planning Commission from January 7, 1977. Manager Bartlett recommend an amendment to the motion to read that both EDA proposals be referred to the proper committees to be reviewed by such committees. Councilman Stichick moved for that amendment by recommending that the Planning Committee meeting minutes of January 7, 1977, except the portion of Item F stating that "M/M by Commissioner Porter that the Community/Recreation Center grant under LPW replace the Alcohol Treatment Center as the first priority," be approved by Council. Councilman Guinn amended his motion to include Councilman Stichick's amendment.

Councilman Hinsvark had a question with regard to the City Subdivision lots. Manager Bartlett clarified the points with regard to lot applications. Roll call to accept the minutes of the Planning Commission as amended. Roll call vote, Yes: Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Stichick, Peltola. No: Hinsvark. Motion passed.

Councilman Hinsvark reported that Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. at the Recreation Building. The meeting is open to the public and the main topic of discussion will be a long range - five year - plan for the City's twenty-one area park site.

Councilman Elliott reported that a Department of Public Works Committee meeting will occur on the third Friday of this month at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Stichick reported that the only conflict in scheduled between committee meetings is the meeting tomorrow evening (2-15-77) the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Public Safety Committee. Beginning in March, the Public Safety Meeting will be held the 1st Tuesday of each month. A Public Transportation Committee meeting will be held the first part of the week of February 25.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Jerry Nicholson addressed the City Subdivision lot selection process. Mr. Nicholson indicated that he has been a resident of Bethel for 10 years, was born and raised in this area, and was not even considered as an alternate for land. In reviewing the selection, Mr. Nicholson noticed that some individuals receiving land were residents of Bethel for only a few months. Mr. Nicholson feels that the Planning Commission has not screened these people sufficiently and

also is concerned with the point system. He reminds the Council that people who have been in Bethel for many years should receive top priority for land. Mayor Peltola responded with an explanation of the point system and informed Mr. Nicholson that this item is on the Agenda. Manager Bartlett reported that the Planning Commission appointed a Subcommittee to review each application and rank them in accordance with an established point system and lots were awarded to applicants receiving the highest number of points given. Manager Bartlett reported that there may be inequities in terms of individual applications and the information stated on those applications, and as a result will recommend this evening that no action be taken in terms of advertising for a public hearing or providing notice in a formal newspaper of general circulation those people who have been awarded a lot, and that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission to insure that the information on applications is truthful and valid. Mr. Nicholson made the statement that more points should be given to residents of Bethel who have been here the longest. Mr. Bartlett responded that this was how the system was structured. As clarification, a resident could have lived in Bethel for five years, left for one year and then returned, it does not say that you must live here for three consecutive years. The Planning Commission will review the applications. M/M by Councilman Stichick that Council accept varification of residency by a bonified document, either an accepted Alaska Fish and Game license, Alaska State Driver's licence or Alaska Voter Registration card for those years that the applicant claims residency.

Councilman Guinn suggested that the Planning Committee look at this recommendation. Manager Bartlett stated that the Planning Committee should be given a chance to reevaluate the lot selection process. Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Stichick No: Guinn, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Peltola. Motion defeated.

Mr. John Shuler, stated that the Local Government Class from K. C. C. will be attending the City Council Meetings and will participate in Council Meetings and interview Council members periodically.

Mr. Ken Murphy addressed the City Council with regard to the numbering system in Bethel Heights. Since the numbering system has changed it has become more confusing and suggest that it be looked into as there is no consistency with the numbers. Manager Bartlett has discussed this matter with the Department of Public Works, and it was suggested that Mr. Murphy channel his concern to the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Stichick voiced support for the concept of utilizing establish street names. Manager Bartlett indicated the appropriate street signs have been purchased.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Resolution #182 Modification.

Manager Bartlett received correspondence concerned with Resolution #182 from the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration asking the City to delete part of the last paragraph which alluded to the fact that the City Council would need to approve the plans prior to initiating the construction phase. The FDAA is unwilling to accept Resolution #182 for two reasons:

1) The City is giving up right to an approval process as a result of turning over to FDAA the responsibility to assign the project to an appropriate federal agency to design and construct; and

2) the Applicant Handbook under the Housing/Urban Development Administration - Federal Disaster Assistance Administration branch indicates that this is the type of resolution that is acceptable and no other. As a point of information, the Corp of Army Engineers, who is the appropriate Federal agency relative to the Bethel Heights water and sewer system, has agreed to review all plans with Council when they are completed. They would like to seek as much input as possible from Bethel and plan to work closely with the City and the Public Works Department during the design and construction phases. They are also recommending and have received successful indications to date, that a good percentage of U.R.S.'s Plan A., as adopted by Council, will be incorporated into the final design. To prevent a delay in the process, Council was advised that they ratify a new draft of Resolution # 182. The system is to be completed by December of this year and construction will begin in June of 1977. Manager Bartlett read Resolution #182.

M/M by Councilman Guinn that the City Council approve Resolution #182, a Resolution of the City of Bethel, Alaska, requesting the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration arrange to have an appropriate federal agency provide for the necessary design, restoration of the Bethel Heights Water and Sewage systems. Roll call vote, Yess: Guinn, Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion passed.

Item B. Introduction of Ordinance # 92 (Title)

Manager Bartlett recommended that this Ordinance be table and referred to the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee for their review prior to being presented to Council, M/M by Councilman Stichick that Ordinance # 92 be tabled and referred to the Social/Economic/Cultural Committee for their review. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion

passed.

Item C. Alaska Public Forum

Ms. Susie Charles presented an outline of the Alaska Public Forum and asked the City Council to support this Forum. She indicated that the Forum offered the opportunity for the citizens of Bethel to participate in State government. Ms. Charles outlined six areas that will be covered: the permanent fund, human need, public school construction, Alaska's land management, oil and gas lease sales and Alaska's royalty on oil and gas.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to support the Alaska Public Forum.

Voice Vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item D. Selectin of Election Board Members.

Manager Bartlett stated that in accordance with Title 2, Chapter 2.44 of the Bethel Code of Ordinances it is recommended that the City Council ratify the election Board members. The individuals that are listed as chairperson, election judge of Precinct # 1 and Precinct # 2 are well qualified from the standpoint they have served before (Refer to Attachment) M/M by Councilman Stichick that the City Council ratify the Election Board as presented for the purpose of conducting the Special Election February 22, 1977. Voice vote taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item E. Introduction of Selected City Sub-Division Lot Applications.

Manager Bartlett recommended that this item be referred to the Planning Commission. M/M by Councilman Guinn, to refer the City Subdivision Lot Selection issue to the Planning Commission. Roll call: Yes: Guinn, Elliott, Charles, Hickling, Hinsvark, Stichick, Peltola. Motion Passed.

Item F. Ratification of Assistant City Manager

Councilman Guinn as the Chairman of the Personnel Committee stated the Committee has reviewed all applicants for the position as Assistant City Manager and decided that Mr. Lyman Hoffman is the most qualified individual to be selected for this position. Councilman Guinn asked for ratification by Council. M/M by Councilman Guinn to ratify Mr. Hoffman as the new Assistant City Manager. Voice Vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item G. Games of Chance and Skill Permits

Manager Bartlett presented to the Council two (2) games and Chance Permits for their consideration. The Lions Club and the Ladies Auxillary of the V.F.W. are requesting approval of their individual Games of Chance and Skill permits.

Manager Bartlett recommended approval. M/M by Councilman Hinsvark to approve the Ladies Auxillary and Lions Club permits. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item H. Resolution # 186 (A Resolution of the City of Bethel Alaska, providing for the establishment of the quantity and frequency of water delivery and sewage and waste materials evacuation by the Department of Public Works within the City's Jurisdictional Boundaries.

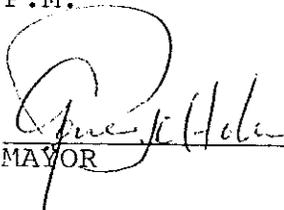
Manager Bartlett requested that action be delayed with regard to this Resolution, that it be tabled and referred to the Public Works Committee for review. M/M by Councilman Stichick that Resolution #186 be tabled until such time that it has been reviewed by the Public Works Committee. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item I. Federal Revenue Sharing FY 1976/FY 1977.

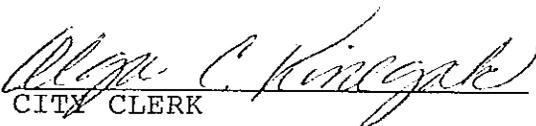
Manager Bartlett recommended that Item I be referred to the Finance Committee and that the Finance Committee hold a special meeting prior to March 1, 1977. It is necessary that the auditors from the firm of Peat, Marwick and Mitchell have a formal motion by Council affirming that the Actual Use Data as specified in report number six and report number seven of the General Revenue Sharing Program are accurate and true and that the funds have been expended in the catagories as delineated in such reports. M/M by Councilman Stichick to table the FY 1976 and FY 1977 Federal Revenue Sharing information until such time that a special meeting of the Finance Committee can be held to review such reports. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Stickick to adjourn.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK