



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:35 P.M.
Present: Elliott, Hicking, Charles, Hinsvark, Malone,
Peltola. Absent: Guinn.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Father Hinsvark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Hinsvark to approve the Minutes of the
August 24, 1977, Regular Council Meeting. Voice vote
was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilman Hinsvark to approve the agenda as presented
with the addition of Item D. under Unfinished Business of
Discussion of the Precinct Boundary Changes. Voice vote was
taken and was unanimous. In addition, M/M by Councilman
Hinsvark that Item E. under Unfinished Business- Discussion
of a Building Inspector be added. Voice vote was taken
and was unanimous. Motion carried. Also, M/M by Councilman
Hinsvark that Item F. under Unfinished Business (For
or Against the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor) to be placed
on the General Election, October 4, 1977, be added to the
Agenda. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Elliott, Hickling,
Charles, Hinsvark, Malone, Peltola. Opposed: None. Motion
carried. M/M by Councilman Hinsvark that the Agenda be approved
as amended. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion
carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None, other than those distributed to Council prior to the
meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman stated that the FY 1978 Jail Contract was signed and submitted to the Division of Corrections for \$190,000 covering eleven months with the provision that they will submit a supplemental appropriation to the legislature for \$45,000. The plans and specifications for the new Alcohol Treatment Center are being processed by Lane, Knorr, and Plunkett. The plan will be submitted to the Fire Marshall and Health Facilities around September 21, 1977. Also, the application for the new recreational facility was submitted to E.D.A. in Seattle on the 25th of August and we should be receiving word from that office on the status of the project at the end of this month.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola stated that he nothing to report, but requested that Councilman Malone report to Council on the present status of the funding of a sea wall to prevent the erosion of the river bank. Councilman Malone reported that on the 1st of September there was a meeting of the Corps of Engineers, Congressional Delegation, State of Alaska Emergency Services, PHS administration, and Engineers from PHS to discuss the erosion of the Bethel water front. It was learned at that time that in order for the Corps of Engineers to return to Bethel it would be necessary for the Congress to so designate, or the Public Works Committee of the Senate to approve a resolution. A resolution was formulated and sent to the Public Works Committee, it passed the committee. It was determined by the Corps that they did have sufficient funds within their administrative budget to complete an update of the report done in 1970. Following the update of the Corps report of 1970, it is hoped that the new report would demonstrate a cost benefit ratio which would make a five to six million dollar waterfront renovation economically feasible, at that time the preliminary plan and request for appropriations from Congress could be submitted.

Manager Hoffman queried Councilman Malone as to the area to be covered under the project. Councilman Malone stated that the 1.6 miles of waterfront proposed in 1970, was the area again under consideration at this time; an area starting above brown slough and terminating below Standard Oil's storage facility. Secondary considerations which should be considered with this project are dredging, which would require a resident dredge, and the dredging of Brown Slough stated Councilman Malone.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Hickling reported that the Social and Cultural Committee had met on Thursday, September 8, 1977. The major topics of discussion had been bootlegging and alcohol abuse. The local television station, stated Mrs. Hickling, is one resource the committee felt could be utilized to create awareness on the problems of alcohol abuse. She stated that it was their intention to request that the station set aside one hour per month of prime time for the viewing of programs that would be beneficial in creating community awareness of the magnitude of alcohol abuse. In addition, Councilwoman Hickling stated that a group of concerned teenagers had started a committee to combat alcohol abuse, which she felt was a step forward.

Councilman Elliott reported that the Public Works Committee would meet September 15, 1977. Councilman Elliott requested at this time that the City administration request that Mr. Davis level the dirt pile on the road right of way in front of the VFW before winter would make it impossible to do so. Manager Hoffman informed Councilman Elliott that the right of way in question was under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department, but that the administration would direct a letter of concern to them.

Councilman Hinsvark reported that the Parks and Recreations Committee had met on September 8, 1977, but, a quorum of the members had not attended.

Councilwoman Charles reported that there would be a meeting of the Special Transportation Committee on the 20th of September, 1977, to review the taxi rate increase.

Mayor Peltola introduced the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of August 5, 1977, for Council's approval. M/M by Councilman Hinsvark that the Minutes of the August 5, 1977, Finance Committee Meeting be approved. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor Peltola stated that the Finance Committee had met on September 7, and 9, 1977, to discuss the FY 1977-1978 Budget and Ordinance No. 101.

Mrs. Rosy Porter, in Councilman Guinn's absence, introduced the minutes of the July 15, 1977, and July 25, 1977, Planning Commission Meetings. M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the Minutes of the July 15, and July 25, 1977, Planning Commission Meetings be ratified by Council. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mrs. Rosy Porter stated that she wished to inform the Council that a State Senate Committee on Alcoholism was planning to visit Bethel. Councilwoman Hickling acknowledged that the Committee would be in Bethel the 18th of September, to review the alcohol package through private hearings.

Louis Charles requested that the Public Works Department as a community service erect the crucifix at the graveyard. Her request was referred to the Public Works Department.

Father Hinsvark requested that the Public Works Department check to see if the drainage of water in front of Swanson's and at the intersection of 7'th and Willow could be corrected. Mrs. Hickling also requested that the Public Works Department attempt to right the signs which had suffered wind damage. Mr. Volkman stated that as soon as his crews could be freed from the assignments which required completion before winter freeze-up the Public Works Department would check into the street sign and drainage problems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. REVIEW OF BOOTLEGGING SITUATION

Councilwoman Hickling stated that she had received numerous complaints from citizens of Bethel on the bootlegging situation. She stated that one of their prime concerns was that the problem extended to children as well as adults. Mr. Bruce Crow stated that he felt the responsibility rested with the AVCP, and that they were better equipped to handle the problem. Manager Hoffman stated that the City was obtaining convictions of open container violations, but was having little success in the prosecution of alledged bootlegging violations. Councilwoman Hickling stated that her recommendation was the establishment of a mutual assistance program between Bethel and other municipalities with drug or alcohol abuse problems, through which there could be an exchange of law officers. It was her contention that one of the problems in obtaining arrests of violators was the familiarity of law breakers with the local police force. Councilwoman Hickling queried Mr. Buttane, Director of the Alcohol Treatment Center, on the number of entries they had received during August. Mr. Buttane stated that August had been a record month, with entries declining following the opening of the schools fall semester. The possibility of establishing a mutual assistance program with other municipalities was referred to the City administration for research as to its feasibility and possible funding sources.

ITEM B. COMMERCIAL LOT SALE

Manager Hoffman stated that there had been only one applicant for the commercial properties in the Ptarmigan subdivision. The Planning Commission after reviewing the application recommended that Council approve the sale of Lot 12, Block 2, Ptarmigan subdivision. M/M by Councilman Elliott that the sale of Lot 12, Block 2, Ptarmigan subdivision be approved by Council for publication and that a Public Hearing on the sale of Lot 12, Block 2, of Ptarmigan subdivision be called on October 24, 1977. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM C. PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE NO. 101 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976-1977.)

Manager Hoffman stated that Ordinance No. 101, had been tabled at the Regular Council meeting of August 24, 1977. Mayor Peltola opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 101 at 8:30 P.M. Mayor Peltola closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 101 at 8:45 P.M. M/M by Councilman Hinsvark that Ordinance No. 101 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976-1977.) be approved by Council. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Elliott, Hickling Charles, Hinsvark, Malone, and Peltola. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL BOND

Manager Hoffman stated that there had been a directive by Council for the administration to obtain an extension of the Municipal Bond on the Braund Building. The bond presently is scheduled to be repaid by 1980; this time schedule would cause undue financial burden to the City. It is proposed, due to the fact that administration previously paid only on the interest, that the payment plan given to Council extending the bond for five years be adopted. M/M by Councilman Elliott that Schedule "A", outlining a five year extension of the Municipal Bond be accepted. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Malone, and Peltola. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ITEM B. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 209 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE.

Manager Hoffman introduced Ordinance No. 209, and recommended its adoption. He stated that Resolution No. 209, had been reviewed by the Finance Committee, who recommended its adoption. M/M by Councilwoman Charles that Council approve Resolution No. 209. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion refused. M/M by Councilman Malone that Resolution No. 209, amended to read as follows; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ANCHORAGE, KUSKOKWIM BRANCH, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00, FOR AN INSTALLMENT PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 24 MONTHS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A POLICE VEHICLE AND A PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE, be approved by Council. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Hinsvark, Malone, and Peltola. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Peltola called a five minutes recess.

ITEM C. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 103 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITY OF BETHEL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978 AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.)

Manager Hoffman introduced Ordinance No. 103, for a first reading and recommended its approval for publication. M/M by Councilman Malone to approve Ordinance No. 103 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITY OF BETHEL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978 AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.) in its first reading and establish a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 103, on October 24, 1977. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Elliott, Hickling, Charles, Malone, and Peltola. Opposed: Hinsvark. Motion carried.

ITEM D. DISCUSSION OF THE PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES

Manager Hoffman introduced the proposed precinct changes for Council's review; they included the establishment of Precinct Three across Brown Slough inclusive of Housing, Ptarmigan Subdivision, BNC apartments and the High School area; and the inclusion of the Mumtretlek Subdivision into Precinct No. Two. M/M by Councilman Malone that Council adopt the re-establishment of Precinct One and Two, District 17, boundary lines; Precinct Two would now incorporate those areas included in One, the dividing line would now be drawn at Third Avenue and Main Street intersection. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Malone, Peltola, Hickling, Elliott, Charles. Opposed. Hinsvark. Motion carried.

ITEM E. BUILDING INSPECTOR

Councilman Hinsvark stated that the item had been added to the agenda at his request. He reported that it had come to his attention that there were several court cases pending, which had been filed against cities, who had adopted the uniform building code and then failed to enforce it. Councilman Hinsvark stated that he felt the Fire Chief could be utilized to act as a building inspector. M/M by Councilman Malone that this matter be set aside until an opinion by the City Attorneys could be obtained on the ramifications that the City might incur for not enforcing the building code that was adopted, and secondly the liability of the City for inspections which might later be shown to have been insufficient. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Peltola, Elliott, Hinsvark, Charles, Malone. Opposed: Hickling. Motion carried.

ITEM F. REVIEW OF PETITION (FOR OR AGAINST THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR) TO BE PLACED ON THE OCTOBER 4, 1977, GENERAL ELECTION.

Manager Hoffman introduced and presented for Council's inspection a petition having been certified by the City Clerk as having sufficient signatures to be placed on the October 4, 1977, General Election as Proposition No. 1. M/M by Councilman Malone that Council accept the Petition presented as certified by the City Clerk asking that the question; For the sale of intoxicating liquors.... Yes or No, be placed on the ballot for the upcoming election of October 4, 1977. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Elliott, Hickling, Hinsvark, Malone, Peltola. Opposed: Charles. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Malone that Council adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor Peltola adjourned the meeting at 10.00 P.M.

APPROVED:



Mayor Gene Peltola

ATTEST:



Atha J. Hill, City Clerk