

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vanasse called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM; Councilman Trantham asked Mayor if he could be given a few minutes to review the document he had just received in his possession. Hearing no Council objection, Mayor Vanasse granted a few minutes before calling the meeting to order.

Mayor Vanasse called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Feaster, Lilienthal, Trantham (not ready for the meeting at this time), Vanasse and Wallace.

Absent: Dale and Richardson (both out of town).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*For the record, Councilman Trantham is now present, since he just got through reviewing the documents. Before going on with the agenda items, Councilman Trantham requested that the rest of the Councilmembers be provided with the confidential information that he had received. Administrative/Personnel Officer Hastie indicated he provided the information to Councilman Trantham per his previous requests. Councilman Trantham further indicated that what he had asked for was a report from Mr. Meade himself as to what the City paid \$24,000.00 for and that he did not ask for his rates.

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Wallace to approve the agenda with the following change: table Item A: Introduction Ordinance #202-Personnel Rules & Regulations and might table Item C: Acceptance of Port Terminal Tariff, if the paperwork is not presented by the time Council gets to that agenda. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Vanasse indicated that he did not really have a report, but that he had an Attorney's opinion on the Bethel Utilities case and that copies can be made available to Council.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Hohman reviewed his written report with Council on the following subject items:

- received letter from Mr. Knight confirming entitlement under Revenue Sharing listed as follows: tax equalization account = \$187,708 and miscellaneous services account = \$209,339;
- City of Bethel allowed two important capital projects: Bethel wastewater treatment systems improvements = \$623,000 and Bethel road improvements/equipment purchase = \$550,000;
- indicated that a memorandum of agreement for PATC was signed by Gene Peltola/YKHC and the City Manager and that the transition went smoothly. Concluded by indicating that the MOA was subject to Council approval;
- no action taken on the \$5,000,000 amendment that Sentor Stevens was seeking as a floor amendment to the energy and waters bill;
- briefed Council on Bill Overstreet's interview in the 'Municipal Advisor' which presses things

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important to the City;
- indicated John Hastie was hired as the Administrative/Personnel Officer to replace Corlis Taylor; pointed out that Mr. Hastie just returned from active military duty, which his Marine detachment was called to duty during the desert storm activities;
- the Alaska Energy Authority contacted the City asking for letter of support for a project to develop an absorption freezer concept utilizing waste heat.

Mayor Vanasse extended his welcome to Mr. Hastie and pointed out that this can be a difficult job and work cut out for him.

Councilman Trantham suggested that in the future, if the City Manager can provide a written report to Council to be included in the Council packet and the period to cover from a Friday to 2 weeks later Friday, so they could have them to review over the weekend. Further asked for the status of the pump house contract; pointed out that winter was arriving fast and project should be completed this summer. Public Works Director Martin indicated it was in the process of going out to bid or if done now that it would be November/December before it could be done; indicated that Village Safe Water needed to be contacted to get going or ask for additional funding for bidding process. Councilman Trantham asked that Council get an update on the status of possible land swap with 2 private land owners and BNC. Councilman Trantham at this time asked for confirmation vote on hiring of Mr. Hastie per BMC 2.04.110, which states: 'the Council by majority consent shall appoint City Attorney, City Clerk, City Manager and Chief of Police and shall ratify such other appointments as they see fit.....' Councilman Feaster indicated that he was not aware of Council approving employee hires on department head level. Mayor Vanasse pointed out that he understood Councilman Trantham's concern and indicated that he did not see it necessary for Council approval. Councilman Trantham indicated that he felt he was denied the right to represent his constituents, which the 56 calls he had received were all against the hiring of Mr. Hastie. Councilman Feaster felt that Council should get out of having to approve department head level hires. After verbal confirmation as to what Council should do, all, but Councilman Trantham, concurred in not doing a confirmation vote. Councilman Trantham felt that the ordinance should be changed if it's wrong or follow the rules.

Councilman Trantham concluded by pointing out that Administrative/Personnel Officer Hastie informed him of executive session leaks and wanted them to inform Council if there were such leaks. Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that he had no direct knowledge of executive session leaks; but was

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expressed to him that there were leaks. Indicated that the concern came regarding the security of the documents that relate to an ongoing lawsuit of APEA. Interim City Manager Hohman further explained the process of hiring Mr. Hastie. Indicated that one of the applicants withdrew on Friday and he developed an instrument for interviewing process, to rate each candidate equally and selected Mr. Hastie which he considered being an objective rating system being best applicant for the job.

Councilman Trantham commented that he voted to appoint Mr. Hohman in to the Interim City Manager position; pointed out that he believed in democracy and that he was simply voicing out his constituents concerns.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

Madam Lilienthal indicated that she was concerned of individuals breaking vehicle windows and that her vehicle window was shot at today; also indicated a problem of beebe gun shots; and that boats were anchoring at the docks again. Concluded by thanking the department heads that have been submitting reports to Council.

Councilman Trantham concurred with Madam Lilienthal in thanking the department heads for their reports; wanted the department heads to know that Council does use the reports; thanked Police Chief McDonald for his trip report; thanked the Police Chief and the Interim City Manager for their efforts in saving funding requests on 2 projects. Mayor Vanasse reiterated Councilman Trantham's comments in thanking the Interim City Manager and the Police Chief for their efforts.

Councilman Feaster asked for a time line of City Manager process. Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that there were 7 applications received and ready for direction for the interview process. After discussion, Mayor Vanasse indicated that he would like to see all the Councilmembers involved in the selection process. Councilman Trantham indicated that he would like to see the names of the applicants released to the press. Discussion also took place whether 2 from the public could be involved in the selection process; after Council discussion, it was pointed out that selection process should be kept to Council only, since it was going to be done in executive session.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES

Madam Lilienthal reported that the Port Commission is scheduled to meet July 15th, 7:30 PM at the Port Director's Office and indicated that there were no vacancies.

Councilman Wallace reported that Planning Commission met regarding the 2nd avenue, trying to get the houses fit in where they are and that everybody was happy.

REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES continued

Councilman Trantham reported that the Public Works Committee did not meet within the past 2 weeks, but scheduled to meet on July 16th at the Public Works conference room and Chairman to be selected at that time.

Councilman Feaster reported that the next Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for July 18th at the City Offices conference room at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Vanasse reported that there was no formal Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, but meeting was held to deal with the concerns of softball and little league softball and alot more to be done.

Madam Lilienthal asked the Port Director of concerns she's been getting regarding the tents that are up by the River Marine, next to the seawall. Port Director Greydanus indicated that he did not give any permission since it was a state reclaimed land and that nothing could be done until completion of the tidelands lease survey.

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Beverly Hoffman the Chairman for the Parks & Recreation Committee, indicated that she was out of town when Council decided to do away with adult softball. Wanted to express her concerns and frustrations. Indicated that the Parks & Recreation Committee had encouraged the former City Manager to hire an employee that had Parks & Recreation background, which did not happen; asked for budget break-down, which was not provided for; asked for Recreation user break down, not provided; asked for fund raisers to be organized, which did not happen. Pointed out that the person hired was not a bad person, but just did not have knowledge in Parks & Recreation area; and due to that, the Parks & Recreation had gone down over the winter. Pointed out that there was lack of communication from Council to Management and Management to the employee. At this time, Ms. Hoffman further discussed the matter further with the maker of the motion. After lengthy discussion on adult and other programs cut, Ms. Hoffman informed Council that she was resigning as the Chairman for the Parks & Recreation Committee. Councilman Feaster pointed out that he had previously requested a policy statement, goals and objectives for Parks & Recreation department, but instead a press conference was held in affect of the adult programs, but was not intended to drop softball games the same day. More discussion on the budget process was held. Ms. Hoffman basically indicated that the problem was with communication between Parks & Recreation and the City administration. Councilman Trantham briefly stated that the Council in it's wisdom did find it necessary to cut somewhere in the budget, priorities were set and encouraged more public input to Council, since public comments do help make Council decisions.

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Jerry Abott also indicated to Council that he was here representing the public and the kids regarding the same issue and concern as Ms. Hoffman. Indicated that he had not seen any workers at any softball games or the field; indicated he had kids too that are in the softball league and that he sees this. Indicated he asked the Youth Softball worker at the beginning of the game tonight as to why he wasn't there supervising the games, which the workers reply had been that he was instructed to drop off the new balls and watch the game start and leave. Mr. Abott felt that it was not the understanding he had as a parent when he signed up his kids for youth softball. Indicated to Council that Parks and Recreation in the past 2 weeks had become to be known as Parks & Wreck with a 'W'; indicated Parks & Recreation workers were hardly at work; indicated that there was only 1 worker during 4th of July, and he had volunteered; indicated that during 4th of July festivities, they had problems with 4th of July booths and they could not find anyone from Parks & Recreation or the City. Pointed out to Council that if they are going to do something, that he would like to see them actually doing it. Indicated that kids softball league fees is \$200 per league and \$20 per child and the T-shirts for the kids were finally coming in now. Concluded by asking that the City be responsible.

Councilman Trantham indicated that Mr. Abott brought up a concern that needed to be dealt with, and asked that the City Manager be directed to look into the matter. Councilman Feaster indicated that he was not aware of what direction was given at the meeting and if any were made, that Council needed to be informed of what happened at the meeting. Interim City Manager Hohman indicated he did not have notes from the meeting, but had seen a restructuring of the responsibilities as far as administering the programs; pointed out the difficulties the person had. Concluded that this was getting some attention now and should be dealt with. Madam Lilienthal requested that a report be prepared for Council as to the status of the softball program from the time the season started, who served time with games and for how long.

Beverly Hoffman thanked Interim City Manager Hohman and Police Chief McDonald for being cooperative and responsive. Jerry Abott at this time asked Council to start going to the games and just observe, see what kind of services were being provided, especially to the kids; also pointed out that the garbages were also full and overflowing at the softball fields. Mayor Vanasse pointed out that more public input was needed in alot of things; indicated with public comments made, forces a response from Council one way or another. Councilman Trantham asked that the Mayor provide a copy of the report to the Parks & Recreation Committee also.

BEFORE GOING ONTO NEW BUSINESS, COUNCIL TOOK A BREAK
FROM 9:04 PM to 9:17 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:
Item A: Firearms
Training Range

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #686 - FIREARMS TRAINING RANGE

Police Chief McDonald indicated to Council that this resolution was drafted in response to the public concern that was brought up to Council last month or so, with the fire training range at the time being too close to the Trailer Court residents. Police Chief McDonald indicated that this new firearms training range was located up by the White Alice sight.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wallace to approve Resolution 686 as presented, with an effective date of July 9, 1991. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Vanasse thanked the 'Group' for relocating the place due to public concern.

Item B: Acceptance
of Port Terminal
Tariff

ACCEPTANCE OF PORT TERMINAL TARIFF

Port Director Greydanus indicated to Council that the changes were made per the Port Commission and the City Attorney's recommendations. Further pointed out that the ones without reference marks typed in were the new changes and fully typed document to be presented to Council this Friday.

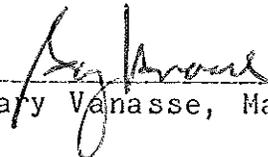
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M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wallace to table this item to the next meeting. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

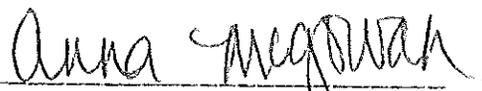
M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 9:31 PM. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF July, 1991.



Gary Vanasse, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anna McGowan, City Clerk