

CITY OF BETHEL  
CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of November 16, 1993

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Chris in the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chris, Jones, Metcalfe, Miller, Trantham,  
Tubbs, Wintersteen

Absent:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to approve the minutes of the October 26, 1993, regular Council meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/REGULAR AGENDA

Council members Trantham, Jones, and Wintersteen requested New Business Items C, E and H be removed from the Consent Agenda.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to amend the regular agenda by removing New Business Items C, E and H from the Consent Agenda and placing them on the regular agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chris appointed the following members to vacancies on three committees/commissions: Port Commission-Dr. William Bergen; Planning Commission-Robert Herron; Public Safety Committee-Paul Gregory.

motion M/M by Metcalfe, 2nd by Wintersteen to rescind the earlier motion amending the agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried, 6-yes, 1-no (Miller).

motion M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Jones to amend the regular agenda by removing New Business Items C, E, H and I from the Consent Agenda and placing them on the regular agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried, 6-yes, 1-no (Miller).

Mayor Chris questioned Council if they wished to view informational items received in the mail addressed to the Mayor. Council member Trantham suggested the City Clerk maintain a reading file in her office for such items.

Mayor Chris presented a plaque honoring Bethel's veterans on behalf of the Council.

**motion** M/M by Metcalfe, 2nd by Wintersteen to hang the plaque in the Utility Billing Office. Voice vote. Motion carried, 6-yes, 1-no (Miller)

Mayor Chris referred Council to her written report.

**VI. MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Hunter presented the Council with the completed Community Development Block Grant application and identified those City employees who contributed. He then gave a brief presentation on the Alaska Municipal League Local Government Conference.

City Manager Hunter reviewed his written report and discussed the following items:

**motion** 1. Request to Rename PATC  
M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Jones to grant YKHC permission to change the name of the PATC building. Voice vote. Motion carried, 6-yes, 1-abstention (Miller, conflict of interest).

2. Recycling Report  
Council member Jones requested the City Manager direct the Finance Director to draw up a report on the recycling effort that made sense. Council member Miller requested City Administration provide technical assistance for volunteers, with regards to reports and financial statements.

3. Preventative Measures at School Grounds  
City Manager Hunter reported he had met with the superintendent of LKSD and they were developing a comprehensive plan which includes lighting and school crossing guards.

4. Public Notice-Drinking Water  
Mayor Chris requested the public notice be clarified to mitigate the concerns of the community.

Council member Trantham suggested that, because the new

Police vehicles did not meet the specifications at the time of delivery, the City should charge the supplier \$100/day/vehicle for lack of use.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

*At 8:30 p.m. in order to hear the People to be Heard portion of the meeting, the Reports of Standing Committees portion was suspended.*

*Continuation of Reports of Standing Committees:*

Scheduled dates for upcoming committee/commission meetings were announced.

Council member Trantham reported the Transportation Commission was reviewing Title 5 and had voted to recommend the Council freeze the number of taxicab permits at their current level. He also reported the Commission had failed to find that an emergency existed.

Council member Trantham announced the Youth Center was holding an Open House December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Council member Tubbs reported the Public Safety Committee had discussed the issue of children's safety and funding options.

Council member Wintersteen reported the Port Commission had discussed the prospect of the City taking over the dock from the State and the terminal tariff.

Council member Miller reported the Public Works Committee discussed the former Public Works Director and the hiring process for the new Public Works Director.

VIII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

*At 8:30 p.m., the Reports of Standing Committees was suspended in order to hear the People to be Heard portion of the meeting. The Reports of Standing Committees portion was completed following People to be Heard.*

There were no people to be heard.

Prior to beginning New Business, Mayor Chris questioned the Council on the procedure for hearing members of the audience who wished to address the Council on the proposed introduction of Ordinance #93-34.

Council member Metcalfe stated they would be allowed to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance if it was introduced.

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Council member Trantham suggested the people be allowed to speak on the introduction or the Council should reopen the People to be Heard portion of the meeting.

motion M/M by Miller to return to the People to be Heard portion of the agenda to allow people to speak on Item C. Motion died for lack of a second.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Introduction of Ordinance # 93-32: An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 5.20.040, Entitled Vehicle Inspections--Approved by consent as presented.

ITEM B: Introduction of Ordinance #93-33: An Ordinance Clarifying the Definition of Retail Sales Transactions for Purposes of the City's Sales Tax--Approved by consent as presented.

ITEM C: Introduction of Ordinance #93-34: An Ordinance Placing a Freeze on the Issuance of Permits for Vehicles for Hire for Ninety Days

Mayor Chris read Ordinance #93-34 for the record.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Wintersteen to introduce Ordinance #93-34 for Public Hearing.

Council member Trantham stated that this Ordinance did not appear to have any legal weight as it was not amending Title 5.

vote Poll vote. Motion failed 1-yes, 6-no (Chris, Jones, Metcalfe, Trantham, Tubbs, Wintersteen).

motion M/M by Metcalfe, 2nd by Miller to rework the ordinance and send it to the attorney for review. Voice vote. Motion carried, 6-yes, 1-no (Jones).

ITEM D: Introduction of Ordinance #93-35: An Ordinance Amending Title 6, Chapter 6.04.020 Entitled Care and Restraint of Dogs and Chapter 6.04.090(A) Entitled Penalties--Approved by consent as presented.

ITEM E: Resolution #93-45: A Resolution Commending Various City Departments for Outstanding Performance of Their Duties

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Mayor Chris read the resolution for the record.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Jones to adopt Resolution #93-45 as presented. voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM F: Resolution #93-46: A Resolution Applying for FY94 Municipal Capital Matching Grant Program--Approved by consent as presented.

ITEM G: Resolution #93-47: A Resolution Requesting a Local Match for the Bank Stabilization Project--Approved by consent as presented.

ITEM H: Resolution #93-48: A Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a Task Force to Study the Effects of the Misuse of Alcohol on the Community

Mayor Chris read the resolution for the record.

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Wintersteen to adopt Resolution #93-48.

motion M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Jones to amend the main motion by adding the task force will assess how the various options have affected other communities. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

vote Voice vote on the main motion. Motion carried, 6-yes, 1-no (Tubbs).

ITEM I: Gaming Permit Applications

Mayor Chris referred Council to City Manager Hunter's memo stating that ONC had not paid City Sales Tax since September 30, 1992.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Metcalfe to approve all gaming permit applications except ONC, which will be referred back to City Administration.

motion M/M by Miller to amend the main motion to consider the ONC application separately. Motion died for lack of a second.

vote Voice vote on the main motion. Motion carried, 6-yes, 1-no (Miller).

Council broke at 9:35 p.m. for a short recess. At 9:50 p.m., Mayor Chris called the meeting back to order.

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ITEM J: Presentation by Joel Hard, AST Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit-Substance Abuse and Crime in the Delta

First Sergeant Joel Hard addressed the Council on the problem of alcohol in the Delta and applauded the passage of the Resolution supporting the establishment of a task force to study the effects of alcohol.

First Sergeant Hard stated that the communities must work together to solve the problem.

motion M/M by Metcalfe, 2nd by Jones to go past 10:00 p.m.  
Voice vote. Motion carried.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council member Jones requested more timely information on controversial items, and asked the City Manager only review items in his report requiring direction or action. Mr. Jones also stated that the Public Works Department needed clear procedures on services that would apply to all customers to avoid problems.

Council member Wintersteen related the concerns of a bus driver that motorists are not stopping when the bus has its stop arm out and flashing. Mr. Wintersteen also thanked Public Works for repairing the boardwalk across from Kusko Inn so quickly.

Council member Metcalfe requested more information on the Community Work Service Program and how it is being utilized through the Police Department.

Council member Miller stated he was concerned with the City's responsiveness to customer's complaints.

Council member Tubbs stated that he would like to see complaints taken care of in a timely manner.

Council member Trantham thanked the City employees who had worked on the CDBG application, stating they had laid the groundwork for the future. Mr. Trantham apologized for a mistaken remark he had made at the previous meeting. Mr. Trantham stated he hoped all City employees deal with the public with dignity and a smile.

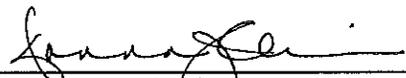
Mayor Chris also stated that policies and procedures needed to be established for all to follow. Mayor Chris asked that the City attorney be consulted about who can speak during People to be Heard.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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motion M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Miller to adjourn the meeting  
at 10:45 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1993.

  
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Donna J. Chris, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk