CALL TO ORDER — Mayor Bainton called the meeting to order at 7.30.

ROLL CALL — All members present except for Clark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Warner to approve the minutes of the 3/11/86 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion — M/M by Chris, 2nd by Warner to approve the minutes of the 4/8 and 4/10/86 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA — M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Warner to approve the agenda with the following change: place Manager's Report before Councilmember Comments. Voice vote, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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Mayor Bainton reported to Council on the following items:

a. absent communication from Councilmember Clark concerning his intentions and residency, Mr. Clark's Council seat will be declared vacant 90 days from January 28.
b. Mayor Bainton read a statement addressed to Council and the residents of Bethel concerning events of the past three months (copy attached)

MANAGER'S REPORT

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City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the following items:

a. revised copies of "Bethel on the Brink" are being distributed to agencies and the State legislators
b. arrangements for a radio and video tape program are being made with KYUK concerning the seawall project
c. a meeting will be held in the near future with residents living along the riverfront to discuss City plans for riverfront protection
d. review of Manager's Report, noting in part
   1. City has not signed off on the small boat harbor dirt removal project, payments being withheld pending completion of project
   2. the second round of audits of City licensed businesses will begin in the near future

Councilmember Carpenter inquired as to the status of hiring a Public Works Director. City Manager Widom reported that he is in the process of interviewing candidates.

Councilmember Reich inquired as to the status of the PATC expansion. City Manager Widom informed Council that the project is proceeding full speed ahead.

Councilmember Aloysius asked Administration when State money would be available for the seawall project. City Manager Widom noted that money appropriated this session would be available once the Governor signs the legislation and that the Governor has 30 days from the close of the session to sign off on the legislation.

Councilmember Warner asked Administration for clarification of Representative Binkley's statement requesting the City to halt construction at the PATC facility. Mayor Bainton noted that a letter from Representative Binkley outlining his position on the matter is expected in the near future.

City Manager Widom introduced City Attorney Garnett who reviewed for Council the status of legal matters affecting the City. City Attorney Garnett informed Council that he is now associated with the firm of Wohlforth & Flint; that he, Richard Garnett, will be out of State much of next year; introduced Rob Johnson, an attorney with Wohlforth & Flint, who will be working with him on City matters.

Council directed Administration to proceed with the Southern eviction.

The City Attorney will present to Council a report on the damaged City shop roof and recommendations on how to proceed concerning the damage.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

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Councilmember Chris inquired as to the status of the PATC Advisory Board asking people who are interested in serving on the Board to submit a letter of interest to the City Manager. A discussion took place concerning the function of the advisory board. Council recommended that Administration advertise for boardmembers for the PATC Advisory Board for two additional weeks and for Administration to prepare a questionnaire on the function of the Board.

Councilmember Warner apologized to City Manager Widom for not objecting to comments made by Harold Galliett about City Manager Widom at the April 8 Council meeting.

Councilmember Warner expressed his concern that the grant document regarding the PATC expansion indicated a 24 bed facility; that the final design for the project calls for an 18 bed facility. Mr. Warner suggested notifiying the State of the change so as not to jeopardize funding. Council reviewed the schematic plans for the PATC expansion.

Councilmember Warner inquired as to the status of the Bethel Book. City Manager Widom noted that the contract with the Tundra Drums set May 9 as the due date for the book.

Councilmember Warner inquired as to the status of the day care assistance grant. Mayor Bainton informed Council that a letter is expected from the State regarding City liability with respect to pass through money.

Councilmember Warner inquired as to the amount of insurance coverage carried by Galliett and Silides. City Manager Widom noted that the information will be included in the next Manager's Report.

Councilmember Warner asked if the City should pass a resolution opposing the proposed collective bargaining bill regarding municipal employees. City Manager Widom noted that he had spoke in opposition to the bill before a legislative hearing; that it appears unlikely that the bill will make it through committee; that if it does appear that the bill will be up for passage, that Administration will bring a resolution to Council for its consideration.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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Councilmember Chris reported on the Port Commission meeting of 4/21/86 noting that the Port Commission has recommended limited mooring along the seawall, renewal of the J.B. Crow use agreement for land along the seawall, and passage of the revised terminal tariff. It was noted that a work session will be held Monday, April 28, 12 noon, at City offices to discuss the role of the Port Commission.

Councilmember Carpenter reviewed for Council the Transportation Commission meeting of 4/16/86 noting that the Commission is reviewing the vehicle for hire ordinance and that the Commission has two openings. The Commission will meet again on May 1.

Councilmember Warner reviewed for Council the Planning Commission meeting of April 7 noting that the Commission will hold a work session on the proposed revised zoning ordinance Wednesday, April 30, at 7.30 pm at the Log Cabin.

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the status of the petition seeking to abolish the vehicle for hire ordinance noting that a formal petition is being prepared for circulation by the end of the month.

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Moravian Church concerning a joint use agreement among the three parties for expanded museum space and a visitors' center. City Manager Widom noted that an agreement is being prepared for Council consideration. City Manager Widom noted that Administration is preparing a tourism grant appplication seeking tourism funds from the State.

Councilmember Reich inquired as to the status of the City Finance Committee. Mayor Bainton noted that the City is advertising for two additional members for the committee.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

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There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 480 - PENSION PLAN MODIFICATIONS

Item A: Pension Plan Modifications

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the proposed changes to the City's pension plan recommending that Council approve the modifications. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Warner to adopt Resolution 480 as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

NEW BUSINESS

TERMINAL TARIFF

Item A: Terminal Tariff

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the proposed Terminal Use Tariff noting that the only rate change lowered the rate on gravel from $5.02 per ton to $2.00 per ton. City Manager Widom recommended adoption of the revised tariff. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Chris to approve the revised terminal use tariff. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

Item B: NRI River Patrol Proposal

NRI RIVER PATROL PROPOSAL

Mayor Bainton reviewed for Council the proposal from NRI to operate the river patrol. Police Chief Clayton spoke in opposition to the proposal. John Hastie of NRI reviewed for Council the proposal noting that municipalities can contract for law enforcement; that NRI carries a $1 million liability insurance coverage for its operation. City Manager Widom recommended that the river patrol remain with the City Police Department. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Aloysius to keep the operation of the river patrol for 1986 with the Bethel Police Department. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

Item C: Employee Evaluation and Review

EMPLOYEE EVALUATION AND REVIEW

M/M by Carpenter to go past 10 pm. Voice vote, motion carried.

City Manager Widom requested that Council go into executive session regarding personnel matters (Police Chief yearly evaluation and Council/Manager review). Police Chief Clayton agreed to the executive session request. M/M by Warner, 2nd by Carpenter to go into executive session to review personnel matters that may reflect unfavorably on the employee or Council. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

Council was in executive session from 10.30 pm to 1.15 am.

Upon return from executive session Council, by unanimous poll vote, approved a 4% pay increase for the Police Chief, the pay increase retroactive to December 13, 1985.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Aloysius supporting the performance of City Manager Widom and expressing a vote of confidence in the City Manager. Poll vote, 5 yes, 1 no (Carpenter), motion carried.

Councilmember Reich suggested, and Council agreed, that Council and City Manager Widom would review, at the May 13 Council meeting, the Manager's contract for possible revision.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Warner to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1.30 am.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 1986.

Marge Bainton

Marge Bainton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk

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April, 1986

The last months have been frustrating and difficult times for this City. The issues have been demanding and overwhelming. Patience and goodwill have been challenged, intentions and decisions have been questioned from all sides within and without. That is not unexpected and should aid the process of good government.

The discord and disharmony experienced brings questions about our abilities as individuals or groups to override personal issues in favor of the common good. I can see no constructive or positive way to enhance operating for the common good with continued attacks, publicly and privately, by individuals or groups who may disagree with one another's positions, past history or future intentions, whatever those are perceived to be, if the hammerings and assaults dealt to all of us in the process, serve no other purpose than establishing "who's boss" or "who's got the upper hand".

True here, as in any struggling community, there will be disagreements, frustrations and failings when dealing with the immense workload and problems Bethel faces; but those should be tempered with the realization that Bethel's success and spirit as a community may be at the point of disintegration or rebirth, depending on the kinds of contributions this community makes to itself either as a Council, City administration, the media, private or public groups or individuals.

Respect for each others differences, support of each others efforts in trying to understand and deal openly with the community's needs, as well as the various approaches to them, is crucial to making Bethel a better community. A willingness to deal with new ideas as well as with the results of the past, is a difficult process and needs adjustments from all concerned in the process. Many new ideas come to us that are challenging and yet uncertain; because we do not accept all of them does not mean they cannot be supported or appreciated; what it does mean is that as we chart new directions, we need to take time and make careful considerations with the courage to agree and disagree. It may well look like flipflops on our part but it needs to be understood that none of us were born with the wisdom of Solomon and none of us wears the "crown" of public official lightly. None of us think our decisions are correct foreverafter or that they will go unchallenged or unchanged by ourselves or others who may follow us.

We can disagree and disappoint each other and ourselves without tearing down the good that has already been accomplished; we can disagree and disappoint each other and ourselves without forgetting our responsibility as citizens of a community that is responding to many diverse challenges and needs set before it. It is difficult to figure out where we are going and where all deliberations may lead. Nurturing a positive attitude and interactions among ourselves may brighten many of the dark ways along the road and I believe much can be accomplished if each individual and group responsible for the process keeps in mind that we are a community and that certain of us have been charged, for a time, to chart the paths the community will take.

Marge Bainton, Mayor