



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 12, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 7:30 P.M.
Present: Councilman Charles, Elliott, Hickling, Hoffman,
Twitchell, Guinn Absent: Councilman Gregory

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilwoman Hickling that the Minutes of the November 28, 1977, Regular Council Meeting, and the Minutes of the November 30, 1977, and December 1, 1977, Special Council Meetings be approved as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn approved the agenda as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner, Pat Harrington, presented for Council's review the sea wall report, entitled "Report to United States Army Corp of Engineers, Army District Engineer, December 1977, on the Cost/Benefit of a Permanent Erosion Project at Bethel, Alaska," prepared by: City of Bethel, Office of Planning and Citizens Committee on Erosion Control.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Bethel Utilities Corporation has been contacted in regard to the street lights that are burned out within the Community and they will be working on replacing them. Second, at the last Council Meeting there was a motion to renew Mr. Billy McCan's bus permit for an additional year. In reviewing the Ordinance, I find that the section relating to buses has been repealed. If it's still the Community's preference to issue Mr. McCan a bus permit the Taxi Ordinance should be modified. M/M by Councilman Hoffman that Council grant Mr. McCan the bus permit, as a grandfather's right, and that the renewal of the permit be brought to Council every year as a formality. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn announced the appointment of Mr. Joe Mandregan to the Special Committee on Transportation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Manager Hoffman presented the Minutes of the November 18, 1977, Finance Committee meeting for Council's approval. M/M by Councilwoman Hickling that Council approve the Minutes of the November 18, 1977, Finance Committee. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Manager Hoffman presented the Minutes of the November 22, 1977, Personnel Committee Meeting and recommended Council's approval. M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the Minutes of the November 22, 1977, Personnel Committee Meeting be approved. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilman Hoffman queried the Council on their responsibility to support the Citizen's Package on Alcohol. Following discussion M/M by Councilman Hoffman that Council refer the Citizen's Package on Alcohol to the Social/Cultural/and Economic Committee. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Several members of the Council stated that they had been receiving complaints concerning the Police Department. Councilwoman Hickling stated that Police Chief Winjum should be consulted concerning the matter of complaints and report back to council.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. 1977 AUDITORS

Manager Hoffman read the recommendation of the December 9, 1977, Finance Committee Meeting at which they stated that Peat, Marwich, Mitchell & Co., in Anchorage be selected to perform the 1977 audit, and that the City Council solicit bids from all National firms in Anchorage. M/M by Charles that the recommendation by the Finance Committee be ratified by Council and that the firm of Peat, Marwich, Mitchell, & Co., be selected to conduct the 1977 Audit. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Guinn, Elliott, Charles, Hickling, and Twitchell. Opposed: Councilman Hoffman. Motion carried.

ITEM B. BUILDING INSPECTOR AND PERMIT SYSTEM

Manager Hoffman read the Opinion of Dickson, Evans, & Esch which, in summary, stated that the law clearly placed responsibility upon the City for enforcement of the Uniform Building Code following implementation of an inspection program. They stated that unless the City was able to establish and fund a full fledged program and as such assume responsibility for enforcement of the Code, the program should not be undertaken. They stated that given Bethel's unique circumstances, wherein a small local municipality simply does not have the resources for a full blown inspection enforcement team, under the present state of the law that liability would not be imposed.

M/M by Councilman Elliott that the City Council repeal the action taken to establish a Building Inspector and Permit System; and following recommendations of the Planning Commission re-evaluate a Building Inspector and Permit System next year. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. WATSON'S CORNER

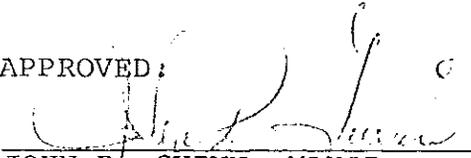
Councilman Hoffman stated that he had discussed the probability of Mr. Watson moving his house from the corner lot it occupies at the junction of Ridgecrest and Third Avenue, so that the road could be widened. Mr. Watson had stated that he would be agreeable to doing so if he were given a piece of land with a sand pad in exchange for the property he now occupied.

Council suggested that the Planning Commission and the Public Safety Committee should review the situation and send their recommendations to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Councilman Hoffman that the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor Guinn adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

APPROVED:


JOHN P. GUINN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


ALTHA J. HILL, CITY CLERK