

- CALL TO ORDER: City Manager Lyman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7.39 pm. Mayor Guinn, who was on vacation, was not present.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Anvil, Binkley, Hoffman, Twitchell
Absent: Buttane (weathered in at Mekoryuk), Guinn (on vacation), Pavil
- motion M/M by Hoffman, 2nd by Anvil nominating John Binkley for acting mayor. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. John Binkley served as acting mayor for the meeting.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/M by Anvil, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the minutes of the 2/28 Council meeting and the 3/7 Special Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
- motion
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Anvil to accept the agenda with the following changes:
New Business - Item B deleted; New Item B added, Resolution #399; Item C, Investigation of Bethel Social Services; Item D, Status of Old Recreation Building and Disco Building. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
- motion
- MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Lyman Hoffman reported to Council on the following items:
- a. CZM Plan is available; the following meetings are scheduled on the Plan:
 1. 3/24 - public meeting
 2. 3/28 - public hearing
 3. 4/15 - last date for written comments
 - b. the City has received the survey/plat for 5 acres of land north of 21 acre Park from the State;
 - c. the City is negotiating with the State concerning the FY '84 jail contract. Areas under negotiation include shared liability by the State and the problem of overcrowding. The City is seeking payment on a per inmate basis rather than a fixed fee payment. Councilmember Binkley suggested a fixed fee base rate with a per inmate charge for any inmates beyond the stipulated number. Administration would present Councilmember Binkley's suggestion to the Dept. of Correction for consideration.
 - d. Administration met with the Governor, Senator Sackett, and Roger Endell from the Department of Corrections concerning the regional jail facility for Bethel. The proposed facility is for 100 beds. Allocated funds for the project appear sufficient. The project is being fast-tracked with July '84 set for completion.

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MAYOR'S REPORT: No Mayor's report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: No Committee reports.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Thom Foote addressed Council concerning the "rumor" that the proposed Recreation Center for Bethel had been replaced on the City's Capital Projects priority list by a municipal City office building. Mr. Foote, Beverly Hoffman, Pete Ehrhardt, and Rahn Parker spoke in support of retaining the proposed Recreation Center as the City's number 2 priority.

City Manager Hoffman stated that the Recreation Center remains the number 2 Capital Project priority for the City. The proposed municipal City office building is a non-prioritized project associated with the proposed juvenile detention/jail facility for Bethel. The Administration continues to support the proposed Recreation Center as the City's number 2 Capital Project priority.

Councilmember Hoffman spoke in favor of the municipal complex building.

Councilmember Binkley stated that it was Council's understanding that the municipal building was not in competition with the proposed Recreation Center for funding. However, he reminded those present that the City must remain aware of political realities when approaching Juneau for capital project funds.

Donna Criss and Sharon Ausdahl addressed the Council concerning riverbank erosion along Mission road. They requested City assistance to reinforce the riverbank. The local homeowners would supply the labor if the City could supply the materials, such as dirt and sandbags.

The Administration agreed to investigate the possibility of obtaining sand and dirt fill for use along the riverbank. City Manager Hoffman stated that State assistance was sought concerning the problem but the City received no response as to assistance for temporary erosion control.

Councilmember Hoffman stated that he knew of 3000 to 4000 old barrels that might be available to put along the riverbank to slow the erosion process.

Councilmember Binkley stated that the request for fill and sandbags from the City appeared reasonable to him.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
(CONT):

Rosie Porter suggested using funds left from the Seawall Project to assist the homeowners. The Administration stated that it would check as to the available of such funds.

Councilmember Binkley requested that the Administration write a letter responding to the Army Aviation Officer's letter in which Bethel was depicted as having a quality of life not conducive to recruitment of personnel for staffing purposes within the Bethel area. Additionally, it was requested that the Administration ask that staffing levels for Bethel not be reduced as indicated in the AAO letter.

Councilmember Twitchell requested an update as to the placement of access ramps at the major businesses within Bethel. City Manager Hoffman stated that the Administration would send letters to the major businesses concerning such placement and place the matter before the Finance Committee as part of the 6 month budget review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: BOARDWALK REPORT

Item A: Boardwalk
Report

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the proposed boardwalk construction for Bethel. At the present time \$440,000.00 is available for such construction with a final plan now being drafted. The proposal has been before the Finance, Transportation, and Capital Projects Committees, receiving the approval of each committee. M/M by Anvil, 2nd by Twitchell to accept and approve the outline for boardwalk construction and to direct the Administration to continue with the project. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

motion

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: Ordinance
No. 140

ORDINANCE NO. 140, AN ORDINANCE PLACING THE SALE OF BONDS FOR THE CIVIC CENTER ON THE BALLOT

City Manager Hoffman reviewed the proposed Ordinance for Council. The original cost of \$7 million was considered too costly and has been scaled down as suggested by Senator Sackett. The project now reflects a \$5 million estimated cost. The proposed bond issue would be for \$1 million. The Administration has had preliminary operation and maintenance projections on the proposed facility done by different consulting firms. The initial O and M projection of \$700,000.00 has been revised downward to \$400,000.00. Bond Counsel and the State legislators have indicated voter approval of the issuance of bonds for the project would assist the project in receiving additional funding.

NEW BUISNESS (CONT): M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Hoffman to introduce Ordinance No. 140, An Ordinance Setting for Special Election the Sale of Bonds for the Proposed City Civic Center in the Amount of \$1 Million. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance will be advertised for thirty days and brought back to Council for final action at the conclusion of the thirty day advertising period.

motion

KCC President Fred Ali spoke in support of the proposed bond sale stating that he doesn't view the Civic Center (Recreation Center) project as competing for funds that KCC is requesting for dormitory construction at Bethel.

City Manager Hoffman noted that if the Legislature does not come up with funding for the project, the bonds will not be issued.

Item B: Resolution #399 RESOLUTION #399, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAIVING ALL RIGHTS AND DISCLAIMING ANY INTEREST THE CITY OF BETHEL MAY HAVE TO LANDS WITHIN LOT 5 OF U.S. SURVEY 4117, CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

motion

City Manager Hoffman reported to Council that the Resolution formalizes an Agreement between the City of Bethel and BNC that had been entered into at the October 7, 1982 Council meeting. The Resolution is required by BNC to facilitate transfer of the land. M/M by Hoffman, 2nd by Anvil to introduce and approve Resolution #399. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed from 8.47 to 8.58.

Item C: B.S.S. Investigation

B.S.S. INVESTIGATION

motion

M/M by Hoffman, 2nd by Anvil to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to Bethel Social Services. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Executive session from 8.59 - 9.14.

motion

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Hoffman requesting that all non-profit organizations receiving City pass through funds have a City appointed member on the organization's Board of Directors. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Administration will send letters to the relevant organizations soliciting a response to the Council's request.

Rosie Porter and Carol Shatz spoke in opposition to the motion.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT): STATUS OLD PARKS/RECREATION BUILDING

Item D: Status Old
Parks/Rec. Bldg.

The status of the building was reviewed for Council by City Manager Hoffman. It was originally intended that if the building was removed that the land would be used as parking for Swanson's Store.

Rahn Parker, Parks and Recreation Director, reported to Council that the building is now used for storage by the Recreation Department.

The Administration reported that the building had been put out to bid at two different times but that no bids were submitted. Various groups had expressed an interest in the building but they did not have a site available for relocation.

Councilmember Binkley suggested that Council hold a work session on the matter before the next Council and bring the item back before Council.

motion

M/M by Hoffman, 2nd by Anvil to set a Special Council meeting for noon, March 21, concerning the disposition of the old parks/recreation building. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

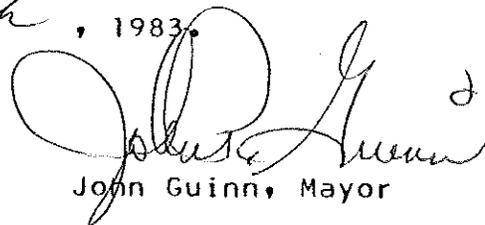
ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Twitchell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9.40 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS *28th* DAY OF *March*, 1983.

ATTEST:


Wayne J. Mayers, City Clerk


John Guinn, Mayor

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