

CALL TO ORDER

City Manager Hoffman called the regular meeting of the Bethel City Council to order at 7.34 pm.

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Buttane nominating John Binkley for acting Mayor. No other nominations. Voice vote, motion carried; John Binkley served as acting Mayor for the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Binkley, Buttane, Hoffman, Sullivan, Twitchell, Veit  
Absent: Guinn (vacation)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Sullivan to accept the 2/13/84 and 2/22/84 Council minutes as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/m by Buttane, 2nd by Sullivan to approve the agenda with the following changes:  
Unfinished Business - Table Items A,B,C and E  
New Business - add Item C, Games of Skill/Chance  
Voice vote, motion carried.  
Council set noon, March 6 as a Special Council meeting on the Port Tariff.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hoffman reported on the following:

- a. Senator Sackett has introduced a bill to permit 2nd class cities to go directly to Home Rule; the bill is before the Community/Regional Affairs Committee
- b. a letter thanking former PATC Director Flood for his work as PATC Director was presented to Council (Administration was reviewing the requirement to evaluate the PATC Director)
- c. a letter from Public Works to subdivision owners informing the owners of their requirement to provide basic utility services to residents of any newly developed subdivisions was presented to Council
- d. a contract for a solid waste resource recovery program was presented to Council for review
- e. the City of Bethel's legislative priority list for 1984 is under review by the legislature; Senator Sackett indicated no major changes; Rep. Vaska indicated he would include in his legislative package \$600,000 for rural improvement and \$500,000 for erosion control at Bethel

Councilmember Veit inquired as to the effect of Bethel going to Home Rule status. City Manager Hoffman indicated that the major effect would be assumption of the operation of the Bethel schools by the City. The City Manager indicated that exploratory discussions have taken place between the City and LKSD as to the possible transfer of the schools.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Mayor's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee reports.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilmember Buttane addressed Council on the following topics:

- a. requested Council to direct the ad hoc Youth Facility Committee to begin a site location study for the proposed facility and to direct Administration to review the possibility of the City purchasing the site land to rent, sell, or lease back to the facility. Councilmembers Binkley and Sullivan requested that the Planning Commission be included in any site selection process.
- b. requested that the City of Bethel begin the process to assume control of the local schools; that the Darbyshire Report be updated as to the feasibility of the City of Bethel running the local schools; and that the City meet with the Department of Education and the District School administrators to discuss the transfer of the schools to the City.

Councilmember Sullivan suggested that such efforts would be premature; that the City must first go to first class or home rule status before it would be able to assume control of the local schools.

Councilmember Buttane suggested that now is the time to do the background work that will be needed if or when the City decides to accept the operation of the local schools. Mr. Buttane presented figures indicating that the City could financially afford the operation of the City schools.

Councilmember Sullivan suggested that if the City is to review the feasibility of running the schools that the City should also review the matter of the City's stauts - 2nd class, 1st class, or home rule.

Councilmembers Binkley and Veit concurred with Councilmember Buttane.

Antone Anvil requested that Council direct Administration to construct a fence around the old cemetery and to repair the damage done to gravesites within the cemetery. Councilmembers Hoffman and Binkley concurred with Mr. Anvil with Councilmember Hoffman recommending that the old cemetery be closed. Councilmember Binkley reminded Administration that Council had directed Administration 2 years ago to erect a fence around the cemetery. City Manager Hoffman informed Council that the fence and repair of gravesites is an Administration priority and scheduled for work as soon as the present cold spell ends. Council directed Administration to report back to Council at the next meeting on progress made on the cemetery project.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD  
CONTINUED

Councilmember Veit recommended that Administration prepare a schedule of directives given by Council to Administration as a means of tracking action on the directives.

Councilmember Sullivan requested that a motion/directive page be included with Council minutes for Council review. Referred to City Clerk.

Councilmember Hoffman reported to Council that the problem of free, roaming dogs still exists. Police Chief Varnell reminded Council that the Police Department is now enforcing the emergency dog ordinance in an effort to reduce the number of free, roaming dogs.

Councilmember Veit inquired as to the status of the codification of City ordinances. City Clerk Maiers reported on the codification project.

Richard Goldstein inquired as to the placement of water and electrical meters at the laundromat. City Manager Hoffman reported that the meters are in place.

Richard Goldstein further inquired as to the availability of secretarial help for committee meetings and the status of the vehicle use ordinance. City Manager Hoffman noted that the City is utilizing secretarial services for the taking of minutes and that the vehicle use ordinance is before the employee committee for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HELPING HANDS INC. LEASE

Item A: Helping  
Hands Lease

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Hoffman to defer action on the lease until the next Council meeting and to extend the existing lease until March 31, 1984. Voice vote, motion carried.

motion

Item B: Community  
Service Patrol  
Report

COMMUNITY SERVICE PATROL REPORT

Police Chief Varnell reviewed for Council the status of the community service patrol program. Chief Varnell noted that the police department has not experienced any major problems since the community service patrol was discontinued; that protective custody cases are taken to the State Holding Facility (will discontinue after opening of State jail); that the City requires a disorderly conduct ordinance to better address the PC problem at Bethel. Chief Varnell did not recommend at this time reopening sleep-off or reinstating the community service patrol. Chief Varnell indicated that although a disorderly conduct ordinance is needed for Bethel, that such an ordinance would require the need for an in-house attorney. Council referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee for review and recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

ERNST & WHINNEY AUDIT REPORT

Item A: Ernst &  
Whinney Audit  
Report

Pete Donnell of Ernst & Whinney was present to answer Council questions concerning the audit report.

City Finance Director Minaker reviewed for Council the audit report for FY '83.

Councilmember Veit recommended that it should be the City's policy to recognize loses as loses; that the City should not budget for overruns but report over expenditures to Council when recognized for budget adjustment purposes. Finance Director Minaker concurred.

Councilmember Veit further recommended that the City not write off a deficit expenditure without first attempting to correct the deficit; the City should only absorb a loss when there is no way present to correct the deficit.

Councilmember Binkley recommended that the audit report be sent to the Finance Committee for recommendations.

motion

M/M by Veit, 2nd by Buttane that the City acknowledge and account for all deficits upon recognition and record such deficits in the City's accounting system and to report to Council on such deficits when discovered. Voice vote, motion carried.

City Manager Hoffman recommended that Council and the Finance Committee meet in a joint session to review the management letter accompanying the audit report. Finance Director Minaker reviewed the letter for Council. The 3rd week in March was set for the joint Council/Finance Committee work session on the audit report letter.

motion

M/M by Veit, 2nd by Sullivan directing Administration to implement the eleven recommendations contained in the Ernst & Whinney management report and for Administration to report back to Council why it cannot not or should not implement any or all of the recommendations.

Councilmember Buttane opposed the motion indicating a preference to first let the Finance Committee/Council work session recommendations be before Council before taking action on the management report.

Voice vote, motion carried. Councilmember Buttane called for a polling of the Council. Poll vote, 5 yes, 1 no, motion carried.

Council recessed from 9.50 - 10.00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS CONT

MEDIUM DRAFT PORT TARIFF

Item B: Port  
Tariff

Harbormaster Connick reviewed for Council the proposed tariff indicating a need to file the tariff prior to March 15 in order to have an effective date of April 15 (30 day filing notice period) for the tariff. An early filing of the tariff will also allow the shippers to Bethel to reflect any changes in the tariff for this shipping season.

M/m by Twitchell,  
2nd by Sullivan to  
go past 10.00 pm.  
Voice vote, carried.

Harbormaster Connick indicated that the Bethel rates for dockage and wharfage are among the highest in the State and that some adjustments downward have been made in the tariff for this year.

motion

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Twitchell to accept FMC-T1 as presented and to set the proposed tariff for a public hearing at a Special Council meeting to be held at noon, March 7. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item C: Games of  
Skill and Chance

GAMES OF SKILL/CHANCE REQUEST BY KVNA

motion

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Buttane to approve the KVNA request for a games of skill/chance permit. Voice vote, motion carried.

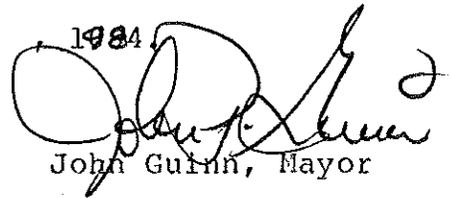
ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Sullivan to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10.28 pm.

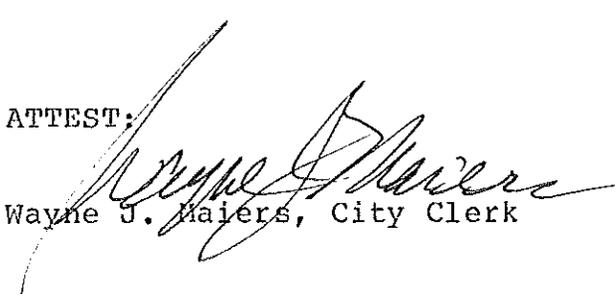
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS

12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March

1984

  
John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Wayne J. Miers, City Clerk

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CORRECTION TO 2/27/84 COUNCIL MINUTES:

For clarification purposes, Ernst/Whinney recommends that the motion concerning acknowledgment of deficits be amended to read:

that the City acknowledge and account for all deficits, by transfer for the general fund, upon recognition and record such deficits in the City's accounting system and to report to Council on such deficit transfers when discovered.

PASSED AND APPROVED 6/20/84.

  
Wayne J. Maiers  
City Clerk