CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vanasse called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dale, Feaster, Trantham, Vanasse and Wallace.
Absent: Lilienthal and Richardson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes presented at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Dale to approve the agenda with the following addition: add under New Business, Item D - Executive Session River Pawn Shop sales tax delinquencies. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Vanasse indicated he had no report tonight.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Hohman reviewed his written Manager's report with Council on the following subject matters:
- reported that KNIK Construction was the apparent low bidder for the gravel bids;
- the apparent low bidder for the pumphouse upgrade is Johansson Plumbing at $201,429.00;
- received notification from DCRA that City received approval for $50,000.00 for the previous $100,000.00 grant request;
- briefed Council regarding letter from Mr. Calvin of Calco, re: Transamerica Pension Plan coverage and quoted the following "Transamerica should not be asked to continue providing full pension plan for 3 active employees..." and further quoted, "encourage the City of Bethel to simply terminate the employee pension plan under the contract, rather than maintaining the 3 employees at great expense to the City..." and based on that Interim City Manager suggestion that a motion be made to discontinue Transamerica Pension plan coverage for all City employees and transfer them to the PERS Plan;
- regarding the public safety restructuring plan discussed in the Public Safety Committee meeting and additional information been requested and been asked to approach this slowly;
- Rural Economic Development schedule presented and indicated a $500 support effort requested of involved agencies, which City of Bethel was one of the involved agencies;
- reported that City auction will be held in conjunction with KYUK Station, which they would be receiving 20% of earnings from the auction;
- indicated that land and water conservation fund would be available for outdoor recreational facilities, etc, if City of Bethel wishes to participate, they would have to file letter of intent by the end of August.

Mayor Vanasse indicated that action should be taken regarding the 3 active employees that are still under Transamerica Pension Plan. Councilman Trantham also requested that City Manager provide Council

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with any information if Transamerica Pension Plan were to be canceled, what would happen to those that are still under Transamerica and vested and no longer City employees that which a few are drawing annuity but few were not vested, but would be vested at some point in time. Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that those that have been promised and vested would stay in Transamerica; Councilman Trantham further requested something in writing be submitted by Mr. Cal Calvin of Calco. Council at this time discussed the fact that all City employees were given an option whether to stay or opt out of Transamerica Pension Plan, and the thought of taking that choice away was discussed further. After discussion, Council asked to place this on the next Council agenda.

Councilman Trantham asked the City Manager as to who had prepared the CDBG grant application. Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that it was prepared by Mark Earnest which had to be done expeditiously.

Councilman Feaster asked if there was a fund cap on the land and water conservation fund. Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that the bottom was projects with total cost of less than $20,000 were not eligible for interim payments, but with the projects with more than $20,000 would have to make interim payments; indicated that he thought it was $50.00 monthly payments, but concluded by indicating that he did not have the information on hand. Mayor Vanasse indicated that his concern was in the source of the matching fund; Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that general fund monies could be used, with a few position vacancies. Council further discussed this subject matter. Council requested that a list of qualifying projects be provided for consideration, and one of the suggestions mentioned was if any 'in-kind' contributions could be made.

Councilman Trantham asked for a general status report of the PERS retirement system. Finance Director Graham reported that all the payroll deductions have been made since June 1 and presently in the hands of the Personnel Officer. Councilman Trantham asked how the transition was coming along, since he had been contacted by PERS indicating that they had not received any monies. Administrative/Personnel Officer Hastie explained the current status to Council. Indicated that he had the forms in his office and waiting for the resolution amendment to include the identification of those not covered by PERS; also waiting for roll over check from Transamerica, but recognized by PERS and no problem in making it retroactive to June 1; indicated it was going along smoothly and currently summarizing the project. Councilman Trantham asked about the 2% assessment fee, as to who would pay for it if City was assessed since it was not budgeted for. Mr. Hastie indicated that he could have an

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answer for him tomorrow. Further indicated that the roll over check is expected to be transferred by September 1 and PERS had given the City until December to complete the process. Also indicated that the resolution needed to be modified and the agreement amended per Corlis Taylor regarding those not covered by PERS. Mayor Vanasse asked that the resolution amendment be added to the next agenda.

Councilman Trantham asked what the pay status was for the Acting Police Chief. Interim City Manager Hohman pointed out that Mr. Liu was receiving his old wages. Councilman Trantham suggested that Mr. Liu be paid at the rate of the former Police Chief rate.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wallace that Acting City Manager be directed to pay Acting Police Chief at pay rate of the Police Chief rate. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Vanasse referring to the gravel bid, asked what the long the contract was for; Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that it was advertised for certain amount only. Public Works Director Martin pointed out that the intention was for one year.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

Councilman Dale thought it was humerous of the Police Chief to comment of employee turnover and concluding with notification of his termination. Also reported that the street lights in the Brown Slough and the Dock side have been out for the past 3 years and would like to see that the Port Director be notified of the problem, due to possible boat hazard at night. Also indicated that Council should be involved in solving the Kusko Inn problem due to alot of teen intoxication and accidents and fights breaking out every weekend. Indicated that he would like to inform the village parents that have kids that come into Bethel for the weekend, that they were in front of the Kusko Inn getting intoxicated. Acting Police Chief Liu indicated that the problem activities have increased since the 24 hour ordinance had been passed. Council further discussed possibilites of what actions to take. Concluded by directing Administration to send a certified letter to the Kusko Inn Manger, as a Council directive, to clean up their activities and within the next few weeks, for the City Manager to look into ways of pulling their business license, etc. if nothing had improved.

Councilman Dale further informed Council regarding a vandalized building next to the Kusko Inn and main point being, that the 2nd watering point was located there and that it needed to be put back in operational state, which he thought was an unkept needed facility. Public Works Director Martin indicated it was part of the CIP projects. Councilman Dale also indicated that the white alice sight had donated

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a tank and a pump; expressed that something should be done to bring them up to working order. Public Works Director Martin reported that the tank needed to be upgraded, etc., which is scheduled to be refurbished and the yellow building could be auctioned off and removed from the City property and for the Nicholson building could be demolished.

Councilman Dale also indicated that ATV's were a problem on the Eddie Hoffman Highway shoulders; that there were prematernal home residents that walk everyday between the prematernal home and the hospital. After further Council discussion on this matter it was indicated that enforcement to begin as soon as possible and put notice in Newspaper regarding off road vehicles on state highway.

Councilman Trantham indicated that he had received public input in regards to police officers not adequately equipped to do their jobs, felt they should be adequately equipped. After discussion, Councilman Trantham requested that a list of equipment shortages be provided to the City Manager and that they be included in the next Police Department report. Councilman Trantham further indicated that he had received numerous calls regarding the former City Manager getting another contract regarding FEMA contracts, suggested that next time the City Manager go through the bidding process and take heed of the purchasing ordinance. Bonding issue was also discussed. Indicated that in the past when Council had asked about the insurance matters, they were told that it would be taken care of, but recently found out that City Manager had not been bonded the past 6 years; which also included the City Clerk. At this time, general obligation bonding was also discussed.

Council requested that the City Attorney and Mr. Jerry Beltz be asked to provide in writing as to the definition of the general obligation bonding in Title 29 and as to who is and who is not covered in that category.

Interim City Manager Hohman at this time explained as to why Mr. Earnest was hired; indicated that Mr. Earnest was hired since he was the only source of information regarding FEMA projects, which he had a good start and should be completed within 8 - 10 hours. Councilman Dale further indicated that no lobbying was done since his meeting was done by appointment with Governor's administration, but wanted to reiterate the need of a lobbyist.

Councilman Feaster indicated that the City Manager applicants should have been provided with a tour, both of the City buildings, and scope of town, since he had heard that one of the applicants was rejected when he asked to tour one of the City buildings. Mr. Hastie explained his schedule at this time and indicated that next time it would be done better.

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Councilman Feaster concluded by announcing that there would a fun run this Saturday, starting at the Log Cabin.

Councilman Dale further indicated that the 2nd dump gate that was put up was creating more problems; indicated that with it being locked now, that the trash was starting to pile up closer to the houses. Concluded by recommending that the 2nd gate be kept open at all times and the inner gate be kept open until a later time. After Council discussion, Administration was directed to get an exemption for having an attendant at all times and to work with public works department.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Trantham reported that the Public Works Committee meeting was scheduled for next Tuesday night, which is August 20th.

Councilman Feaster reported that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet August 22nd and to discuss possibly taxing bingos.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Don Dinius, the Public Safety Chairman, reported that the Public Safety Committee met and following items were discussed: recommendation made to put up for auction the police boat and motor with no minimum bid; see that the boat be moved to the Boat Harbor for emergency use. After Council discussion, it was concluded to auction off the boat and motor with no minimum bid and possibly a smaller boat for emergency use could be purchased with that money. As for the public safety proposal, that the Committee had requested more information be provided, and recommended to move real slowly and carefully in this process.

Dave Trantham as a citizen, requested that the City Clerk provide the community a small ad regarding election information, procedure and how people can file for candidacy, etc.

COUNCIL BREAK 9:39 PM to 9:47 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:
Item A: Public Hearing Amend 1 - Ord 201-FY'91 Budget

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT #1 TO ORDINANCE #201-FY'92 BUDGET

Mayor Vanasse opened the floor for public input after the Interim City Manager briefly explained the amendment; hearing no public input, Mayor Vanasse closed the public hearing.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Dale that Amendment #1 to Ordinance #201 be adopted as presented. Poll vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:
Item A: Accept CZM Grant
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION #688-ACCEPT CZM GRANT

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Trantham to accept Resolution #688 as presented. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Item B: Intro. Amend 1-Ord46 & BMC Ch.1.20 Elections	INTRODUCTION AMENDMENT #1 TO ORDINANCE #46 & BMC CHAPTER 1.20 - ELECTIONS M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace to introduce Amendment #1 to Ordinance #46 for public hearing. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
motion	M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Dale to hold the public hearing on August 27th Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
Item C: Shop Use Policy Review	SHOP USE POLICY REVIEW M/M by Dale, 2nd by Feaster to table item until the ladies return. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
Item D: Executive Session-River Pawn Shop Sales Tax Delinquencies	EXECUTIVE SESSION-RIVER PAWN SHOP SALES TAX DELINQUENCIES M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace to go into executive session regarding River Pawn Shop issue at 9:59 PM. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Council came out of executive session at 9:59 PM.
ADJOURNMENT	M/M by Dale, 2nd by Feaster to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 PM. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF September, 1991.

Gary Vanasse

Gary Vanasse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna McGowan

Anna McGowan, City Clerk