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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:30 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilwoman Charles that the agenda be approved as presented. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TAXICAB COMPANIES IN SUPPORT OF A REVIEW OF TAXICAB RATES.

Mayor Guinn announced that the Public Hearing sceduled for 7:30, December 1, 1977, on the suspension or revocation of taxicab permits presently issued would not be necessary as service to the public had been restored.

Mayor Guinn stated that the documents promised by Counsel for the cab companies to support their request that Council consider a taxicab rate increase had not been supplied in a timely fashion, making it necessary for Council to review the documents during the meeting. Mayor Guinn directed Council to question Mr. Larry Shomler, accountant for the cab companies, on any points of the financial statement which were unclear.

Mayor Guinn opened discussion of the requested taxicab rate increase to the public in attendance and phone calls were received from the public not in attendance, who also wished to express their views.

Mr. Myron Angstman, Counsel for the cab companies, stated that the drivers were satisfied with their lease arrangement with Mr Short, and that their complaint was with the City; the strike by the drivers being a direct result of the City's decision. He announced that he would seek an injuction against the City, restraining the City from revoking Mr. Short's permits, if the City sought to do so. He requested that the Council grant a temporary increase for 30 days, or until such time as the City Council could introudce the necessary Ordinance outlining a permanent rate increase for taxicab fares and establish a public hearing on the same.

Several persons in the audience and by phone voiced opinions in favor of and opposed to a taxicab rate increase.

M/M by Councilwoman Charles that Council move to Executive Session. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion Carried. Council moved to Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.

Mayor Guinn called the meeting back to order at 9:15 P.M. Several persons still wished to voice opinions concerning the the taxicab rate increase requested by the cab companies and were allowed to do so. Mayor Guinn closed the discussion, of the requested taxicab rate increase, from the floor at 9:20 P.M.

Councilwoman Gregory introduced and read Ordinance No. 107 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 73, PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS OF TAXICAB FARES.) for a first reading. M/M by Councilman Gregory that Council approve Ordinance No. 107 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 73, PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS OF TAXICAB FARES.) in its first reading, and that the rates as outlined within Ordinance No. 107, be temporarily increased until January 23, 1977, beginning at 4:00 P.M. December 2, 1977, and that a public hearing be established on January 23, 1977, at 7:30 P.M. on Ordinance No. 107. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Councilman Guinn, Hickling, Gregory, and Charles. Opposed: None. Abstain: Councilman Twitchell. Motion carried.

M/M by Councilman Twitchell that Council adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Mayor Guinn adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

Mayor John P. Guinn

ATTEST:

ALTHA J. HILL, CITY CLERK