

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order at 7.35 pm. by Mayor Guinn.

ROLL CALL

Present: Buttane, Guinn, Hoffman, Sullivan,
Twitchell, Veit

Absent: Binkley (~~vacation~~) *Attending Nat. League of Cities
Conference, New Orleans*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the minutes of the 11/14/83 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Sullivan to approve the agenda with the following addition:
Unfinished Business: Item F - Disposition of Disco Building.
Voice vote, motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hoffman reported on the following items:

- a. a water meter has been installed at the laundromat; an electrical meter has been ordered;
- b. the acquisition of the Binkley property by the City has been completed;
- c. a report on IRA Councils by Senator Sackett's office is available at City offices;
- d. the seawall construction from Lousetown to Brown Slough and the Mission Road section.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn nominated the following people as the City's appointment to the YKHC Board:

- a. Louise Charles
- b. Nancy Davis
- c. Wassilie Evon

A special Council meeting will be held on Dec. 8, 7.30 pm. with the following agenda items:

- a. City Reorganization Plan
- b. Employee Reclassification Plan
- c. Committee Ordinance

Mayor Guinn read a letter from Governor Sheffield in which the Governor responded to Mayor Guinn's "Back to Basics" proposal with respect to State spending.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING 11/10/83

motion

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Buttane to accept the minutes of the 11/10/83 Public Safety Meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 11/7/83

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Buttane to accept the minutes of the 11/7/83 Planning Commission Meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilmember Buttane requested that the nuclear freeze/disarmament question be placed on the next Council agenda; Council so agreed.

Councilmember Sullivan asked for an update on the compliance order served upon the City by D.E.C. City Manager Hoffman reported that the matter is currently under negotiation with the federal and state authorities and that the City is working on receiving a dump site permit that complies with state and federal regulations.

Councilmember Sullivan asked for an update on the waste heat project between the City and Bethel Utilities. City Manager Hoffman informed Council that the project is assigned to Capital Projects Director Boyette and that a report will be given to Council at the next Council meeting.

Tony Brittain requested that Council expedite the insurance claim that he has against the City. Administration reported to Council that the matter is with the City's insurance company for review. Council informed Mr. Brittain that the City will move the claim as quickly as possible.

Al Kramer informed Council that the veterans' mortgage loan program was approved by the voters. Mr. Kramer has applications for eligible veterans who wish to apply for a housing loan under the program.

Walter Larson requested that the City water truck drivers ask people to move their vehicles if they block access to the water tank fill rather than skip water delivery for that day. The Administration reported to Council that the Utility Department will soon be using the reminder note as to why service was not provided. Mr. Larson requested an emergency water fill. Administration contacted the Utility Department and Mr. Larson received water.

Councilmember Hoffman reported a garbage problem at the KVNA Building. The matter was referred to Administration with the recommendation that another dumpster be placed at the site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 144, PROPERTY NUMBERING SYSTEM

Item A: Ordinance
144

Mayor Guinn opened the public hearing at 8.22 pm. City Manager Hoffman reviewed the ordinance for Council. Approximately 1000 homes will need to be re-numbered. The system will facilitate the delivery of services by the utility department. The effective date for the ordinance will be July 1, 1984.

Councilmember Buttane asked Administration if this ordinance requires the subdivision developer to maintain street signs. City Manager Hoffman replied that the subdivision ordinance addresses that issue.

motion

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing at 8.25 pm. M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman to adopt Ordinance 144 as presented. Poll vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Sale of
Lot 11-B, Block 6,
USS 3790

PUBLIC HEARING ON SALE OF LOT 11-B, BLOCK 6, USS 3790. (public hearing from 8.28 - 8.31)

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the reason for the sale of the lot. Mayor Guinn opened the only bid received for the property. M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Hoffman to accept the bid of \$10.00 by Susan Charles on behalf of Nick Charles for the purchase of Lot 11-B, Block 6, USS 3790. Poll vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item C: Amendment
1 to Ordinance 146

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT 1 TO ORDINANCE 146, AMENDMENT TO FY '84 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE AND TRAINING OF A DRUG DOG

(public hearing from 8.32 - 8.50)

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the proposed amendment as approved by the Finance Committee. Police Chief Varnell, in response to a question by Councilmember Veit, reviewed for Council the need for the drug dog program as a response to the drug problem at Bethel. Chief Varnell indicated that marijuana and cocaine are the two most abused drugs in the Bethel area; that the problem is now in the schools; and that Bethel is the source for much of the drug traffic going to the villages. The proposed program is an effort to curtail the importation of the drugs. The post office and the airlines will be the two areas of primary concentration. City Manager Hoffman read for Council a letter from the City Attorney as to the legality of the proposed drug dog program. M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Hoffman to adopt Amendment 1 to Ordinance 146. Poll vote, motion carried unanimously.

motion

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CONT

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 145 - ZONING ORDINANCE

Item D: Intro-
duction of Ordi-
nance 145

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the proposed ordinance. The Administration recommended that additional public hearings be held on the ordinance. Council asked Administration if it was necessary to place the proposed ordinance before the voters for acceptance. Administration indicated that if it was Council's wishes that the question of zoning be placed before the voters it should be done after a series of public hearings on the ordinance. M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Sullivan to introduce Ordinance 145 and to set the ordinance for additional public hearings. Voice vote, motion carried, Twitchell opposed.

motion

Item E: Committee
Appointments

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Guinn made the following Council appointments to Council committees. The appointments are on an interim basis pending passage of the Committee Ordinance.

- a. Finance - Veit
- b. Public Safety - Binkley
- c. Parks/Recreation - Hoffman
- d. Environmental Health - Buttane
- e. Capital Projects - Veit
- f. Social/Cultural - Twitchell
- g. Personnel - Guinn
- h. Public Works - Sullivan

Item F: Disco
Building

DISPOSITION OF DISCO BUILDING

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the request by Helping Hands Inc. to lease or buy the former Buck Rogers' Disco Building for use as a non-profit human shelter center. Administration recommended that the sale of the building for use as a human services shelter be advertised for 30 days. Administration additionally recommended that the proposed facility be operated by a non-profit organization.

Al Kramer reported to Council that Helping Hands Inc. was in the process of filing an application with the State for non-profit status.

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman to introduce the sale of the Disco Building for use as a human shelter and to advertise the sale for 30 days. Poll vote, motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed from 9.20 - 9.30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

VEHICLE USE POLICY

Item A: Vehicle
Use Policy

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the proposed vehicle use policy. Administration indicated that the policy, once approved, would have to be incorporated into the Personnel Rules and Regulations Ordinance through an ordinance modification.

Council recommended the following changes to the proposed policy:

- a. logo placed on all City vehicles
- b. numbering of City vehicles
- c. opposed to 24 hour vehicle use by building maintenance
- d. remove term gross negligence and substitute negligence as the basis for employee responsibility for liability.

Council took no official action on the proposed policy at this time.

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Sullivan to go past 10 pm. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item B: Resolution
422

RESOLUTION 422, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GRANT MONIES FOR THE CITY BUS PROGRAM

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the proposed Resolution. The Administration indicated that bus fares would remain the same if the grant monies are received. The primary use for the funds would be the purchase of a 3rd bus.

A discussion followed concerning the bus operation. Administration informed Council that the bus operation is currently showing a profit but that it is the intention of the Administration to recommend that the bus operation be turned over to a private operator once a bus barn is constructed. The recommendation follows the Transit Market Study report which was adopted by Council.

motion

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Buttane supporting the continued operation of the bus system by the City. Voice vote, motion carried.

Item C: Resolution
423

RESOLUTION 423, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING MONIES FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AUDITS

motion

M/M by Buttane, 2nd by Sullivan to adopt Resolution 423 as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Sullivan to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10.15 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF December, 1983.

ATTEST:

Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk

John Guinn, Mayor