



CITY of BETHEL

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 11, 1976

CITY OFFICE

7:40 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola.
Present: Guinn, Emery, Andrew, Alexie.
Absent: Pike, Elliott.

INVOCATION - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept the minutes of the September 27, 1976 Council Meeting.
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Bartlett recommended that Resolution #177 (A Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a New Seawall Within the City of Bethel's Jurisdictional Boundaries) be placed on the agenda as Item F. under New Business.

M/M by Councilman Guinn that Resolution #177 (A Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a New Seawall Within the City of Bethel's Jurisdictional Boundaries) be placed on the agenda as Item F. under New Business.
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Manager Bartlett informed the Council of the new Public Works Bill involving \$2 billion which had been vetoed and subsequently reinstated. The bill will allocate no less than \$9.5 million to the State of Alaska. A request by the City of Bethel for such funds must be accompanied by a resolution approved by Council. The purpose of the bill is to create jobs and the City of Bethel should be a viable candidate for receipt of funds under such legislation because of the City's high unemployment rate.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola suggested that the next Council work session involve an evaluation of the Council's Committee situation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Alexie brought several items to the attention of Council. First, the accumulation of garbage near the seawall; secondly, the need for flood lights at Mission and Honeybucket Lakes and that such installation could be implemented by the Bethel Utilities Corporation; and finally, the problem involved with pumping water from trucks should be investigated and rectified relative to fighting fire.

Mayor Peltola advised Manager Bartlett to inform the Public Works Department of the request for lights at Mission and Honeybucket Lakes.

Councilman Andrew asked that before freeze-up snowmachine crossings be established with safety regulations.

Mayor Peltola stated that Ordinance #79 (An Ordinance Prohibiting the Creation of a Risk of Harm Upon a Roadway and Providing Punishment Therefore) and a separate and distinct Snow Machine Ordinance has and will continue to govern snow machine crossings.

Councilman Emery commented on open trash incineration at the trailer court. Because of the proximity of oil tanks to trash barrels, the trash burning is hazardous and should be prohibited. He recommended the discontinuance of the City's past record of careless issuance of garbage burning permits.

Mayor Peltola directed Manager Bartlett to admonish residents of the trailer court against the hazardous trash burning.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilman Emery requested to step down as a member of Council and address the Council as a citizen. As the owner of Swansons' Store, Councilman Emery reported on the status of his fire insurance regarding the Store's water storage tank. The water tank was built and is owned by Swansons' Store. Pursuant to the recent fire disaster, Councilman Emery invited the City to utilize Swansons' water tank in an emergency situation such as a fire. However, he reiterated that the water tank is private property and not for public access. Any and all means should be used to fight fire, including borrowing from Swansons' tank, but that water must be replaced immediately in order that Swansons' fire insurance coverage does not become null and void.

Mayor Peltola then directed Manager Bartlett to arrange a meeting with Fire Chief Sanchez and Councilman Emery regarding this situation.

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OLD BUSINESS

Item A. Council Work Session Re: Ordinance #78 (FY 1977 Municipal Budget).

M/M by Councilman Guinn to postpone Item A. until after the Oath of Office is administered to the new Council Members.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item B. Introduction of Ordinance #81 (Day Care Licensing Standards and Procedures).

Manager Bartlett introduced Ordinance #81 (An Ordinance Providing for the Licensing of Day Care Facilities Within the City of Bethel's Jurisdictional Boundaries and Providing Rules and Regulations for the Operation of Such Day Care Facilities). He recommended that it be accepted for publication and that a public hearing be established for October 25, 1976.

Mayor Peltola queried as to the number of operations which would be affected by this ordinance.

Manager Bartlett replied that there is at least one Day Care Center in operation and the possibility of several day care homes in Bethel which would be governed by Ordinance #81.

Councilman Emery added that the Jesuit Volunteer Home would probably come under the jurisdiction of this ordinance.

Manager Bartlett stated that the ordinance was in its nascent stages and would be open for modification.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept Ordinance #81 for publication and that a public hearing be set for the next regular Council Meeting on October 25, 1976.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Canvass of Election Results.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to ratify the Precinct #1, Precinct #2, combined Precincts #1 and #2, and Question and Absentee Ballot Tally results recorded in the minutes of the October 6, 1976 Council Work Session.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item B. Oath of Office and New Council Members.

New Council Members Stichick, Hickling and encumbent Guinn were administered the Oath of Office by the City Clerk. Because of his anticipated absence, Councilman Hinsvark had taken the Oath of Office prior to the Council Meeting.

Mayor Peltola and Manager Bartlett then extended their personal appreciation to Council Members Emery and Andrews for their dedicated service to City Council.

Item C. Council Work Session Re: Utility Rates/Definitions/and Description of Services and Codification of Promulgated City Ordinances.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to establish a Council work session on October 18, 1976 Re: the FY 1977 Municipal Budget, and to establish a work session during the first week of November, 1976 Re: utility rates/definitions of services and the codification of promulgated City ordinances. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mayor Peltola encouraged full attendance at these important work sessions.

Item D. Ratification of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 3, 1976.

Manager Bartlett recanted motions passed at the September 3, 1976 Planning Commission Meeting requiring Council ratification which were as follows: A motion made by Manager Bartlett to recommend to City Council that the ditch near the swimming area be left as is and checked weekly during the summer months; a motion made by Commissioner Malone to table, pending legal counsel's advice, the issue concerning the awarding of a lot in the City Subdivision to Jesse Charles' son as a result of his death; a motion made by Manager Bartlett to accept the criteria recommended by the Planning Commission Sub-Committee on City Subdivision lot selection and to replace Resolution #118 with such criteria; a motion by Commissioner Porter that the City of Bethel formally request of the Public Health Service a change in the road easement in order to extend the road out of the Subdivision to join with the new hospital facility; and a motion was made by Commissioner Malone to grant Ms. Peter an extension of one year relative to building on her lot in the City Subdivision.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 3, 1976. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item D. Con't.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept Resolution #176 (A Resolution Establishing Guidelines and Criteria for the Selection of Residential Lot Owners in the City Subdivision by the Planning Commission and City Council of the City of Bethel).

Roll call vote, Yes: Hickling, Alexie, Guinn, Stichick, Peltola.
Motion passed.

Item E. Acceptance of the Audit Firm of Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell
Re: The Development of a FY 1975/76 Audit Report in Accordance with
Title 29 Alaska Statute Requirements.

Manager Bartlett explained that the City has experienced problems with audit firms in the past. The City has traditionally requested bids for audit reports, and has received bids from a local firm and Peat, Marwick and Mitchell in Anchorage. Peat, Marwick and Mitchell has had previous experience with the City of Bethel. The City is currently without audit reports for FY 1975 and 76. The FY 1975 audit report should have been submitted within ninety days after the end of such fiscal year. The previously employed local audit firm failed to comply with that submission and as a result there is a need for audit reports covering a two year period. The firm of Peat, Marwick and Mitchell are familiar with municipal audits and have, prior to FY 1975, performed audits on behalf of the City of Bethel.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept the firm of Peat, Marwick and Mitchell to perform a FY 1975 and 76 audit report for a fee to be negotiated.
Roll call vote, Yes: Hickling, Alexie, Guinn, Stichick, Peltola.
Motion passed.

Item F. Resolution #177 (A Resolution Supporting the Establishment
of a New Seawall Within the City of Bethel's Jurisdictional Boundaries).

Manager Bartlett was contacted by the Association of Village Council Presidents who requested a resolution re: the development of a new seawall. Resolution #177 (A Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a New Seawall Within the City of Bethel's Jurisdictional Boundaries) was subsequently drawn up.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to accept Resolution #177 (A Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a New Seawall Within the City of Bethel's Jurisdictional Boundaries).

Roll call vote, Yes: Hickling, Alexie, Guinn, Stichick, Peltola.
Motion passed.

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Schuler, a resident attending the meeting, requested to be heard as a result of being late for the Council Meeting.

M/M by Councilman Stichick that Council allow Schuler to be heard. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Schuler brought to the attention of Council a hazardous area on the Subdivision road near the Community College. He asked that the hazardous area be filled and that a regulatory sign be reinstated near the pump-house at the site of the one removed.

Mayor Peltola advised Manager Bartlett to inform the Public Works Department of the need to rectify the road problem and install a regulatory sign in the City Subdivision.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to send letters of appreciation to those Council members replaced by the new members at tonight's meeting. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

M/M by Councilman Guinn to adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Allyn C. Kinzyak
City Clerk

Gene Peltola
Mayor