

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX

Manager Hoffman introduced the concept of a Municipal Motor Vehicle registration tax.

The purpose of the "Special Council Meeting" is to file a written notice of election with the Department of Public Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles. This notice must be filed on or before January 1, of the proceeding year in order to be considered for the election in October, 1979. The subsequent election to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax will be held at the next regularly scheduled or special municipal election. The tax will be levied on all vehicles as outlined in the Alaska Statutes. Hoffman stated the City would receive an estimated \$20,000 in revenue, should the voters approve the tax. This revenue would be specifically designated to road maintenance and major expenditures currently being funded out of general revenues. The Motor Vehicle Tax would be collected by the State and returned to the City, as is the business licenses tax.

Councilperson E. Hoffman stated his opposition to this revenue generating tax, in that it would financially drain local business men with many vehicles.

Manager Hoffman pointed out that the Motor Vehicle Tax would be voted on by the general public at a future election to be held on a day in 1979.

M/M by Councilperson Twitchell that Council approve the Municipal Motor Vehicle Tax issues and place it on the ballot in 1979 and write written notices to the Department of Public Safety of Bethel's intension to hold this election. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, Twitchell. Nay: E. Hoffman Motion defeated.

After considerable discussion of the tax issue a motion to reconsider was made by Councilperson Charles.

M/M by Councilperson Charles to reconsider the previous motion and to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax placing this issue on the ballot during an election in 1979. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Twitchell, Charles, Elliott, Hoffman. Motion carried.

ITEM B. ANIMAL CONTROL

Manager Hoffman stated that several foxes have been sighted near the Housing area and several citizens have been attacked by a pack of dogs. He stated that with the heavy snow and

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storm conditions, wild animals and packs of dogs could endanger the citizens of Bethel. Manager Hoffman requested citizens to be sure all animals have received current rabies shots, stating that rabies shots must be renewed annually. He also asked Council to consider declaring a state of Emergency with regard to loose dogs and authorize the Animal Control Agent or his designee to shoot dogs. The Council would advertise for 10 days that any dog not tied up would be shot on site.

M/M by Councilperson Charles that Council declare a state of Emergency with regard to the dog problem, and further authorize the Animal Control Agent or his designee to shoot any dogs not restrained; and that the Administration is directed to advertise this action for 10 days, and proceed to dispose of dogs after school resumes. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Charles, Elliott, Twitchell, E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Councilperson Charles to adjourn. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 2:10 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED This 27th day of December, 1978.

APPROVED BY:



MAYOR, Donald Elliott

ATTEST:


Irene Williams, City Clerk