

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: August 28, 2001
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #01-27

A RESOLUTION OUTLINEING CONCERNS AND INTENT OF THE CITY OF BETHEL IN REGARD TO THE AUGUST 23, 2001 BIA SITE FIRE

WHEREAS, a structural fire occurred August 23, 2001 at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) site within Bethel City limits, and;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Fire Department spent numerous hours containing and extinguishing the fire while City water truck drivers delivered at minimum 260,000 gallons of treated water to the fire site, and;

WHEREAS, for many years the owners of the structures and the surrounding federal properties were indifferent to the structures and lands from being vandalized or damaged by fire, and;

WHEREAS, the structures at the BIA site are unsecured and unsafe, and even after this recent fire unauthorized individuals are exploring both the destroyed and undamaged areas of the abandoned facility, the City of Bethel strongly urges BIA and other entities involved with the ownership to completely secure the site, and;

WHEREAS, due to limited financial resources, the City of Bethel intends to seek full remuneration and associated legal collection expenses from the federal government for the City's costs incurred in containing and extinguishing the BIA site fire, and;

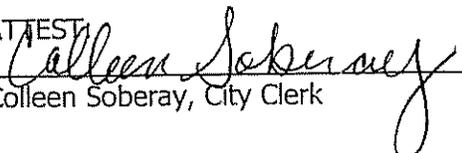
WHEREAS, the fire debris will compromise the City's landfill capabilities, the City of Bethel will not accept debris from the BIA site fire in its landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, urges the securing of the BIA site; will not accept fire debris at its landfill; and intends to seek full remuneration for costs incurred in extinguishing the fire.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF AUGUST 2001, by a unanimous voice vote.



Stanley "Turdy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST

Colleen Soberay, City Clerk