



# CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 1977

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peltola at 7:30 P.M.  
Present: Hinsvark, Peltola, Guinn, Charles, Hickling, and  
Malone. Absent: Elliott. Invocation was given by Father  
Hinsvark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Councilman Guinn to approve the Minutes of the July  
27, 1977, Regular Council Meeting following the correction  
of the typographical errors. Voice vote was taken and was  
unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Councilwoman Charles to table the Introduction of  
Ordinance No. 102 (AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHEL REPEALING  
ORDINANCE NO. 93) until the election of the five Council  
Members, who would participate in the 1977-1978 Session. Roll  
call vote was taken. In favor: Peltola, Charles, Hickling,  
Malone, Hinsvark. Opposed: Guinn. Motion carried. M/M by  
Councilman Guinn to approve the Agenda with the addition of  
Item D. under New Business, Resolution No. 205 (A RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY OF BETHEL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER  
INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BETHEL AND INDIAN HEALTH  
SERVICE AND ALASKA VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS HOUSING AUTHORITY  
AS PRESENT IN ATTACHMENT I.) Voice vote was taken and was  
unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman directed the Council to respond to Dr.  
Hawkins letter requesting the pump house to open to those  
who preferred to deliver their own water. Mr. Volkman stated  
that the pump house could be open scheduled hours for those who  
applied for City services, but that the pump house could not  
be left open unattended at all hours, the chances for damage  
to the equipment and pollution of the system being too great.  
Council suggested that the Public Works Committee review the  
suggestion of Dr. Hawkins in establishing a format for those  
persons preferring to haul their own water that could be acted  
upon when the rates for garbage dump permits came before Council.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman reported that: 1) A letter was received from Joe Thibodeau, the firm representing the City of Bethel concerning our tax exempt status with Community Liquor Sale. He stated that the Government did file a Notice of Appeal on July 22, 1977. He felt that it was filed in order to protect the Government's right to appeal if they decide to do so at a latter date. He will contact the City concerning any further information. 2) Tomorrow, August 11, 1977, there will be a meeting at one o'clock here between the administration, Bethel Utilities and the State Energy Office to discuss the Waste Heat Project which was funded by the State of Alaska for \$135,000. 3) A meeting was held concerning Companies in the Construction business here locally using the local unions. It was reported that one contractor, Alaska Constructors, Inc., had 44 positions of hire with 22 of them filled with local people on August 4, 1977. 4) The Bethel Native Council has endorsed the City of Bethel to receive their allocation of \$702,000 which they received under the Local Public Works Act, Round II. The Public Works Fund will be used in constructing a portion of the Recreation Facility that the City of Bethel submitted under Round I, of the LPW program. The City Administration will be completing the application for the \$702,000 and submitting it to the EDA for consideration. The deadline for the application is August 25, 1977. 5) Concerning the Jail Contract negotiations with the Division of Corrections the last offer made to the City of Bethel was for \$160,000 over 11 months which would amount to \$29.22 per man day. In order for the City to receive the level of funding requested the state would have to offer the City \$42.92 per man day. The above two computations use an estimated 15 prisoners per day. 6) On Monday, August 8, 1977, Alaska Legal Services brought Civil action against the Commissioner of Public Safety. The Court ruled that within 45 days the Commissioner must provide Jail Facilities in Bethel. 7) Concerning the construction of the Alcohol Treatment Center, he stated that he had been in contact with Lowell Swartz, the State Health Facilities Coordinator concerning the requirements they are demanding before their office issues a construction permit. He has been in contact with the Governor's Office and it is their intention to forward funds in order to pay for the material and transportation while the plan and specifications are finalized.

Manager Hoffman outlined two courses of action that could be taken by the City until such time as negotiations with the State Department of Corrections were settled: 1) If the State decides to attempt to duplicate the facility now maintained by the City, offer the facility to them on a cost per day basis, or 2) offer the City facility to them with a portion of it retained for use as a police station and retention of City prisoners. It was suggested by Council that if construction of another facility began the City would probably suggest the second course of action.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peltola brought to the attention of Council, that the fall general election would be on October 4, 1977, filing for candidacy would be between September 4, 1977, and September 19, 1977. He requested that the City Administration publicize the dates for filing for the information of those persons interested in running for City Council.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Malone reported that the study of a Mayoral form of government had not yet been completed for presentation.

Mayor Peltola reported that the Finance Committee had meet to discuss the compensation of City Council Members and Mayor. He stated that twelve municipalities in Alaska, similar in size to Bethel, have recently been surveyed to determine the monetary compensation, if any, paid to Council Members and Mayor. Out of the twelve communities responding, seven do not compensate Council Members or Mayors. This survey concluded that the average of the twelve cities surveyed paid their Mayor an average of \$22.00 per month and Council Members an average of \$15.00 per month. He stated that it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee, not to compensate Council Members or Mayor. The reasoning behind this decision is based on the theory that members of the community should be encouraged to participate in local government, not for monetary gain, but as a part of a responsibility to the community and its citizens. The Finance Committee felt that a better way of fund utilization would be to endorse educational programs and conferences that the Mayor or Council might wish to participate in.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mrs. Louis Charles requested some information on the present status of the water delivery system performance. Mr. Volkman informed her that complaints were considerably less than when the system was initiated.

Father John Hinsvark requested that the administration review the right-of-way held by the City on First Avenue. He stated that the area in front of the First National Bank was extremely congested, and requested that the City Police check for some possible solution.

Mayor Peltola stated that Watson's corner also was a hazard. Mrs. Betty Hickling voiced her concern with entering or exiting on Watson's Corner to Third Avenue, also.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. RATIFY RESOLUTION NO. 203 (A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DISASTER FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SEAWALL WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL'S JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.)

Manager Hoffman stated that Resolution No. 203, had been approved by a consensus of the Council members at the July 27, 1977, Regular Council Meeting, all that was necessary at this time was a formal vote by Council in order that it be ratified. M/M by Councilman Guinn that Resolution No. 203 (A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DISASTER FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SEAWALL WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL'S JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.) be ratified. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 102 (AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHEL REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 93)-TABLED

ITEM B. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 204 (A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO TAKE PROPER NOTE AND REEVALUATE THE IMPACT THAT THE LICENSING OF FOREIGN PROCESSOR SHIPS WILL HAVE ON THE EMPLOYMENT, TAXBASE AND ECONOMY OF SMALL ALASKA COMMUNITIES.)

Mayor Peltola stated that Resolution No. 204, had been placed on the Agenda at his request, and that he recommended its approval by Council. Councilman Malone stated that the United States Department of Commerce does not issue permits; the Northern Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Region Eight is the regulating authority for fishing permits. Councilman Guinn suggested that the Resolution should be directed jointly to both agencies. Councilman Malone stated that he felt the Resolution did not address a viable issue, but that it would be more appropriate if it were directed to the Northern Pacific Fisheries Management Council. M/M by Councilman Guinn that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, adopt Resolution No. 204 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE NORTHERN PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, REGION EIGHT TO TAKE PROPER NOTE AND RE-EVALUATE THE IMPACT THAT THE LICENSING OF FOREIGN PROCESSOR SHIPS WILL HAVE ON THE EMPLOYMENT, TAXBASE AND ECONOMY OF SMALL ALASKA COMMUNITIES. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

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ITEM C. RESCHEDULING OF COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 1977,  
TO AUGUST 26, 1977

Manager Hoffman stated that the reason for the schedule was that the Public Hearing on the sale of City Subdivision Lots could not be held until that time, in order to meet the thirty day posting requirement. Councilman Hinsvark stated that he felt it would be advantageous to call a Special Meeting of Council on August 26, 1977, and still schedule the Regular Council Meeting of August 24, 1977, because of the number of Public Hearings already scheduled for that meeting. M/M by Councilman Hinsvark to meet as scheduled for the Regular Council Meeting of August 24, 1977, and call a Special Council Meeting for August 26, 1977. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM D. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 205 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BETHEL AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AND ALASKA VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS HOUSING AUTHORITY AS PRESENT IN ATTACHMENT I.)

Manager Hoffman stated that Resolution No. 205 was a follow-up of Resolution No. 92 that was passed by Council in June of 1973, transferring the Bethel Heights Water and Sewer system to the City of Bethel. Since that time the Indian Health Service has added to the pumphouse and purchased additional equipment. He stated that this agreement transferred those properties to the City and \$37,000.00 for the purchase of larger pumps and as payment for the labor required for their installation. Public Works Director, Gary Volkman, stated that he felt there would be no problem with the equipment, much of which is already being used by the City. M/M by Councilman Guinn that Council approve Resolution No. 205 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BETHEL AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AND ALASKA VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS HOUSING AUTHORITY AS PRESENT IN ATTACHMENT I.) with the amendment of Section 4, the word insure, to now read endeavor. Roll call vote was taken. In favor: Charles, Peltola, Guinn, Hickling. Opposed: Malone, Hinsvark. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Hickling requested that Ole Sumstad be given grandfather rights and not charged for the use of the Municipal Dock when it is not in use. Mayor Peltola stated that if one exception was made it set a precedent for others who when then ask for the same exception.

Councilman Hinsvark stated that he had seen several buildings being erected in the flood zone; he queried whether they were following the Flood Plain Ordinance. Manager Hoffman stated that the City was not monitoring any construction unless brought to the attention of the administration by the public, because the City does not have a building inspector. Mayor Peltola stated

the City had decided to bring its own buildings up to code before enforcing the building code within the City. Father Hinsvark stated that he felt the Ordinance should be enforced to assure that there would not be repercussion to the City from the Federal Insurance Administration. Mayor Peltola stated that a Building Permit system would be effected following the completion of the as-built survey.

Councilwoman Hickling stated that there would be a report forthcoming from the Corps of Engineers.

M/M by Councilwoman Hickling that Council adjourn. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by Mayor Peltola.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Gene Peltola

ATTEST:

  
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Altha J. Hild, City Clerk