

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vanasse called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dale (tardy); Feaster; Lilienthal; Trantham; Vanasse and Wallace.

Absent: Richardson (out of town).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster to approve the City Council minutes of 06/25/91 as presented. Voice vote motion carried unanimously.

motion

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Wallace to approve the City Council minutes of 07/09/91 as presented. Voice vote motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wallace to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Mayor's report presented at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Hohman reviewed his written Manager's report with Council on the following subject items:

- received officiation notification regarding a State grant in the amount of \$550,000, which a resolution is on the agenda to accept the grant;
- attached is the latest draft of Bethel Utilities Feasibility study and Alaska Energy Authority indicated they would be willing to send representatives out to review this with Council towards the end of July;
- indicated that the Police Chief McDonald has accepted a Police Chief position in Kodiak, which might afford administration an opportunity to consider an organizational adjustment which could result in a saving to the general fund;
- indicated that Corps of Engineers were out here last week to view the project first hand;
- indicated that the Visitor's Center had been vacated with the material placed in one of the vacant rooms in the City offices and inventory of the Museum scheduled; a compensation of \$200.00 would be appropriate for the damaged door, which resulted during a break-in;
- reported that Matilda Davidson was hired as temporary Administrative Assistant in place of Karole Kohl who left the City for another job;
- Gary Saupe of DEC was in the City Office when the dump fire started; indicated that both Fire fighters and Public Works employees should be recognized for a job well done; indicated that a cost of under \$5,000 was incurred as a result of this;
- recent meeting with Cal Calvin of Calco, Inc. indicated that there might be some things to discuss further in the area of PERS switch; indicated that they have been confused with paper coming out of Juneau; indicated that City's contribution should be 14.55% instead of 12%; hope to resolve issue when making payments; also indicated that Mr. Calvin

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had suggested that since a few employees had indicated that they would stay with Calco retirement system, that City go ahead and transfer altogether to PERS; and concluded by indicating that Mr. Calvin was ready to come out and explain the situation further per Council's approval;
- concluded by indicating that the City would be in the newspapers regarding the rip rap issue that is on tonight's agenda.

Councilman Trantham asked for further elaboration of item #3 regarding Department of Public Safety. Mr. Hohman indicated that when he was on Council that a suggestion was made to unite both Police and Fire Department, forming a Department of Public Safety. Councilman Trantham at this time suggested that this be referred to Public Safety Committee for their recommendation and suggestions and report back to Council. Mayor Vanasse at this time referred this to the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Trantham further indicated that the Public Works Committee briefly discussed the Bethel Utilities Feasibility Study and suggested a joint worksession on July 30th with City Council, Finance Committee and the Public Works Committee to review the item. After discussion it was indicated that a public notice be posted for the joint worksession and could be cancelled if the Alaska Energy Authority representatives could not make it.

Councilman Feaster asked what the status of the report from Finance Department regarding PATC billing was. Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that former Accounting Manager Dean Baugh had looked at account receivable, but no system was set up, since they were leery of the confidentiality requirements imposed by Federal and State law; indicated that considerable sum of money was involved, a real value of about \$60,000. Councilman Feaster suggested that if it was worth any value, that is was worth pursuing, which he thought a direction was needed. Councilman Feaster further indicated that per the fiscal year ending June, looked like they wanted to pay Interim City Manager's contract and wondered what the new proposal was, since it was not listed on the agenda. After hearing no objection to discuss this tonight; Interim City Manager Hohman explained the new Interim Contract proposal. Also read a letter to Dean Gwenelly in regards to his fine fee, and brief discussion of his new contractual agreement was held at this time. Councilman Trantham referred Council to the minutes of 5/27/91, where it indicated that the Interim City Manager was to be paid at the same rate as former City Manager; indicated that personally he would like to see it stay the same as specified in the minutes, and time cards turned in. Concluded by indicating that he would like to see checks made to Mr. Hohman and then he can deal with the State of Alaska himself and close the account as specified in Finance Director's

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report dated July 18, 1991, which would close out the books. Madam Lilienthal expressed that what Mr. Trantham had suggested was a good suggestion and that Council should follow his suggestion.

Councilman Feaster asked for the status of the road graders in Soldotna. Interim City Manager Hohman explained that Councilman Dale had gone into Soldotna and found out that the graders were in bad condition, so he had called Mr. Hohman and they determined that the graders were not appropriate vehicles to purchase, at which time the effort was discontinued. Mayor Vanasse recommended to Mr. Hohman that he get together with Councilman Dale and put a report together regarding this to Council. Further suggested that if something like this happens in the future, to also send a City mechanic in with whoever is representing the City and concluded by indicating that he appreciates Mr. Dale's efforts on this matter.

Councilman Trantham referred to Finance Director Graham's report as far as deficiencies were concerned and former City Manager not following up on certain items. Further reiterated Item C which states to hire consultants to take care of the deficiencies which City could be in jeopardy if not taken care of right away. Interim Manager Hohman pointed out that Millie Bentley was taking care of the items and doing it without pay; which she had insisted not to be paid. Councilman Trantham pointed out that City should find a way to compensate Ms. Bentley since it was very technical work, which few people had the skills to do. Interim Manager Hohman pointed out that she had adamantly refused payment as long as she did not have to deal with accounts receivables. Mayor Vanasse at this time extended his appreciation to Ms. Bentley. Councilman Trantham suggested that to offer Ms. Bentley one more time of compensation and if refused again, to send a big thank you letter from the City, signed by the Mayor. Mayor Vanasse suggested that Administration come up with a draft thank you letter.

Mayor Vanasse continuing on with Finance Director's report regarding Village Safe Water grants, pointed out that the grants need to be kept up, which he thought the responsibility should be transferred to Finance Department, to keep the grants current; since in the past they have been poorly kept track of. Interim City Manager Hohman indicated that they did meet with former City Manager Earnest and he had agreed to work with Finance Department in categorizing funds and as far as Village Safe Water was concerned, that Joe Barber of VSW and Mr. Eng of DEC were both out to discuss such items; indicated these funds were handled basically by accounting firm of Cooper's and Larvin; which the funds are not handled by the City, but are being dealt with.

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Mayor Vanasse referring to the dump fire, thought if it can be rented that cheap, wondered if it was necessary for the City to keep the D-8 on the road. Suggested that maybe in the future to sell the existing D-8 and contract out for a D-8. Mayor Vanasse reiterated Mr. Hohman's appreciation to the crew that was fighting a difficult dump fire. Also asked what the time line of the IFB Gravel was; basically pointing that in the past, the 5 year agreement was too long and problems acquainted with it. Port Director Greydanus pointed out that RFP's for protection toe and gravel were being prepared and terms of gravel needed to be worked out and been directed to advertise as soon as possible.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT

Councilman Trantham thanked the Department Heads for their reports, especially from the Finance Department and referring to Mr. Barker's report, indicated that he hopes that the proposal negotiation would continue with YKHC. Also indicated that the employee committee had 2 vacancies and encouraged the employee committee to have elections held. Concluded by commenting that communication is important, and through the department heads report, that they were communicating with Council.

Madam Lilienthal also thanked the Department Heads for their reports, since they see how their departments are operated, and especially appreciated Finance Department's report.

Mayor Vanasse also thanked the Department Heads for their most important reports and also thanked Madam Lilienthal for coming up with the original idea of department reports a few years back; felt that they were badly needed in the past. Also encouraged the organizers of local emergency planning group to keep working on their proposal to make that part of the City's committees and commissions and when full proposal is ready, to present to the Mayor or Council for agenda addition.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION
REPORTS

Madam Lilienthal reported that Port Commission had a meeting on July 15th and next scheduled meeting set for August 15th and no vacancies.

Councilman Trantham reported that Public Works Committee on the July 16th with barely a quorum. Thanked the public that showed up for the meeting. Indicated that most of agenda items were tabled: no Chairman selected; adopt a dumpster tabled; sewage lagoon tabled; road improvements tabled; talked about the \$550,000 grant, which in the past, it was decided that Ptarmigan Street would be the first road to be repaired if grant was received; Bowling Alley briefly discussed, which Frank Fitka was out here fixing the equipment, and indicated there was some evidence that the lanes were used when it should have been closed and that the locks have been changed to avoid that problem.

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REPORTS continued

Also pointed out that ONC was not completely satisfied and the City Manager to meet with ONC Manager regarding the deficiencies; sewage lagoon upgrade briefly discussed; fire extinguishers briefly discussed and pointed out that there was a volunteer willing to bring in fire extinguishers not able to be refilled in Bethel, to Fairbanks at no cost; and major agenda item being the shop use policy. At this time read the motion passed by Public Works Committee.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster that City Council continue to support the Shop Use Policy as spelled out in the policy, with Administration some flexibility to deal with problem areas that arise. Poll vote, motion carried unanimously.

Madam Lilienthal requested that copies of shop use policy be provided to Council at the next meeting.

Councilman Feaster reported that Finance Committee met last night and budget process was discussed; discussed feasibility of bingo/raffle sales tax; discussed using computer to monitor street maintenance; lack of auction this year was discussed, which he thought City should pursue; no bids received on the police boat and need some direction how to handle river patrol. After brief discussion, Mayor Vanasse referred this to the Public Safety Committee, the handling sale of police boat and the river patrol issue. Also suggested that the Finance Committee come up with a draft sales tax ordinance to be presented to City Council for consideration.

Mayor Vanasse reported that Parks & Recreation Committee was in process of changes, with a resignation of the Chairman and short staffed; indicated no meetings were set, but to get together with Chris Morrill for possible future meeting.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Daisy Mae LaMont-Isaac was recognized at this time. Ms. LaMont-Isaac indicated that she had lived in Bethel over 30 years and seen Bethel rapidly growing. As a public member wanted to express her appreciation to the City Council for their dedication and also thanked the Police Chief for doing an outstanding job and felt that he should be getting some kind of recognition from City Council. Also congratulated Mr. John Hastie who was hired as an Administrative/Personnel Officer and once a new City Manager was hired, suggested that everyone should work together and try to get along. Concluded by indicating that she had waited patiently the past 2 years for the City to put a big culvert by her property on 6th and main. Indicated that before the road was put in, that there use to be a natural drainage; but that a small culvert was put in place when the road was put in. Indicated that each year she'd be promised, but a new City Manager would be hired after each promise, which end result would be

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nothing being done about it. Asked that this year the City concentrate in that area since it could be hazardous. Indicated that the reason for her bringing up this matter to Council was that she had exhausted all efforts.

Mayor Vanasse reiterated Ms. LaMont-Isaac's concerns and indicated that he was aware of that problem area and that it was a concern to be dealt with since, there were more than one property that were effected and suggested that Administration and Public Works Department work together on resolving this matter.

NEW BUSINESS
Item A: Intro.
Amend #1 to Ord
#201-FY'92 Budget

INTRODUCTION AMENDMENT #1 TO ORDINANCE #201-FY'92
BUDGET

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wallace to introduce Amendment #1 to Ordinance #201 and public hearing to be held August 13th Council meeting. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Proposed
Resol #687-Accept.
of State Grant

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #687-ACCEPTANCE OF STATE GRANT
RE: ROAD IMPROVEMENT/EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

M/M by Feaster, 2nd by Wallace for passage of Resolution #687 with effective date of today. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item C: Acceptance
of Port Terminal
Tariff

ACCEPTANCE OF PORT TERMINAL TARIFF

Port Director Greydanus briefly reported to Council on the changes to the port terminal tariff; pointed out that the major changes were on the insurance and block storage.

motion

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Feaster to accept the Port Terminal tariff as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item D: Executive
Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CITY MANAGER APPLICATIONS REVIEW

At this time, Council discussed as to what procedure was going to be taken. It was indicated that the first step would be to narrow the applications from 7 to 3 applicants. After brief discussion, Councilman Wallace asked for a Council break, since Councilman Dale had requested that he be called before going into Executive session.

COUNCIL BREAK 9:19 PM to 9:29 PM.

motion

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Dale to hire George Hohman as permanent City Manager. Poll vote, motion failed. 3-yes; 3-no (Feaster, Trantham and Vanasse).

Council went into executive session at 9:36 PM to narrow the applicants down to 3. Council came out of executive session at 10:42 PM.

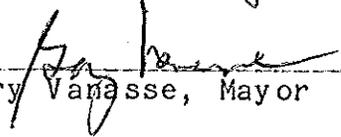
Executive Session
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Mayor Vanasse reported that the 3 final applicants were: David C. Smith, George Hohman and James R. Filip. It was also indicated that the travel for interview would be at Council's expense.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace to adjourn the Council meeting at 10:44 PM. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF August, 1991.



Gary Vanasse, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anna McGowan, City Clerk