CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
08/08/89

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Kelly called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.
ROLL CALL	Present: Anvil, Dale, Hoffman (Tardy), Hohman, Kelly, Trantham (Tardy), and Warner (Tardy).
APPROVAL OF MINUTES MOTION	M/M by Hohman, 2nd by Dale to defer the 07/25/89 minutes until later in the meeting as the minutes were handed out prior to the beginning of the meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA MOTION	M/M by Hohman, 2nd by Dale to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.
MAYOR'S REPORT	Mayor Kelly reported that she had numerous telephone calls regarding the dumpster that was removed from Lang property and put back in place; people were not happy with the situation.
MANAGER'S REPORT	City Manager Earnest reviewed the following items which are covered in the Manager's Report handed out at the beginning of the meeting: -Majority of time in the past two weeks were spent securing additional funds for the bulkhead. -At the 06/27/89 Council Meeting, there was question on the pumphouse insurance; Finance explained that the replacement cost value and insurance was incorrectly estimated -- this has been corrected, the figures are: (1) $570,000/Building (2) $250,000/Equipment (3) $1.3 Million/Business Interruption. -Brown Slough Project repair. -State Department of Transportation/Public Facilities officials will be in Bethel on 08/08/89; tentative meeting set for 2:00 P.M. in the City Conference Room. -Representative Hoffman has been attempting to obtain funds to include to the State Highway, the road from the laundromat to the school district. This area will be paved if the State takes it over. -On August 15th, Tony Knowles will tour the areas fisheries with Dr. Vjacheslav Zilanov, Deputy Minister for International Affairs of the Soviet Ministry. Mr. Zilanov has been successful in pushing the Japanese Fleets out of Alaskan waters. -A three-month evaluation of the City Manger's performance is due by 08/22/89 at the next meeting. Councilmen Trantham suggested that the evaluation for the City Manager be placed on the next agenda under Executive Session.
MOTION	M/M by by Trantham, 2nd by Hohman to hire an Engineer to manage, supervise, and evaluate the repair of the multi-purpose bulkhead. Poll vote, motion carried, 7/0.

Councilmen Trantham clarified his motion (#3) it is his intent that the funding for this position come from the $833,000 Emergency Funding (from Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA).

City Manager Earnest said we can request funds in addition to the $833,000 from FEMA and will do so.

MOTION

M/M by Tranthan, 2nd by Hohman to appropriate $6,880 plus $250 for the relocation of the water tank from the White Alice Site to the "old" Nicholson Pump House area; funds to be appropriated from the water and sewer grant. Poll vote, motion carried, 7/0.

Council discussed the two old water and sewer grants which have remaining funds. Council asked that City Manager Earnest close out the grants and use funds from one of the two.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Trantham, in reference to the upcoming Election in October, wanted to remind people they still have time to register to vote; he also requested the City Clerk to put an ad in the Tundra Drums that there is still time to vote, and voter registration forms can be picked up at her office. He also asked the press to publicize the same message and to encourage people to register to vote.
-Councilmen Trantham said he received several complimentary calls regarding the EMT's quick response to emergency calls. Councilmen Trantham thanked the EMT's and volunteers for their work. In addition to that, he thanked the volunteer firemen who recently responded quickly to a fire.

Councilmen Anvil stated that both children and adult bike riders are riding dangerously close to the traffic on the roads. The State DOT should have the edges of the pavement cleaned so riders can see the white lines they are to stay outside of when riding on the highways.
-Councilmen Anvil said he understood the all but one of the towers at the White Alice Site would be demolished.

Public Works Director Stock explained that the Secretary of the Air Force designated one of the towers as a historical mark for the Air Force. One tower will be stripped of asbestos and have a fence built around it.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports at this time.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Public Works Director informed Council that the gravel has not been purchased for the pad at the old Nicholson Pumphouse. It will cost an additional $3,000.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
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Councilmen Warner asked if this allocation was for bringing the alternate water facility operational. City Manager Earnest explained that it was, and the purchase price is $250 on a $60,000 tank.

MOTION

M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Hohman to amend motion #4 to include $3,000 of the purchase of gravel in addition to the $7,130 allocated for the water tank relocation; this appropriation to come from the same water and sewer grant. Poll vote, motion carried, 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS
Item A: Sewage Lagoon Improvements

SEWAGE LAGOON IMPROVEMENTS

City Manager Earnest explained to Council that Federal Funds were available to the City for sanitation facilities that would potentially be impacted by the proposed AVCP Housing project. On August 8, he had a meeting with John Guinn of AVCP Housing Authority, Tom Coolidge of PHS, and Public Works Director Stock to discuss community sanitation projects which would be eligible under PHS "set aside" program related to the AVCP/HA low-income housing. Up to $300,000 would be available to the city for upgrading sanitation facilities. The recommendation from Mr. Earnest is to utilize this funding for the sewage lagoon improvements.

There are several small projects which make up the plan for the sewage lagoon improvements:
1.) Upgrading the dike, build it up several feet. This project is presently up for bid.
2.) Removal of organic islands - tundra mats now occupy 25% of the sewage lagoon area; this impacts the efficiency of the lagoon, and the project is scheduled for winter.
3.) Insulation of the Baffle system.
4.) Engineering 20-year work plan.

Councilmen Warner asked several questions:
-Has the State Department of Environmental Conservation approved the revised timetable proposed by the City. City Manager Earnest said we have, not yet, received an answer.
-Is the proposed baffle system to increase the retention time, in a more final stage than he understood from his discussion with Jordan Suhr. City Manager was not sure if it is still in the preliminary stage, but he would seek more information.
-Councilmen Warner asked if the mentioned $300,000 would be available only if it would pass through the AVCP low-income housing; and he was not certain if HUD approved the housing. City Manager Earnest said he would check into this and provide more information at the next City Council meeting on 08/22/89.

Sewage Lagoon Improvements -continued-

Councilmen Trantham said the City has back-up grant money designated for water & sewer improvements; a portion of the $740,000 grant from a year ago could be used to supplement if necessary.

MOTION

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Anvil to approve the 07/25/89 minutes as received. Voice vote, motion carried.

Council discussion:

Councilmen Trantham asked if a copy of the minutes of 07/25/89 could be sent to the Tundra Drums because there was an article in the Viewpoint Opinion section of the Paper which said Council did not seem to appreciate the work done by the City Manager on the Seawall. At the beginning of the Mayor's Report she thanked him for the work well done.

Councilmen Hohman asked the Mayor to draft a letter to Martha Scott wishing her a speedy recovery. Ms. Scott was recently injured at a Youth Summer Camp. She has been a member of this community for several years and has been a positive force.

Mr. Earnest reported that she was a volunteer for the City, and we have requested the hospital to send her medical bills to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Anvil to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 31 DAY OF August 1989.

Clara Kelly

Clara Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Karole A. Kohl

Karole A. Kohl, Acting City Clerk