CALL TO ORDER — Mayor Bainton called the meeting to order at 7.30.

ROLL CALL — Present: Aloysius, Andrew, Bainton, Chris, Reich
Absent: Carpenter (out of town), Warner (business travel)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — M/M by Chris, 2nd by Aloysius to approve the minutes of the 6/24/86 Council meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA — M/M by Reich, 2nd by Chris to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT — There was no Mayor's Report

MANAGER'S REPORT — MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Widom reported to Council on the following items:

a. the laundromat will be open for cold water washing only due to boiler problems; it is anticipated that the problem will be corrected within 2 weeks
b. the City has received an additional 5000 centennial books completing the contract
c. George Silides, engineer on the seawall project, reported to Council on the following:
   1. the plans/specifications for the next section of seawall work are being advertised
   2. pre-bid conference on July 11, 10 am
   3. bid openings for the project on July 22
   4. sandbag operation should save Mission Road and will be incorporated into the seawall extension
d. Cheryl Keepers, Special Assistant, reported on the following:
   1. 32,000 sandbags have been placed in front of Mission Road
   2. rock placement with emergency money complete
   3. small boat harbor clean-up underway
e. the city is waiting for a Corps of Engineers permit before dredging the mouth of the small boat harbor
f. Bob Hicks, City Attorney, reported to Council on legal matters requesting that Council hold an executive session to discuss the Bethel Utilities Sales Tax refund request, the Strauss and Malone cases, and the City shop roof matter. Attorney Hicks suggested that the City review its insurance policy. Councilmember Reich asked if the City was proceeding on the Southern land lease. Attorney Hicks noted that the City has authority to remove Mr. Southern from the land. Councilmember Chris and Mayor Bainton suggested Administration should pursue the removal of Mr. Southern from City land. City Manager Widom informed Council that Administra- will take action on the matter.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

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Councilmember Chris noted that there was a serious alcohol problem over the July 4 weekend and that the City should review its liability with respect to people playing and walking on and otherwise using the seawall.

A discussion took place concerning alcohol problems at Bethel espicially as they relate to bootlegging.

City Manager Widom suggested that the City conduct a study of the alcohol problem at Bethel to present to the legislature with recommendations to change the laws with respect to alcohol. Mayor Bainton suggested that the alcohol problem at Bethel has been sufficiently studied and that study money could be better spent in the area of policing and enforcement of ordinances. Mayor Bainton, with Council concurrence, directed Administration to bring to Council an outline and cost projection for an alcohol study at Bethel.

Police Chief Clayton reviewed for Council the police procedures for handling protective custody cases. Captain LaMere suggested that the City should pass an ordinance making it a violation to buy alcohol from a bootlegger.

Councilmember Reich noted that the 4th of July celebration at Pinky's Park was a success and suggested that the City consider taxing, in some manner, alcohol brought into Bethel.

Councilmember Aloysius noted for Council that people had expressed to him concerns about the types of merchandise that were sold at the 4th of July and asked if a committee reviewed booth space applications for what was going to be sold. Councilmembers Reich and Chris concurred that perhaps a 4th of July committee should review booth space applications for what was to be sold and to better allocate the spaces available among the different types of vendors.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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Councilmember Reich noted that the Public Works Committee will be reactivated in the near future.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no public commments.

UNFINSIHED BUSINESS

EXTENSION OF 5th AVENUE

Item A: Extension of 5th Avenue

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the request by Gary Tolson to extend 5th Avenue noting for Council that granting the extension creates potential problems for the City in maintaining the road if not constructed to City specifications.

Gary Tolson addressed Council concerning the request noting that the City had received from the State money to extend 5th Avenue; that he had received a verbal committment from the previous City Manager that the road would be built; that he has no access to his land; that he has received from the City a building permit to build on the lot.

Planning Director Gaber noted that street and road money had been utilized for 4th and 6th Avenues.

Rosie Porter, former Planning Commission member, noted that street and road money was not dedicated by the legislature for specific roads but that use for such money was set by the City.

motion

M/M by Bainton, 2nd by Chris to deny the request to extend 5th Avenue, the denial based upon the Planning Commission recommendations. Poll vote, 3 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention (Reich); motion failed. Council took no further action on the matter.

Item B: Employee Utility Benefit

EMPLOYEE UTILITY BENEFIT

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the present benefit. A petition from City employees requesting Council to retain the benefit was presented to Council. City Manager Widom noted that to remove the benefit would create an employee morale problem and that the benefit was one type of employee compensation.

motion

M/M by Chris, 2nd by Reich to retain the employee utility benefit as a way to show support and appreciation for City employees in lieu of the fact that City employees have not received pay increases the past two years and will not receive a COLA increase this year and that the cost of the benefit may increase if there is an across the board utility rate increase. Poll vote, motion carried.

Councilmember Aloysius noted that his comments regarding the benefit and abuses of the benefit were comments that he had received from the public and that he was placing the comments before Council on behalf of his constituency and to clarify the issue.

Item C: Bootlegging Reward

BOOTLEGGING REWARD

City Manager Widom reviewed for Council the present City reward system and suggested that Council retain the reward as its committment to deal with the bootlegging problem at Bethel.

Councilmember Reich suggested that villages be asked to help in solving the bootlegging problem, to pay part of the cost for the reward, to spread the cost of convicting bootleggers among the villages.

Mayor Bainton suggested that the reward is not producing its intended result, that being a decrease in bootlegging activity at Bethel, but that to drop the reward may be interpreted as a weakening of Council resolve to deal with bootleggers at Bethel.

Council discussed the possibility of charging protective custody cases for their stay. No action was taken on the suggestion.

Councilmember Reich suggested that the citizens of Bethel picket the homes of known bootleggers.

Council agreed to retain the $1000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone charged with bootlegging.

motion

M/M by Chris, 2nd by Aloysius to go into executive session to discuss legal matters affecting the City. Voice vote, motion carried. Council met in executive session from 10 to 10.30 pm.

motion

M/M by Aloysius, 2nd by Reich to go back into regular Council session. Voice vote, motion carried. Council took no action upon returning from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Reich to adjoun. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY, 1986.

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ATTEST:

Wayne J Maiers

Wayne Maiers, City Clerk

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