



# CITY of BETHEL

P. O. Box 537 • Bethel, Alaska 99559

543-2297 — Area Code 907

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 24, 1976

CITY OFFICE

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoffman at 7:35 P.M.  
Present: Andrew, Alexie, Pike, Elliott, Guinn and Peltola.

The invocation was given by Joe Andrew, Sr.

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 10, 1976 were read by Manager Bartlett. Peltola stated that the minutes of Council Meetings should be proof-read before being distributed. M/M by Peltola that the minutes of May 10, 1976 be approved. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

## COMMUNICATIONS

There was one letter included in the Council Member's packets addressed to Harry Faulkner and a letter from Bethel Utilities Corporation which was passed out to each Council member at the meeting.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Bartlett introduced Mr. Terry Nidiffer and Mrs. Jill O'Neill who are representatives from the Alaska Disaster Office. They are in Bethel to discuss and develop a proposal on behalf of the City relative to requesting grant funds under an amendment to State legislation, which enables municipalities to be reimbursed for extraordinary expenses incurred as a result of disaster-related occurrences.

Terry Nidiffer - Both Mrs. O'Neill and myself are with the Alaska Disaster Office. If you will recall last year, as a result of the Bering Sea Disaster, special legislation was passed by the State of Alaska to assist municipalities, of the Northwest part of the State, to recover extra-ordinary expenses, that have not in the past been covered by the Federal funds under Public Law 288. This legislation has been amended to include the Bethel Disaster, which transpired on the 18th of December, 1975. We have come to Bethel to prepare a project application and assimilate documentation required to secure funding for the City under the legislation.

Hoffman - If you have time while you are in the City, I would appreciate it if you would visit the Bethel Native Corp. Their funding request in reference to the disaster was disallowed.

Nidiffer - I'd be happy to come to the Bethel Native Corporation, if arrangements can be made at the convenience of the Corporation.



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Hoffman - I will have someone from the Corporation come over to the City office and pick you up tomorrow.

Bartlett - The second item of my report is concerned with Gene Peltola's question regarding Ordinance # 59, and whether or not such an Ordinance allows the City to lease(rent) property on a month-to-month basis. The ordinance, as I understand it, establishes a formal procedure for the sale, lease or disposition of Real property or interest in such property owned by the City of Bethel. In my opinion, after reading Ordinance #59, it does cover such a provision.

Peltola - Prior to Council Action last meeting, on the disposition of the Recreation building to be leased or rented to Yupiktak Bista, the motion stipulated that the facility would be leased pursuant to Ordinance #59, and therefore would need to be advertised 30 days prior to executing a lease agreement..

Guinn - Would the City be in compliance with the requirements of Ordinance #59 if we advertise that the City plans to lease the property to Yupiktak Bista?

Bartlett - Yes.

Peltola - Do you feel that there is a need for Council to amend Ordinance #59?

Bartlett - Yes I do in the sense of modifying the ordinance relative to the publicizing aspect of a lease requested on a month-to-month basis. In continuing with my report, there is a need for a Council Worksession regarding the Fire Dept. One fireman is leaving at the end of this week, and a City Police Officer is transferring from the Police Dept. to the Fire Dept. Also the Fire Chief is taking a one year leave of absence to possible pursue additional education.

M/M by Guinn that there be a Council Worksession on Monday, May 31, 1976. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hoffman reported that the road to Louse Town needs to be repaired.



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Bartlett - It is my understanding that there has been a approval to purchase two dump trucks for \$4,000.00 per vehicle, from Leo Walsh.

Lenhart - Donna Campbell, the former City Manager approved the purchasing of those trucks.

Peltola - The road to the dump should be first priority for the City, and if the State does not do anything about it, then the citizens of Bethel should initiate action with regards to this area.

Hoffman - It should be brought to the attention of Council that we offered Ron Southern a month-to-month lease on a small piece of land across the slough. He will be required to raise the ground 3 feet in order to put his shop on the property. This particular agreement was passed by Council last year.

Peltola - I do not feel that we have sufficient information to take care of this matter tonight. There was a stipulation in the motion, that Southern begin construction by last fall.

Guinn - In my opinion, the proper procedure with regard to this item would be to ask Ron Southern to attend the Worksession on Monday or attend a regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission. The Commission would then be responsible for developing recommendations for next council meeting.

Hoffman - I have another announcement and that is that the Calista Corporation is having a board meeting on June 2, 1976.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alexie - The fire alarms for the old Prematernal Home and other City buildings have been purchased and delivered to the City Engineer.

Andrew - Is there a Seawall Project planned for this summer? If the City were to spread out the old trucks located on the seawall it would be much better. There are to many trucks located in one place and not enough in other seawall locations.

Peltola - There is no money for a Seawall Project during this year in the City's budget.



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Hoffman - I received a call from Representative Guy and he is attempting to arrange a bond program for the seawall, amounting to approximate one million dollars, which would constitute Phase 2 of the project.

Bartlett - Phase 1, as I understand the situation, is concerned with the construction of the dock and dredging work activities which are near completion. Phase 2 may possible be the construction of a warehouse facility. Bonds would have to sold with regard to Phase 2.

Hoffman - The dock area needs to be raised approximately two feet before the warehouseis conctructed.

Peltola - At a Council Meeting during the latter part of March, 1976, we asked Don Harris to come to Bethel in order to discuss the Seawall Project.

Andrew - The sidewalk by Maggie Sirilo was tipped over during the flood. It should be placed upright and secured with wire/rope and/or cement. Also the telephone wire on the road toward ASHA is stretched out to the point that it is near to the ground.

Elliott - It seems to me that the telephone wire is the Telephone Company's problem.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD - None

## OLD BUSINESS

### Item A. Court House Project

Bartlett - I placed this project on the agenda for briefing purposes. I arrived in Bethel on Saturday night the 15th of May and on Saturday Mike Jones of the AVCP Housing Authority came by my apartment before leaving for Anchorage and Juneau. He provided me with a briefing on the joint venture Court House Project involving the City of Bethel. In reading past Planning Commission Meeting minutes, the Commission voted to proceed with a joint venture project with AVCP Housing Authority in regards to abid application for a Court House in Bethel, and these minutes have been ratified by Council. The bid application was due on Tuesday, May 18, 1976, at 3:00 P.M. in Juneau. Mike Jones estimated that the City would be bidding a square foot rate that would



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provide the City with sufficient funds to pay for financing on a yearly basis and receive an 8% minimum return on the City's initial investment.

There was a mistake made in the transferring of bid figures on work sheets to the formal bid application, and consequently a lower bid figure than what was expected was submitted. Therefore, Mike Jones filed a letter with the State Dept. of Administration, Division of Supply and Procurement, asking that they review the bid application and the work sheets and take note that it was a legitimate mistake. To date, I have also received several phone calls from the Calista Corporation concerned with the fact that City is in competition with the Corporation regarding the Court House Project.

Mike Jones informed me that the project may still be developed, on a break even basis. The City has transmitted a security deposit of \$6,666.67, which represents the first month's lease amount, and the lowest bid figure submitted does not necessarily mean that it will be accepted. My advise to the Council is that the City not withdraw its bid application. In the future, any bids, grants, or contracts submitted on behalf of the City will be reviewed by my office prior to submission.

Guinn - It was our original intent through resolution to initiate a joint venture with the AVCP Housing Authority with regard to the Court House Project, and we were not secretive about this procedure. Our Council meetings are public and this matter was ratified at an open Council meeting. If there were any questions pertaining to the legality or procedural process followed by the City in reference to the Court House Project, Calista should have indicated such concern at the time the project was considered by Council. Secondly, since there has not been a bid award at this time, it may well be the case that the City's bid price will be too low for the City to have an 8% return on its initial investment and therefore, the possibility for negotiating with the State should take place. I also think, that the City should assume the position of having its current bid application remain on file.

M/M by Guinn to ratify the submission of \$6,666.67, as authorized by the City Manager, to the State as a security deposit for the bid application.

Roll call vote, Yes, Andrew, Alexie, Guinn, Pike, Elliott, Peltola.  
Abstain - Hoffman. Motion passed.



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### Item B. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 7, 1976.

Bartlett - This particular item is on the agenda, because the Planning Commission minutes of May 7, 1976 need to be ratified by Council.

M/M by Guinn that the Planning Commission Meeting minutes of May 7, 1976 be ratified by Council.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

### Item C. Community Clean-up

There was discussion by the members of Council regarding the need for a Community Clean-up Project and the location of a new dump site.

Hoffman - The City should identify four(4) new dump sites and present such sites to the Bethel Native Corporation, and they will refer the matter to the Bureau of Land Management.

### Item D. Dept. of Highways Proposal

Hoffman - The state wants us to take over the Airport. Harry Shawback called from Juneau and told me to put it on the agenda and that he would be present at the Council meeting.

M/M by Guinn that we table this item until such time that we receive more complete information.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Item A. Bethel Utilities Corporation - Right-of-way.

Bartlett read Resolution # 172, a resolution for the Road Easement Right-of-way by the Bethel Native Corporation to the City of Bethel.

M/M by Guinn that Resolution # 172 be approved.

Roll call vote, Yes, Alexie, Guinn, Pike, Peltola, Elliott.

Abstain - Andrew, Hoffman. Motion passed.

### Item B. URS Engineering Contract.

Hoffman left the meeting at 8:55 P.M. and Peltola took over as Acting Mayor.



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Paul Symbol of URS Engineering discussed the four different water/sewer plans to be studied.

M/M by Guinn that the City of Bethel sign the contract with URS Engineering.  
Roll call vote, Yes, Andrew, Alexie, Guinn, Pike, Elliott, Peltola.  
Motion passed.

## Item C. KVNA Permit

M/M by Guinn that this item be changed to the last item of the agenda.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

## Item D. Transportation Committee

Elliott - the Transportation Committee recommended to the Council that the Taxi rate of fare be increased by 25¢.

M/M by Guinn that we table this item until a later date, because of the need to amend the current taxi fares and permits ordinance.  
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

## Item E. Extra Permits

Elliott - The Transportation Committee recommends to City Council that the extra taxi permits be abolished.

M/M by Guinn that the Transportation Committee's recommendation pertaining to Taxi Permits be ratified by Council, after the appropriate Ordinance has been amended and presented to City Council at the next meeting.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Hoffman returned to the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

## Item C. KVNA Permit

M/M by Elliott that the Games of Chance and Skill Permit for KVNA be accepted.

Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Rosie Porter of the Tundra Drums indicated that she was interested in knowing if the City Council had acted on the AVCP Housing Authority



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request for City property to build a home for the elderly.

Peltola - The matter was tabled at an earlier Council meeting and Mr. Jones of AVCP Housing Authority was to provide Council with a proposal at a worksession, but this has not occurred as of this time.

Bartlett - At the next Council meeting I would like to present a preliminary budget for FY 1976-77, so that by the Council meeting on June 24, 1976 it can be ratified.

M/M by Elliott to adjourn.  
Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting was 9:25 P.M.

Rebecca J. Nelson  
City Clerk

Edward Hoffman Sr  
Mayor