



# CITY OF BETHEL

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 22, 1982

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### MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 7.32 pm.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Guinn, Twitchell, Anvil, Carpenter, Binkley, Pavil  
Absent: Bob Hoffman

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M BY Pavil, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the February 4 and March 8th Council minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Hoffman requested that Item F be added under <sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</sup> Business, Item F being the status of the ILOC Ordinance. M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the agenda as amended. Voice vote, motion carried.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hoffman reported that the construction firm of H2W is working on the Seawall in the vicinity of the dock. \$1.7 million of the project has been let with an estimated completion date of May 15 on the first phase of the project. The 2nd phase of the seawall project will be let for bids within 30 days. The cost of that portion of the project will be \$3 million plus and will be in the area of the Tank Farm.

City Manager Hoffman reported that the Teen Center should be completed by mid-July.

The appointment of Jack Flood, PATC Director, by Council to the Policy and Advisory Committee of KCC cannot be accepted. Mr. Flood's wife is employed at KCC and as such is ineligible for appointment to the Committee. Council will consider a replacement for Mr. Flood on the Committee at the next Council meeting.

April 1 is the deadline for submitting names for consideration for the First Lady's Award. Applications are available at the City offices.

MANAGER'S REPORT  
(CONT)

City Manager Hoffman reported to Council on his recent trip to Juneau. While in Juneau Mr. Hoffman spoke with several legislators about City projects now before the Legislature. He reported that the outlook for the seawall project is good. The legislators are considering allocating the full \$22 million needed to complete the project. The allocation would be in the form of a bond/direct cash outlay. In so doing the project would not need to be phased over a 10 year period.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor John Guinn did not have a formal report to make to Council. However, he did offer a suggestion for Council consideration, that being, the establishment of a transportation commission with regulatory powers. No action was taken on the matter by Council.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

The 4th grade class of Kilbuck School requested that the City of Bethel place a welcome sign near the airport saying Welcome to Bethel, Home of the Kuskokwim 300. After a discussion concerning the merits of the proposal, the project was referred back to Kilbuck School for design and cost preparation. Kilbuck School is to return to Council with a design and cost analysis for the project.

Janis Jennings of the Department of Environmental Control, Litter Reduction - Recycling Program, addressed Council concerning litter and pollution control. Ms. Jennings is working with Council member Pavil in developing a program for Bethel. Ms. Jennings requested that Council permit a non-profit group such as the Boy/Girl Scouts to operate the can crusher that the City now has. Ms. Jennings further requested that Council appoint a group to work on the problems of litter and pollution in the Bethel area. She indicated that the State has funds and resources available to assist local communities with their project. The matter was referred to the Environmental/Health Committee for additional study and recommendations.

Council member Carpenter reported on the problem of drainage at the airport. The parking lot area is often ankle deep in water.

Council member Anvil requested that Council require the City to include in its contracts the requirement to hire locally for work on the project. The matter was referred to the Personnel Committee.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD  
(CONT)

Clark Miller requested City Council to look into the hiring of a convicted "molestor" who is now serving as a honeybucket worker for the City. The individual is working for the City on a work release program. The matter was referred to the Personnel Committee for review.

REPORTS OF STANDING  
COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council member Carpenter reported on the Finance Committee meeting held March 17. Recommendations by the Finance Committee for Council consideration include:

- a. use of the KCC computer for figuring Life Cycle costs and projections on City projects;
- b. acceptance of the alternative health care study report prepared by James Owens;
- c. Personnel Rules/Regulations
  1. comp time - accrual of 40 hours of comp time with any additional accrued time paid at time and a half;
  2. utility services for City employees - after May 1, City employees to pay their full share of utility costs;
- d. VFW request for free utility service - postpone any decision on this matter until the utility rate study is completed;
- e. budget item - City Manager to utilize \$22,665.00 of the City Manager's Fund for the purchase of 13 vehicles.

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the Finance Committee report. Voice vote, motion carried.

Council break from 8.40 to 8.53.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Coastal Zone Management Report - Cheryl Keepers addressed Council concerning the preliminary report prepared by Coastal Zone staff. Ms. Keepers reported that the response from agencies that have reviewed the preliminary report have been positive with only minor corrections suggested by those reviewing agencies. Ms. Keepers requested Council to accept the preliminary report. M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Pavil to accept the preliminary report prepared by Coastal Zone Management staff. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
(CONT)

Disposition of the Cowan Hut - City Manager recommended to Council that the Cowan Hut be put up for public bid after a 30 day advertising period with the stipulation that the winning bidder move the building after June 30. It was further recommended that a letter be sent to Ron Sumstad notifying him of Council's intentions concerning the Cowan Hut. M/M by Carpenter, 2nd by Pavil to put the Cowan Hut up for public bid after a 30 day advertising period with the stipulation that the high bidder move the building after June 30, 1982. Poll vote taken, motion carried unanimously.

Home Rule Election Status - City Manager Hoffman reported that he had discussed the matter with the City Attorney and also met with the legislature in Juneau concerning Bethel's recent Charter Commission Election. City Attorney Esch is drafting an ordinance nullifying the results of the election if such should become necessary. Senate Bill 736, which concerns the right of 2nd class cities to go directly to home rule status may be passed with an effective date of January 1, 1982. Senator Anderson is seeking to have this effective date included in the bill. If that date is placed on the bill, then the Charter Commission Election would face no questions as to the validity of those elected to serve. The City Manager recommended that Council postpone any action on the matter pending Legislative action by Juneau on SB 736. M/M Bigkley, 2nd by Carpenter to postpone Council action concerning the Home Rule Charter Commission election until the next meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Capital Projects Committee - Council member Carpenter reported on the Finance Committee recommendation to include a Capital Projects Committee among the number of standing Council committees. The Committee would act as an oversight committee, a clearinghouse committee, for capital project proposals for the City. Its members would be experts in the fields of finance, construction, land acquisition and development. M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Carpenter to amend Resolution 185 so that it will include a Capital Projects Committee among those committees listed as the standing City Council committees. Poll vote taken, yeas 5, nays 1, Mayor Guinn voting no.

The Finance Committee is to report to Council next meeting as to the design and duties of the Committee.

Council break from 9.46 to 9.56: pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Temporary Bus Permit to Airport - Resolution #374.  
The Resolution is to be changed to permit a 60 day trial period with a rate of \$2.00, one way. Mr. Lush, the bus owner, is to appear before the Transportation Committee to present a route schedule for approval. Clark Miller, owner of the Checker Cab company, voiced objection to passage of the Resolution.

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Pavil to grant a 60 day temporary permit to Dan Lush to operate bus service to and from the airport for a one way fare of \$2.00. Voice vote taken, motion carried with Twitchell voting nay.

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Twitchell to proceed past 10.00 pm. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

I.L.O.C. - Intoxicating Liquor - Open Container Law  
City Attorney Esch has advised City Manager Hoffman that if the City desires to appeal the ILOC decision the papers must be filed by April 1. It is the recommendation of the City Manager with the concurrence of the Chief of Police that the City drop the ILOC appeal. It is further recommended by the City Manager that the ILOC ordinance be repealed.

M/M by Binkley, 2nd by Carpenter to drop the ILOC appeal and to repeal the ILOC ordinance.  
Voice vote taken, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #132 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bethel, Alaska, modifying City Council Procedures, section 2.04.090, entitled: Officers - Appointment, to include the following paragraph:

THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL PERFORM AN ANNUAL  
EVALUATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Binkley to introduce the the Ordinance this meeting and set a hearing on the Ordinance within 30 days. Poll vote taken, motion carried unanimously.

National Week of the Young Child, April 4 - 10.  
Mayor Guinn so proclaimed the week of April 4 - 10 to be National Week of the Young Child in Bethel, Alaska.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Binkley to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10.24.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 1982

*Wayne Sanders* City Clerk

