



CITY of BETHEL

P. O. Box 537 • Bethel, Alaska 99559

543-2297 — Area Code 907

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 8, 1976

CITY OFFICE

7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoffman at 7:30 P.M.
Present: Andrew, Guinn, Pike, Elliott, Peltola came in late.
Absent: Alexie.

Invocation was given by Father Hinsvark.

Minutes of February 23, 1976 were read by Campbell.
M/M Guinn to approve minutes of February 23, 1976 as corrected.
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes of February 26, 1976 were read by Campbell.
M/M Peltola to accept the minutes of February 26, 1976 as read.
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes of March 3, 1976 were read by Campbell.
M/M Elliott to accept the minutes of March 3, 1976 as read.
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were three letters attached to council packets. There were eight handouts which will be included in the minutes.

M/M Peltola that the two requests for Cab Permits be placed on agenda under New Business, Item C.
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Hoffman reported that he received two letters from Nunapitchuk and Kasigluk regarding the alcohol problem. There were copies of each letter sent to Judge Guinn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elliott - We will have a Transportation Committee Meeting some time this week.

Peltola - In reviewing the city salaries; I had make a mistake in condemning one of the employees at the shop. We gave two of the three mechanics raises and asked Donna to lay off the third one. We prejudged him; as far as work productively he is one of the best employees. Before we go laying off employees, we should confer with the Dept. Heads and ask them about the employees. We can't lay off an employee just because of his relationship with another employee. We have no guide line about hiring a relatives of an



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employee.

M/M Peltola that the termination of Reid Fisher be withdrawn by council action and that the Dept. Head/Ed Lenhart be advised to make his own decision whether to keep him or lay him off. Roll call vote, Yes: Elliott, Pike, Hoffman, Guinn, Andrew, Peltola. Motion passed.

Peltola - My understanding of Resolution #120, a water and sewer resolution state volume of water at \$4.00 @ 1,000 gallon and sewer at \$3.50 @ 1,000 gallons. I understand that Bethel Regional High School is paying for the water rates and not for the sewer rates. I've been told that they owe \$20 thousand for sewate rates. Is that correct and why haven't they paid?

Campbell - That's correct. They felt that is was not levied within the laws by Resolution #120. In as much that they did not get a certified notification of the Public Hearing for Water/Sewer Rates. They have accepted that Resolution in as much as to the water rates. There should be ordinances to with rates and with adequate notice to the large users.

Peltola - Do you feel that \$20 thousand past sewage bill is lost?

Campbell - No. I feel that we can recover it.

Peltola - Especially with the financial crisis of the city, We should pursue Bethel Regional High School in paying the sewage bill.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mike Emery reported the Liquor Committee meeting which was held March 2, 1976. The minutes of the meeting will be included with the Council minutes.

There was discussion of the penalties of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor.

Mike Emery - Has the probelm of the Sales Tax Rate Schedule been corrected?



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M/M Elliott to accept the tax rate of: \$.16 to .50 ---- 1¢; .51 to .85 --- 2¢; and .86 to 1.15 --- 3¢. on 3% rate for Sales Tax. Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

Father Hinsvark - there was a Bethel Clergy Meeting this morning and we discussed the sanitation problem of Bethel. The garbage bags of sewage can be picked up and put in a place where it won't be a problem. We asked Dr. Brenneman to come to the meeting.

Dr. Brenneman - The Medical Staff met this morning. He read the letter which was drawn up at that meeting which will be included with the minutes.

There was discussion on how the sewage in plastic bags can be taken care of; and ways of disposing the bags and where to place them. Also about enforcing the ordinance about the sewage being dumped.

Hoffman - Write to Bethel Native Corporation for land to put sanitation into.

Campbell - We are getting Operation Mainstream people to work for us, and they'll work up until the end of May, 1976. We can have them clean-up this spring.

There was discussion of forming a committee to take care of the problem.

Guinn suggested to leave the discretion of the committee up to the Mayor.

OLD BUSINESS

Item A. Rural Highway Transportation Program

Betty Barton - Discussed the program, which was brought up last winter.

M/M Peltola to table this item until the next Council meeting. Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.



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NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Public Hearing Sales Tax Ordinance

M/M Guinn to have a ten minute break.
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

There was a break from 9:20 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

M/M Peltola that Item A be moved down to Item B, and that Item B. be moved up as Item A. on the agenda.
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

Item A. Fire Training Center

Betty Barton - The Fire Training Center Commission met this afternoon here at the City Office. They are interested in building a Training Center here in Bethel. If we put in five acres of land or more, and above flood plain. They would like the center to be close to the Kuskowim Community College.

M/M Guinn to affirm land commitment for the Alaska Fire Training Center Commission.
Roll call vote, Yes: Pike, Hoffman, Elliott, Andrew, Peltola.
Motion passed.

Item B. Public Hearing on Sales Tax Ordinance.

There was discussion of the changes and additions of the ordinance.

M/M Peltola that we go beyond 10:00 P.M.

M/M Guinn that the title "An Ordinance on Sales and Use Tax be changed to "An Ordinance on Sales Tax."
Roll call vote: Yes, Peltola, Elliott, Pike, Hoffman, Andrew, Guinn.
Motion passed.

M/M Guinn that under Sec. 72.030 Item T. be added: "Non-profit Organizations: That purchases made by Non-profit organizations which donot have paid employees and who do not keep normal business hours are exempt."
Roll call vote: Yes, Elliott, Pike, Hoffman, Guinn, Andrew, Peltola.
Motion passed.

M/M Peltola that Sec. 72.060, ^{Item A;} to read as follows: "A seller shall add the three percent sales tax to the selling price which the seller



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collects at the time of the sale or at the time of collection which respect to credit transactions. If the consumer refuses to pay the tax, the seller is exempt from any violations or penalties otherwise imposed if he reports to the city all the facts known to him concerning sale and refusal within thirty days of notification. Otherwise, if the consumer refuses to pay this tax, the seller is liable therefore. The tax is a debt from the consumer to the seller until paid and is recoverable at law in the same manner as other debts. The consumer is laible to the city for the tax notwithstanding the seller's duty to collect."
Roll call vote, Yes: Pike, Hoffman, Guinn, Andrew, Peltola, Elliott.
Motion passed.

M/M Peltola that Sec. 72.070 Tax Schedule be read as follows:
"The seller shall add to the selling price an amount determined according to the following scale:

Selling Price	Amount of Sales Tax
.16 to .50-----	.01
.50 to .85-----	.02
.86 to 1.15-----	.03 "

and delete the rest.

Roll call vote, Yes: Peltola, Elliott, Pike, Hoffman, Guinn, Andrew
Motion passed.

M/M Guinn that Sec. 72.180 Use Tax., be deleted.
Roll call vote, Unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

M/M Peltola that Sec. 72.190 Use Tax Procedures, be deleted.
Roll call vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

M/M Guinn that Ordinance #72, an Ordinance on Sales Tax, be approved.
Roll call vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

M/M Elliott that Ordinance #72 be effective March 9, 1976.
Roll call vote, unanimous if favor. Motion passed.

Item C. Cab

Guinn read the Memorandum from Gerald L. Nicholson and Ben Dale.

Peltola suggested that the floor be opened to Mr. G. Nicholson and



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MR. B. Dale.

G. Nicholson - We are reliable people. We have been here for over ten years in Bethel. Also there should be no monopoly of cabs.

Guinn - We have a letter from Checker Cab's Attorney asking for permanent Cab Permits.

M/M Peltola that these two requests of cab companies for cab permits be transferred to Transportation Committee and that they make recommendations for next council Meeting.
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

Peltola - Both parties should be invited to the Transportation Committee Meetings.

M/M Peltola at Resolution #167, a Resolution in support of Increased Effectiveness in Alcohol Treatment be included on the agenda, under New Business, Item D.

Item D. Resolution #167

M/M Peltola that Resolution #167, a Resolution in Support of Increased Effectiveness in Alcohol Treatment be approved.
Roll call vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

Hinsvark - the City of Barrow has broadcasted about being the largest native village in Alaska. But according to population statistics it isn't. Maybe they should be advised.

M/M Peltola to adjourn.
Voice vote, unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk