

CALL TO ORDER

City Manager Hoffman called the special meeting of the Bethel City Council to order at 12.17 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Binkley, Buttane, Hoffman, Sullivan,
Veit
Absent: Guinn, Twitchell (ill)

motion

City Manager Hoffman accepted nominations for acting Mayor. M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Buttane nominating John Binkley for acting Mayor. There were no other nominations. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously. John Binkley served as acting Mayor for the meeting.

Councilmember Buttane informed Council that the Department of Community and Regional Affairs would be holding a meeting with City officials and interested parties concerning Day Care Assistance Money. A date for the meeting will be announced later.

NEW BUSINESS

FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC REQUEST FOR FUNDS

City Manager Hoffman reviewed for Council the request for emergency assistance by the Family Health Clinic in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Louise Charles and Beth Michel, boardmembers of the Bethel Family Health Clinic, reviewed for Council the financial statement of the Family Health Clinic and reported to Council on measures newly implemented to assist the Clinic in overcoming its current deficit problem. The Boardmembers indicated that the Clinic has been served with an eviction notice, effective May 1.

Councilmember Sullivan spoke in support of the request but expressed concern that proper fiscal controls be implemented to assure that the problems now experienced by the Clinic do not reoccur. Mr. Sullivan suggested that the City review quarterly the financial statement of the Clinic to monitor the implementation of the fiscal reforms outlined by Boardmembers Charles and Michel.

Councilmember Veit recommended that the City make a partial payment to the Clinic, disbursing the balance of the funds requested as reforms are carried out by the Clinic, and suggested that the City should indicate how the funds are to be spent. Mr. Veit spoke in support of the Clinic request.

Councilmember Binkley expressed concern that this request not become an on-going subsidy and suggested that the City loan the Clinic the money rather than give the money to the Clinic in the form of a grant.

Councilmember Veit concurred with Councilmember Binkley's recommendation that the City loan the Clinic the money and suggested that the loan be an interest free loan with a delayed repayment schedule.

Diane Carpenter reviewed for Council the lease arrangements between the Clinic and the Carpenters and explained for Council the basis for the lease amount.

City Manager Hoffman indicated that funds to assist the Clinic may be available from the State legislature but that such funds would only be applicable to construction and equipment costs. Mr. Hoffman suggested a Council resolution or letter to the legislature supporting the Family Health Clinic request for funds.

Councilmember Buttane asked if a partial payment was satisfactory; Mr. Buttane spoke in opposition to a loan arrangement, supporting a grant to the Clinic.

Boardmember Michel indicated that \$14,500 is needed by May 1 to avoid eviction.

Councilmember Veit suggested that if it is decided later that the loan should be forgiven that it can be easily converted into a grant; that a loan allows for greater accountability by the Clinic to the City for the money lent. Mr. Veit spoke in favor of setting restrictions on how the money is to be spent.

Councilmember Sullivan spoke in opposition to the City getting involved in the books of the Clinic and recommended that the Council not be too restrictive in any grant or loan made to the Clinic.

motion
M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman to approve Emergency Ordinance 84-2 with the stipulation that the \$50,000.00 given to the Bethel Family Health Clinic be in the form of a no interest loan, repayment at the rate of \$1000.00 per month, payments to begin May 1, 1987. Councilmember Buttane spoke in opposition to the motion, supporting a grant to the Clinic rather than a loan. Poll vote, motion carried; 4 yes, 1 no.

motion

M/M by Sullivan, 2nd by Hoffman supporting the Bethel Family Health Clinic legislative request for funds. Councilmember Buttane spoke in opposition to the motion. Voice vote, motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Buttane to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1.18 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS *14th* DAY OF MAY, 1984.



John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wayne J. Waiers, City Clerk

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