

City of Bethel  
City Council

Regular Meeting of April 12, 1994

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:30 PM by Mayor Chris in the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chris, Jones, Metcalfe, Miller, Trantham,  
Tubbs, Wintersteen

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to speak under this portion

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to approve the minutes of the March 22, 1994, regular meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/REGULAR AGENDA

Councilmembers Jones and Trantham requested New Business Items C and D be removed from the Consent Agenda.

motion M/M by Metcalfe, 2nd by Jones to approve by consent Items A, B and E under New Business. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Trantham to amend the agenda by adding Resolution #94-16 as Item F under New Business and moving Item F-Executive Session to Item G. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chris addressed the following items:

1. Appointment of Harry Parsi and Lorelei Reyes to the Youth Services Committee

motion M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Jones to confirm the Mayors appointments of Mr. Parsi and Ms. Reyes to the Youth Services Committee. Voice Vote. Motion carried

unanimously.

2. D.A.R.E. Day Proclamation

Mayor Chris read aloud a proclamation proclaiming April 21, 1994, Bethel D.A.R.E. Day in cooperation with the national celebration.

In addition, Mayor Chris reminded all Council members of the ordinance requirement for attendance at City Council meetings.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hunter reviewed his written report with Council and requested direction on the following items:

1. Proposed Meeting Schedule

motion M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wintersteen to call for a special Council meeting, May 3, 1994, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Conference Room, to receive the Recommended Annual Budget and Manager's Message. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

In addition, Mayor Chris scheduled a work session for the Council on May 5, 1994, at 6:45 p.m., at the City Conference Room, to review and revise the submitted budget.

2. Proposed Sale of Hitachi

City Manager Hunter stated he would bring this issue back to the Council with a specific recommendation from City Administration.

3. Request for FY95 Library Assistance

motion M/M by Trantham, 2nd by Wintersteen to approve the agreement between the Consortium Library and the City of Bethel subject to FY 1994-95 budget approval. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Request from AVCP for Support of Cultural Center

motion M/M by Jones to offer support in pursuit of alternative funding sources in the form of a letter of support. Motion died for lack of second.

No action taken.

5. Dredging IFB

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Jones to accept Foundation Services bid for dredging the small boat harbor. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Grant Writing Services RFP

City Manager Hunter suggested Council review the proposals received and address them at the next meeting. By consensus, the issue was placed on the next Council agenda and referred to the Finance Committee for review.

7. Fourth of July

motion M/M by Miller, 2nd by Tubbs that, on the fourth of July, the City sponsor activities identified in the City Manager's memorandum (which is attached as part of these official minutes), with the City Manager identifying ways to earmark monies so that the proceeds go to the Youth Services Program in a legally accepted manner. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

*Informational Items/Discussion/Questions on City Manager's Report:*

1. City Manager Hunter related the bids for demolishing and removing the Old Museum building he had received.

motion M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Metcalfe to accept the \$1500 bid for the building. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Jones asked if the fire and alarm systems would be removed. Mr. Hunter indicated they would be removed and returned to the City.

2. Council member Trantham pointed out that for the sewer lagoon project, the City had not received the confirmed elevation from the construction engineer and the as-built blueprints as required. Mr. Trantham also referred to the suggestion in Mr. Suhr's letter to redesign Mr. Suhr's original design and questioned if the City would have to pay for the redesign.
3. Council member Jones referred to the letter from the FAA stating the FAA's position on recovering its costs. Mr. Jones stated he was opposed to exempting one organization from the City's current rates, adding his opinion that the Council should not agree to the sale of the land if this issue could

not be agreed upon to the City's satisfaction. Mr. Trantham pointed out FAA's position of acquiring the land through condemnation if the City would not agree to sell. Council member Metcalfe stated he saw the letter as a negotiation strategy and that he thought the Council's position was made clear to the FAA on this issue. Council member Miller stated the Federal Government ought to be assisting people in acquiring water and sewer service and should not tell the City what fees to charge.

4. In response to Council member Wintersteen's question, Mr. Hunter said the issue regarding BEPCO and its services had been referred to the Public Works Director for follow-up. Mr. Hunter also stated that the City will have to litigate some cases where the contractor did not provide adequate services for payment rendered to prevent cases in the future.
5. In response to a request from Council member Trantham, Mr. Hunter briefed the Council on the amount of money appropriated and spent for various capital projects.
6. Council member Miller questioned the status of the issue of ownership of Lot 4, Block 8, USS 3790. Mr. Metcalfe referred him to the Planning Commission's report submitted to the Council last spring on this matter, and stated it appeared the issue was headed for court. Mayor Chris requested copies of the Planning Commission's report be distributed to the Council as information and asked for an update at the next Council meeting.

#### VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

*Scheduled dates for upcoming Committee/Commission meetings were announced.*

Council member Tubbs reported the Public Safety Committee had decided to do nothing with the Ordinance governing off road vehicles and to establish terms of office for committee members. In addition, the Committee has scheduled a work session to review budget proposals for April 27, 1994, at 6:00 p.m.

Council member Miller reported the Public Works Committee had proposed creating a Solid Waste subcommittee to develop a solid waste management plan with City Administration.

Council member Metcalfe reported the Planning Commission is looking at establishing building codes for the City.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Public Hearing-Ordinance #94-10: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.20 of the Bethel Municipal Code to Establish a Local Preference of Five Per Cent for the Purchase of Materials, Supplies and Services

Mayor Chris opened the public hearing and asked for public testimony. There being none, the Mayor then closed the public hearing.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to adopt Ordinance #94-10, giving local merchants a 5% preference over out-of-town merchants for goods landed in Bethel. Poll vote. Motion carried 6-yes (Chris, Jones, Metcalfe, Miller, Tubbs, Wintersteen), 1-no (Trantham).

Council member Jones spoke in support of the ordinance and asked City Manager Hunter to direct departments to obtain local price quotes for items below the \$5000 requirement.

ITEM B: Presentation of Tax Shelter Annuity Plans

City Manager Hunter referred Council to the written evaluation of the tax shelter annuity plans.

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to continue offering the ICMA tax shelter annuity plan only. Poll vote. Motion failed, 3-yes, 4-no (Chris, Miller, Trantham, Wintersteen).

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Miller to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Trantham that the City offer its employees the ICMA and AML's NACO tax shelter annuity plans. Poll vote, Motion carried, 7-yes, 0-no.

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Introduction of Ordinance #94-11: An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 2.04.030 Entitled Order of Business by Moving People to be Heard Immediately Following Roll Call on the City Council Agenda

*Approved under Consent Agenda*

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ITEM B: Resolution #94-13: A Resolution Recognizing the Contributions Made by Warren Loschky During His Nine Years of Service on the City Finance Committee

*Approved under Consent Agenda*

ITEM C: Resolution #94-14: A Resolution Supporting the Increase of the Stevedoring Permit Fee Established Under the Port of Bethel F.M.C. Terminal Tariff

motion M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Trantham to adopt Resolution #94-14 to increase the Stevedoring Permit fee from \$500 to \$3000. Poll vote. Motion failed, 1-yes, 6-no (Chris, Jones, Metcalfe, Miller, Trantham, Tubbs).

Council member Trantham suggested this item be referred back to the Port Commission to revisit next year.

ITEM D: Resolution #94-15: A Resolution Requesting the Planning Commission Evaluate the Dedication of Land at 226 Ptarmigan Street, Tract C, Block 4 of Turnkey III Housing Development

motion M/M by Metcalfe, 2nd by Wintersteen to adopt Resolution #94-15. Poll vote. Motion carried, 4-yes, 3-no (Jones, Trantham, Tubbs).

ITEM E: Gaming Permit Application--FAS Task Force

*Approved under Consent Agenda*

ITEM F: Resolution #94-16: A Resolution Recognizing the Achievements of the Bethel Regional High School's Academic Pentathlon Team

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Wintersteen to adopt Resolution #94-16. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM G: Executive Session: Personnel Matters--1) Review City Clerk Applications; 2) City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation

M/M by Jones, 2nd by Trantham to go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing City Clerk Applications and conducting the City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

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M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to come out of Executive Session.

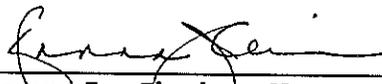
XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Council Member Comments.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Jones, 2nd by Tubbs to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 p.m.. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF April, 1994.

  
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Donna J. Chris, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk