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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 1980

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Guinn called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called for the roll call. Present: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Absent: Elliott Late: Carpenter. Quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Guinn asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of December 17, 1979.

Diana Anderson pointed out a typographical error in the third papagraph under Approval of Minutes.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd by Charles to approve minutes as corrected. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Guinn asked if there any additions or corrections to the agenda of January 28, 1979.

E. Hoffman requested to add A.V.C.P. resolution in support of re-opening the Recorder's Office as Item I. under New Business.

Manager Hoffman added the following items:

Item J. Revision of the Guinn Lumber Lease, Block 1 Lot 4, USS 870
Item K. Transfer of approximately 2100 sq. ft. of the North portion of Block 1 of Lot 4 of USS 870

He stated that these issues were properly advertised.

E. Hoffman added Balassa Nicholai's Lot as Item L under New Business.

M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd by B. Hoffman to add Items I, J, K, and L under New Business. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

M/M by Charles/2nd by Twitchell to accept the agenda as amended. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman stated that there are no further communications.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman's report to Council covered the following topics:

A. Problems with frozen sewer lines at ASHA.
B. APEA negotiations
C. January 5th meeting with Council, Senator Hohman and Representative Hulbert
D. Relocation of the museum and Archie Watson's house
E. Tentative opening of the Laundromat
F. Construction of Senior Citizen Center
G. Report from Chief Campbell: Campbell stated that he sent his written report to Council members the previous week and asked for questions. Manager Hoffman suggested that a work session be scheduled next week due to the subject matter of the report.
H. Report from Chief Sanchez: Chief Sanchez gave each Council member a copy of his written report. Mayor Guinn stated that the report was very good. There was general discussion on the operation of the Fire Department on problems and equipment needed. Mayor Guinn publicly commended the Fire Department.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Guinn wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that during the Council meetings under People to be Heard, that comments should be limited to 3 - 5 minutes and if more time is needed, it should be an agenda item. He stated that an effort should be made to get through Council meetings speedily and in a business like manner. He also read a letter from Bethel Utilities and asked Hal Borrego to explain the letter. Mr. Borrego stated that Bethel Utilities is interested in selling the Corporation to the City of Bethel and would like a response.

Manager Hoffman stated that there is a committee selected to deal with this subject.

Charles suggested that the Finance Committee and the committee that Manager Hoffman mentioned should meet, possibly early in February.

With Council's approval Mayor Guinn proclaimed February 11 - 15 as Career Education Week. There were no objections from Council.

VII. REPORT'S OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Charles gave a report of the Planning Commission that met on January 7, 1980. M/M by Charles/2nd by E. Hoffman to accept the report of the Planning Commission of January 7, 1980 as presented. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

E. Hoffman read the Public Safety Report of January 4, 1980.
M/M by E. Hoffman/2nd by Charles to accept the report of the Public Safety Committee of January 4, 1980. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

There was general discussion on the request by Yellow Cab to acquire two permits and the increase in cab rates that was requested by the cab companies.

M/M by Charles/2nd by Twitchell that the cab rate increase and request for two additional permits be advertised and placed on the agenda for the February 11th Council meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

John Alder announced that the next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on January 30, 1980.

Mayor Guinn commented on the Kuskokwim 300 Dog Race recently held in Bethel. He applauded the race and said it would be an annual event that everyone will look forward to.

VIII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Bob Buttcane asked people to contact the legislature and let them know how they feel about certain pieces of legislation dealing with alcohol and drugs that are currently being considered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A. VACATION OF SOUTH 20' SECTION OF TUNDRA LANE
Manager Hoffman introduced this item. He explained that Ben Esch has checked into this matter and the procedure is set by Title 29. There was general discussion on this matter.

M/M by Charles/2nd by Carpenter that the City Council petition the Platting Board (Planning Commission) for vacation of both sides of Tundra Lane and hold the appropriate public hearings. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Carpenter, Charles, Guinn. Nays: Twitchell and E. Hoffman. Abstain: B. Hoffman Motion failed.

Item B. PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION #2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 85 ESTABLISHING A CREDIT TO SENIOR CITIZENS FOR CITY SERVICES

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. Mayor Guinn opened the public hearing.

Carpenter asked if this is going to present a problem for administration. Hoffman stated that it shouldn't be a problem because the computer can be used.

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by B. Hoffman to adopt modification No. 2 of Ordinance # 85, A MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE 85 ESTABLISHING A CREDIT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS THAT UTILIZE THE CITY OF BETHEL UTILITY SERVICES. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Motion carried.

Item C. PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE #84 ON GARBAGE

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. Mayor Guinn opened the public hearing.

Rosie Porter suggested 60 to 90 days after the dumpsters get here to get organized before making this effective.

Mayor Guinn suggested a date of September 1, 1980.

Carpenter stated that she has received several comments that there should not be mandatory pick-up and asked if it could be a hardship on low income families.

Mayor Guinn closed the public hearing.

M/M by Charles/2nd by B. Hoffman that the Bethel City Council adopt Modification #2 of Ordinance #84 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND WASTE MATERIAL with the date changed from July 1st to September 1, 1980. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, Guinn. Abstain: E. Hoffman. Motion carried.

Item D. SNOW MACHINE LICENSES

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. He checked and according to state statute, snow machines must be registered every other year. They must also be safety checked, however there are no provisions for such tests in Bethel, all of this being administered by the State of Alaska.

Item E. RATIFICATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE LOCATION OF BETHEL'S SMALL BOAT HARBOR

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. The alternatives are:

1. Across the slough-to the right-two lakes
2. Hanger Lake

Rosie Porter pointed out that this approval is for investigation only.

Frank Foster of Swanson's Store advised Council that the lake directly behind Swansons's is for sale and could be considered for a transient harbor.

M/M by Charles/2nd by Twitchell that the two alternatives that were suggested by Tetra Tech be ratified and supported and that other possibilities such as Brown Slough, beyond the hospital and a transient port such as Honeybucket Lake be considered if necessary and not be completely ruled out at this time. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. APPLICATION FOR GAMES OF SKILL AND CHANGE FOR 1980

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. There are several applications that need Council approval.

M/M by Twitchell/2nd by B. Hoffman to accept the applications for authorized Games of Chance and Skill for the following organizations for 1980: V.F.W. Ladies Auxilliary, V.F.W., Bethel Group Home, Bethel Lions Club, Bethel Catholic Church, Bethel Regional High School, Kuskokwim Valley Native Association. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Item B. INTRODUCTION OF MODIFICATION #1 OF ORDINANCE #55 AMENDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION DUTIES

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. He explained that our ordinances regarding platting power do not comply with state statutes. This modification will comform our ordinances and should be introduced at the this time for public hearing.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd by Twitchell to introduce Modification #1 of Ordinance #55, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION DUTIES, TITLE 2, SECTION 32.020 KNOWN AS PLATTING, with proper advertising. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Items C - H

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by E. Hoffman to adopt the following resolutions:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL REQUESTING GRANT IN AID CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER PROJECT TO CONNECT BETHEL KILBUCK SCHOOL AND THE BNC OFFICE COMPLEX TO THE EXISTING SEWAGE LINE AND AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CARRY OUT ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CARRY OUT ALL FUNCTIONS NECESSARY IN DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING A SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA TO PLAN AND DESIGN A SWIMMING POOL UTILIZING A WASTE HEAT RECOVERY SYSTEM.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS FIRE STATION FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL IN SUPPORT OF THE KUSKOKWIM CONSORTIUM LIBRARY GRANT TO COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE LIBRARY FACILITY.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Item I. Support of A.V.C.P. resolution regarding the Recorders Office

Manager Hoffman will discuss this with the Governor while in Juneau, however a motion in support of the resolution is needed by the City Council.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd by Charles for the City Council of the City of Bethel to reinterate the position on having a recorder in Bethel and reinterate the resolution drafted before and fully support the resolution by A.V.C.P. #80-16-01 and we feel that we need a dual position in the recorders office that can record land transactions in this area and motor vehicle registration both for convenience and for safety reasons. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Item J. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REVISION OF THE GUINN LUMBER LEASE

Mayor Guinn abstains, and Charles takes the chair regarding this subject.

Charles opens the public hearing.

Manager Hoffman explains the proposed exchange of land for dirt fill that was agreed upon previously and the north portion be removed from the lease and a southeast portion be added as presented on the map as described to Council and the audience.

Charles closed the public hearing.

M/M by B. Hoffman/2nd by E. Hoffman to accept the revision of the Guinn Lumber lease. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman. Abstain: Guinn. Motion carried.

Item K. TRANSFER OF APPROXIMATELY 2100 SQ. FT. OF THE NORTH PORTION OF BLOCK 1 OF LOT 4 OF USS 870

Mayor Guinn opens the public hearing.

Manager Hoffman introduced this item. Mayor Guinn closes the public hearing.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by B. Hoffman to approve the possible transfer of approximately 2,100 square feet of the North portion of Block 1 of Lot 4 of USS 870 to the State soley for the purpose of construction of a correctional institution under negotioted terms which might include the incarceration of municipal prisoners and if construction does not take place within two years it will revert back to the City of Bethel. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles, Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, and E. Hoffman. Abstain: Guinn. Motion carried.

Item L. Balassa Nicholai's Lot

E. Hoffman brought this to Council for their consideration. A.V.C.P. has agreed to build a house for Ms.Nicholai if the City will donate a lot to build it on as she has no place to live right now.

There was general discussion on this item.

M/M by Carpenter/2nd by B. Hoffman to refer this to the Planning Commission and set a date for a public hearing as an Intent to Lease to be set for 30 days. Poll vote taken. Yeas: Charles. Twitchell, B. Hoffman, Carpenter, E. Hoffman and Guinn. Motion carried.

M/M by Charles/2nd by Twitchell to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.