

**CITY OF BETHEL
Port Commission**

Regular Meeting of January 20, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Richardson at the Dock office, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Grifka, Chris, Wible, Richardson, Rodgers, De Sousa, and Leary.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by De Sousa to approve the minutes of the December 16, 1996 meeting. 2nd by Rodgers. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Greydanus requested to table Item C Handicap access until the next meeting. M/M by De Sousa to accept the agenda as amended 2nd by Wible Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greydanus reported on the status of the William Hatelty portion of the stabilization project. ONC has submitted their report to BIA for approval.

Greydanus reported that there were two contractors who bid on the Corps project of dredging the entrance channel and turning basin portion of the Harbor. There were 2 contractors, Faulkner Walsh Contractors and Bethel Contractors. Faulkner Walsh was the low bidder at \$345,000. Bethel Contractors bid in excess of \$900,000. The bid was immediately awarded by the Corps to Faulkner Walsh.

Greydanus reported that since the settlement of the tidelands issue with Crow has been completed, Bethel Native Corporation has approached the City to negotiate their position on this issue. Greydanus stated that he will be working with the City Manager and the Planning Manager to address the concerns of upland owners and the status of the tidelands.

Greydanus reported that he has been in contact with Red Samm Construction in regards to a quote for the 10,000 tons of rip rap that the City will need to purchase. Greydanus stated that he was quoted \$57 a ton for rip rap. This price is negotiable. Greydanus will work with the City Manager to negotiate the best price possible.

VI. Council rep. report.

Tundy Rodgers reported that the only issue going on is the cab issue. He also reported that he drove the Ice road. No other Council information to report on.

VII. Comments of Commissioners

Leary questioned about the timber status upriver. He wanted to know if there was any money budgeted to dredge Brown's slough. He wanted to know if the City was going to dredge in the harbor with City equipment.

Grifka wanted to get 10 priority projects for the Port in 97. He wanted to have a cleanup organized prior to breakup.

Chris wanted to put top 10 projects on next agenda.

Wible No comments.

Rodgers was concerned of people driving snowmachines on the banked slopes along the lower section of the rockwall. Would like the City to fence area off.

De Sousa would like to place fencing lower section on next agenda. Allen was concerned about vehicles parked on City property adjacent to the autobody shop next to the Inlet plant.

Richardson stated that his concern is the K300 selling items off the dock and not charging sales tax.

IX. Old Business

Item A: Transfer 10 acres to Port. (De Sousa)

De Sousa stated that this is an old item from a recommendation of the Port development study that was approved by the City Council. On page 34, paragraph 11, the plan recommended the land be under control of the Port for Port use. After further discussion, M/M by Rodgers to send it on to Council for approval 2nd by Leary. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Business operations on the Dock.

Leary was concerned about business operating on the dock over the winter. He was concerned that the City is leaving it open to anybody who wants to operate. Ken Weaver felt that maybe there should be a different rate for off season use. Richardson stated that this would be a good item for the next agenda. The Port Commission could look at the practicality of allowing this but at a different rate and at a certain time and a certain area.

The Port Commission could set the criteria and pass it on to Council. De Sousa felt that the Terminal Tariff should be put on the next agenda for the Commissioners to review for changes. No other action was taken.

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New Business

Item A: Election of Officers

The Positions of Chairman, Vice-chair and Secretary were opened for one year terms. After 3 different votes by the Commission, M/M by Chris 2nd by Grifka to flip a coin to decide Chairman and Vice-chair. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously. Buster Richardson won the toss and is Chairman for 97. Allen De Sousa is Vice-chair and Clair Grifka would be Secretary.

Item B: Issuance of finger float space at harbor

De Sousa felt that the next Port Commission meeting should be held at the Log cabin and that we advertise all over so people can respond to this issue.

M/M by Richardson to hold the next Port commission meeting at the Log Cabin on February 17 and to advertise like mad this subject 2nd by Rodgers. Voice Vote. 6 yes 1 no. Chris against.

Item C: Disposal of Port Boat

Greydanus explained that when George Hohman was City Manager, the City tried to sell the Police boat to the public. There were no bids on the boat so the Council authorized the Port to take the boat. The 275 h.p motor that was on the boat was traded to a lobbyist in exchange for services for the City. The Port bought a 150 h.p. Evinrude and ran the boat for 1 season. The boat performed poorly. It was so heavy that it would take alot just to get on step. It was used only when necessary that summer. The Port Director used his own personal boat more than that tank. In the fall, along with approximately 30 other boats tied to the floats, the Port boat was vandalized by persons that were never caught. All the windows were broke out and wiring was cut. Since that time the Port has not utilized that vessel at all. Greydanus recommends that the Port be allowed to dispose of the big boat and buy something smaller and more practical. Greydanus talked it over with the City Manager who agreed to proceed with the disposal. After further discussion, M/M by Rodgers 2nd by Leary to proceed with the recommendation to Council for disposal of the Port Boat. Voice Vote 6 yes 1 no De Sousa against.

M/M Chris for adjournment 2nd by Rodgers. Voice Vote Motion passes.

Passed and Approved This _____ Day of _____, 1997.

Buster Richardson, Chairman

Stuart Greydanus, Port Director