

**CITY OF BETHEL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2000**

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission was held on February 7, 2000 at 6:15 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center. Chairman Tom Hildreth called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

There were present:

Tom Hildreth, Chair
Mike O'Brien, Council Rep
Bruce Day
John Hastie
James Berlin
Shari Neth

Absent:

Dick Russell (excused)

Comprising a quorum of the Commission.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/M Neth and O'Brien to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M Neth and Berlin to postpone draft ordinances until the next meeting. Motion passed without objection.

Chairman Hildreth noted that tobacco control would be added under new business.

M/M O'Brien and Neth to approve agenda as amended. Motion passed without objection.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Young and Police Chief Pettit were not present at the meeting.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Hastie – none.

Ms. Neth – none.

Mr. Berlin – reported fox sightings in the housing area. He'd like to see something done about them as rabies could be introduced to house pets and they pose a threat to children walking to school.

Chairman Hildreth - noted that the snow has piled up and taxis are stopping in the street to pick up and let out people. He would like to see the Police Dept. do something about it. He would also like to see an article in the *Tundra Drums* about broken headlights.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #99-14: Establishing A Local Delivery Site System For Alcoholic Beverages Brought Into The City Of Bethel

Ms. Neth reminded those present that there would be a community forum on alcohol issues on Thursday, at the Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. She provided a listing of the people who will make presentations and noted that there would be presentations only, no debate or public hearing.

A discussion ensued regarding the presentations.

Tobacco Control

Mr. O'Brien noted that some businesses and taxi drivers are ignoring the law. The law is enforceable, but he would rather talk face-to-face with the violators then take legal action.

Chairman Hildreth noted that it is difficult to get taxi drivers to quit smoking in their cabs when city employees are seen smoking in city vehicles.

Caroline Renner presented a copy of a letter she wrote to Alaska Commercial in September. Several complaints have been made about a "smoking break room" at A-C. Young teens going to A-C to work are told they can smoke in this room if they don't tell anyone. A-C also does not have a policy in place regarding smoking.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission will meet next on March 6, 2000 at 6:15 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Next Agenda item(s)

Alcohol Delivery Site
Draft Ordinances

M/M O'Brien and Neth moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion passed without objection.