

Public Works Committee Minutes

Regular Scheduled Meeting February 15, 2000

CITY SHOP, CONFERENCE ROOM

12:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul O'Brien at 12:15 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: P. O'Brien, K. Murphy, J. Drake, G. Vanasse
Absent: H. Faulkner Jr., G. Tarr
Others Present: Clair Grifka, Public Works Director, Bob Herron, City Manager

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion approved - unanimous.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

New Business Item A: Was replaced with the Bethel Recycling Project
Motion approved – unanimous.

V. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. O'Brien stated that in his opinion the Public Works Dept. has been doing a satisfactory job with the recent snow. However, sand needs to be placed on the roads at Larson 's Sub and Blueberry Sub due to ice on the roadways at these locations.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Clair Grifka reported that Vehicle & Equipment Dept. has a full crew. Water & Sewer is also running smoothly. Daily and weekly checks are also being done. Also Gary Koester is looking into products for cleaning of the water and sewer trucks that will best remove water stains etc. New water plant operation will be budgeted in the upcoming budget, for the operation and personnel.

Clair Grifka stated that he has been reiterating the policies in regards to Workman Compensation and sexual harassment that will continue for long range improvement overall as with all policies.

The road crews have been widening the roads, removing snow and sanding when necessary.

Clair was asked for and agreed to a copy of the directors' notes in the next committee packet.

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Murphy and Mr. O'Brien both stated and all members agreed that Public Works are to be commended for their jobs during the snow and extreme weather over these recent months with both snow removal and sanding of the roads.

Mr. Vanasse stated that he believes that the committee should be involved with the budget process.

Projects and Safety will be doing the monthly and annual checks.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: BETHEL RECYCLING CENTER

Mr. Glasheen of the BRC stated that he was against the proposed site for the BRC at the sewer lagoon, due to too much traffic, and pathogens around the sewer lagoon area. He also stated that he is still in the in process of meeting with AVCP and ONC, etc, regarding funding for BRC.

The committee would like to have a feasibility study on other possible locations for BRC. Also, it was suggested that the City of Bethel might consider having satellites stations for drop spots for recyclables and the BRC at another location.

Mr. Vanasse, would like the Planning Department to be involved, so they might make suggestions for the viability of City of Bethel property, and possibly check with the State of Alaska and Federal Government for possibly.

Mr. Herron would like to have a smooth transition and relocation by the July 1,2000 deadline.

ITEM B: TOTAL PEOPLE FOR COMMISSION

Mr. Vanasse had suggested that the committee be downsized to five instead of the seven in committee now. It was voted against and will continue with seven.

It was suggested that a form letter for people interested in being a member of the committee be drafted.

ITEM C: REVISE SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

Mr. Herron brought a memorandum for the year 2000. He also attached a copy of the previous City Managers snow removal policy. Mr. Herron asked that the committee look over both policies and make any suggestion as how to best serve the City of Bethel community. This will be at next committee meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN

All the New Business was talked about through out the meeting, and no one had anything else to add at this point of the meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

P.Drake/K. Murphy to adjourn. Motion approved – unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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