

**City of Bethel  
Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting  
April 7, 1997**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Hildreth.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Thomas Hildreth, Bruce Day, Mayor Ruth "Wally" Richardson, Sharon Neth, John Hastie, Richard Russell

**Absent:** Helena Andrew (excused)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of March 10, 1997 as amended.

**Old Business Item B. Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site** (Page 2, line 4)-...do not want the headache of the deliveries *to the collection site...*; (Page 3, second paragraph)-...need to be barred; and ... (third paragraph line 1 after motion) ...charters would not be exempt because they are going to be importing into Bethel and that they'd have to plan ahead. ; (line 3) ...stated that she and the...; Location - Bus Barn and the concern of the proximity to a church.

**New business Item A. School Zone Patrolling** (Page 3, paragraph 1, line 1 ...months he has been...; and (line 8) ...over on the ASHA Housing area. (Paragraph 2, line 1 ...that people at the Kilbuck delete comma school have seen...

Sharon Neth/Wally Richardson moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 1997 as amended. Passed unanimously.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Sharon Neth/Bruce Day moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

**V. CHIEFS' REPORTS**

**A. Fire Chief George Young**

Fire Chief Young had nothing to comment on at this time.

**B. Police Chief Gary Eilers**

Police Chief Eilers stated that the managers report submitted was all that he had. Sharon Neth welcomed John Uttereyuk to the police force. Ms. Neth stated that she appreciated the Chief's letters of appreciation to the AST and to the Police Chaplin. In the management report under discussion about the dispatchers sounding the of curfew. What are the current curfew law. Chief Eilers stated that he has the laws with him. He also stated that he is working with the school to try get the DARE and working with the schools trying to get a liaison officer in the school full time.

John Hastie congratulated Sgt. Brogdon for his completion of the Method's of Instruction (MOI) course that he completed and that he will be the police training instructor in the State of Alaska. Chief Eilers clarified that the MOI training is a prerequisite to the Intoximeter Instructor and in other areas.

Chair Hildreth asked how the budget looked for the remainder of the year for schools and other further training? The Chief stated that Sgt. Walker is in a supervisors school in Anchorage for a week and two other officers will be slated for this year. We also have some "in house" training that will be coming up.

Chair Hildreth asked if the department will see a change in the training budget? Chief Eilers discussed the surcharge on traffic tickets, it was not showing in the APSIN computer system that Bethel was charging a surcharge. The surcharge money goes into an account with the Alaska Police Standard's Council and is used to provide state assisted training expenses to police departments statewide. This money is beginning to build up and they will offer more schooling. For instance the training that Walker is on, they will reimburse the department 85% of our costs. About all the training around the state will be reimbursable.

#### **VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Hildreth commented on the letters of appreciation that were enclosed in the packet, and that on behalf of the commission he expressed recognition and thanked them for a job well done to all involved as followed:

BPD: Chief Eilers, Lt. Ely, Inv. Evan, Officer Stonecipher, Sgt. Chris Walker, Dispatchers Hames and Wendy Criswell;

AST: First Sgt. Burke, Sgt. Grant, Inv. Shepard, Troopers Hipbsman, Norris, Kinnegak, Asberry and Tressler and Fish and Wildlife Trooper Pego. We did not have the list of CIB agents.

John Hastie ask if anyone noticed the upside down 30 MPH speed limit sign on state highway? (Chief Eddie Hoffman Road?)

#### **VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

No people to be heard.

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Item A. Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site**

Sharon Neth supplied samples of the maximum wage and grade range. The key to success of the delivery site is dependent on efficiency run by competent employees. Does not necessarily mean working exclusively for the Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site. Sharon asked if anyone had any questions.

Bruce Day reported on building sites stating that there is not too much to report. He spoke to

John Malone and he was able to fix me up with accounting to give me a list of plat space. John Malone will identify which lots are owned by the city and get it on a map, hopefully in a couple of weeks.

Sharon suggested that the commission have optional sites available before it is brought before the city council would be the most reasonable way of approaching this, to wait until we have as complete a picture as possible before it's presented before the council. Wally? Um, hum. Okay, alright. Again, we are on hold to present this before the city council until we get more details on the sites that are available.

Another item on the list is to clean up the draft. A thank you to Dick for cleaning up the notes and putting them into very organized readable format. In cleaning up the draft eliminate on page 4 Section F number's three through seven.

Dick Russell handed out the Alaska Administrative Code Title 15 AAC104-645 for informational source from the Internet.

Getting back to sections 3 does not directly relate to the concept of the ABDS, delete; Number 4 do not think that we need to worry about it it's an issue for council, delete; Number 5 taken care of with building site search, delete; Number 6 an issue for council to deal with, delete; Number 7 completed, delete.

Do we need to elicit their feedback on the concept of willingness to delivery to the site in exchange for not having to staff the pickup pass, not having to deal with the customers?

Bruce Day stated that there is space next to the old MarkAir terminal, which is now occupied by Reeve. Which may be available through the state and put the ABDS in the secure parameter, at the airport, access would be just through one door and easy for the airlines in delivery and drop on loading dock and be done. Discussion followed clarifying exact location of the possible available space.

Chair Hildreth will call LJ Davis, Airport Manager to discuss possible space, restrictions, etc.

Sharon Neth asked that if anyone has suggestions for cleanup or ideas let her know. At the city council she attended requesting the city council to request the city manager to request the city attorney to check on residential requirements, also legal site locations, it is my understanding that the council's decided it was not necessary to have the lawyer check on location requirement but that they okayed the pursuit of the research on the residential requirements for picking up alcoholic beverages in Bethel, Wally, have you heard any more? The answer will come back to the commission. Chair Hildreth has not been contacted.

George Young can check on it.

The question was asked what the difference between an Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site and a Liquor Store. Ms. Neth is soliciting the commission's feedback and help in clarifying the difference.

<b>Liquor Store</b>	<b>Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site</b>
Selling	Collecting Tax
Does not eliminate importation	Does not eliminate importation
Does not track who and how much is imported	To keep track of who and how much is imported
No requirements/restrictions & reporting procedures	Requirements/restrictions and reporting procedures
Open for longer hours during the day/week	Limited access based on hours of operation

Hours of operation would be minimum of 4 hours per day ; before the windows are open the transfer of the alcoholic beverages from the freight companies to the delivery site, inventory will need to be logged into the computer. Wages indicate maximum staff; and other duties as assigned. Consider hiring retirees. Collection of handling/storage fees.

George Young to ask attorney about a liquor store regarding limitations of Bethel residents.

Discussion followed regarding the Alaska Administrative Code Title 15 Section 5 (j) regarding "perimeter" and it's implications in regards to Bethel.

The goal is for our working presentation to be clear and concise so please get back with Sharon Neth with ideas/changes/clarification.

Chair Hildreth will work on his assignment with LJ Tanner, City Clerk.

Ms. Neth stated that she would like to get the idea presented to council before budget considerations.

Mayor Richardson was asked by Ms. Neth her ideas on presentation to the council regarding salary, building site (construction, remodeling) considerations to include utility hookups, office equipment, security system, vehicles, etc.

Mayor Richardson stated that another way to do it would also be that an amendment to the budget be made. Whether it takes two to three months to submit a good business plan with

almost all the cost included that will be okay. Estimated costs presented to the council as a reminder that this will be presented in the future for consideration.

We need to wait to hear from the lawyer.

Chair Hildreth suggested that the commission have a work session instead of a regular meeting. Bruce will get back in touch with Tom if he receives information and Tom will then schedule a work session within two weeks. There may not be a building that is suitable in location or need that the committee wants.

Ms. Neth asked if she should get back with the representatives from the freight companies to find out their feelings about whether the trade off is a fair concept or not as far as not having to deal with the window pickup? Discussion followed.

Maybe it's part of the setup that they get paid to deliver some of the freight to. Part of the cost of shipping and part of the freight bill. Also ask them how they operate their window/counter regarding personnel and freight. Personnel dual trained so the world doesn't stop when someone is sick or something. The freight companies do not want to get involved in collection of taxes. It may be a requirement as part of the cost of being able to do business in Bethel. Sharon will check with freight companies. The city will only be involved in pre-paid alcohol deliveries. This would do away with freight collect on alcoholic beverages.

Discussion between Mayor Richardson and Sharon Neth: Mayor Richardson asked how do we regulate that? Memorandum of Agreements with freight companies in Anchorage. How are we going to enact something to regulate that? Is it our local option, of the municipality to do that? Yes. To require prepaid freight on alcohol beverage? It would be part of the way that the ordinance would be set up. It would be included in the ordinance. Can that be legally be part of the ordinance? That would be a question for the council to decide if they want the city attorney to clarify. Mayor Richardson stated that that would be a major consideration, otherwise if we don't people are going to be sending their alcohol freight collect to get out of having it come to our delivery site. Could the ordinance legally say all prepaid? Mayor Richardson said that she is sure the ordinance could say that but asked how much authority would we have in saying that?

To me that is a major question that we need clear. Whether or not our ordinance would cover, having people send freight collect instead of prepaid freight, we would need some kind of agreement between the city and the airlines.

Sharon stated that the city council needs to direct the city manager to direct the city attorney to see if that could be part of the legal ordinance.

Mayor Richardson stated that George Young, acting City Manager could ask the city attorney the question when he talked to him regarding other matters.

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Eilers requested that the commission allow Mr. Poe and Patti Waters speak regarding the 311 system. Hearing no objections Chair Hildreth moved 311 system to Item A.

##### **Item A. 3-1-1 System**

Welcome to Mr. Dan Poe, Exchange Manager for GTE. Mr. Poe explained the 311 and 711, exchange numbers. On February 19, 1997 passed the resolution ordering 311 to be assigned for all non-emergency police access to relieve 911; and 711 to be used for PDSS. This resolution orders that this number cannot be used for anything else. Mr. Poe stated that he contacted the police department regarding this issue. There is no tariff charge to the city for these numbers. The city would have to pay for an additional line only if at a later date they decide they cannot handle increased calls with the number of lines that they are currently using. This exchange like the 911 and 711 can be dialed from a pay phone without depositing a coin(s). Bethel is the first police department in the state to have activated the 311 exchange number.

##### **Item B. Role and Responsibility of the Commission**

Lengthy discussion with questions and answers covering the school patrol and the resolution.

Mayor Richardson stated that we just need to be real clear no matter what decisions are made or talked about. The minutes need to be clear. If you are going to write a resolution there is a process to go through on adopting a resolution that needs to be followed. Robert's Rules has it stated on how to do that. This commission needs to be real clear in what they do in the eyes of the police department, in the eyes of city government, and with the city council just so we don't get into that same situation of the old commission. I truly believe in this Public Safety Commission and the purpose of it and it just gets heartbreaking from my standpoint when council says we need to look into it. I was probably the biggest backer for this commission to get started again. The tone of voice, or the general attitudes of body language or whatever it might have been, we just don't need that. My last comment would be Mr. Chairman, that if this does happen then I would request a motion to dissolve the Public Safety Commission, again.

A suggestion would be for the members of the commission to spend some time riding with the police officers, actually seeing what is being done.

##### **Item C. Ambulance Billing**

Chief Young handed out a fee schedule for ambulance service within Bethel. The current Flat Fee Rate is \$300. Chief Young would like to increase the ambulance service and separate the fees for Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support.

John Hastie and Sharon Neth moved to support the figures of \$350 for Basic Life Support; and \$450 for Advanced Life Support for ambulance service. Motion passes.

**Item D. Curfew**

Chair Hildreth asked about the siren that would be used for announcing curfew; and that he would also like to see a change in the hours of curfew.

Chief Eilers read the City of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 9.20 Offenses By or Against Minors 9.20.010 Curfew-Hours. Discussion followed. Curfew hours are currently 10 o'clock p.m. to 5 o'clock a.m. Sunday through Friday; 12 o'clock midnight to 5 a.m. Friday through Sunday. Mayor Richardson stated that Buster went to various local businesses who would donate time and or money to putting up the siren. Krieder was going to buy the timing mechanism; Faulkner was going to install it and drive the pole if needed; Broego from the power company to put it on the power plant itself. Advertising will need to be started and consequences not complying with the ordinance. Need a weather proof starter for the siren, Kent Harding will get prices and the city will probably buy it, this will be the last step (about a \$60-\$80 part). It was the consensus of the commission to place the siren on the Bowling Alley.

**Item E. Community Watch Program**

Mayor Richardson stated that Dave Tranthum has advocated for the council to participate in this program. The AST have a phone number for requesting information regarding this program. The communities can call and ask for a trooper to come out and they will help organize a Community Watch Program. Mike O'Brien is involved from the council.

Chair Hildreth will write a letter to Mr. Tranthum thanking him for his interest and offer the support of the commission to seek information about the Community Watch Program.

John Hastie will call the **1-800-732-3277** number for the Bureau of Justice Statistics Director, Jan Chaiken. Discussion followed regarding other programs: Safe Home; Safety Bear Program; Crime Stoppers Program.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hildreth requested that the following items be put on the agenda as ongoing open items:

Old Business

Item A. Alcohol Beverage Control Site (Sharon Neth)

Item B. Community Watch Program (Tom Hildreth)

The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 1997, 6:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin.

Bruce Day/Wally Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Voice vote passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 1997.



**Chairman Thomas A. Hildreth**

Attest:



**Darlene F. Engebretson, Recording Secretary**