



CITY OF BETHEL

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 1994

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Tubbs called the July 6, 1994, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 12:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Hildreth, Wallace, Gregory, Tubbs, Rothschild

Absent: Twitchell, Vanasse

APPROVAL/MINUTES

Minutes of the June 1, 1994 meeting were approved as presented.

APPROVAL/AGENDA

M/M by Tubbs, 2nd by Wallace to approve the agenda with the following amendments: to add Old Business Item A: Off-Road Vehicles, and New Business Item B: VHF Radio Monitoring By Police Department. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

-Chief Liu reported on the FBI National Academy training, stating that he would endorse the training for all Bethel Police supervisors. He distributed an informational press release on the National Academy. He said that the public safety departments had done a good job on the July 4th celebrations, with the police utilizing some reserve units. Liu commended Lt. Meece for a successful D.A.R.E. program, and stated that we had a cooperative relationship with the Board of Education for this program. Liu presented some ideas on community policing and a citizen's police academy.

-Chief Young welcomed Roger Rothschild to the committee. He thanked the city council for its support during the budget process, in which the fire department received a vehicle transfer, and was allocated some money for

building maintenance. Young reported on the 4th of July, describing the valuable assistance from volunteers, EMT's, firefighters. He stated that volunteers are receiving credit for attending fire department meetings. Young stated that he is on paternal leave for three weeks, with their newborn daughter.

COMMITTEE MEMBER
COMMENTS

-Mr. Wallace asked for clarification of the role of the Public Safety Committee, stating that many of the budgetary recommendations had not been followed.

-Chief Liu stated that the committee was first implemented in 1984, in an advisory role. The committee was dissolved for a period of time, and re-started at the request of Chief Liu. Liu explained the role of the committee.

-Mr. Tubbs commented on the role of the committee, and the role of city council.

-Chief Young stated that some good comments came out of the public safety meetings, which were beneficial for the departments and the community.

-Mr. Hildreth stated that trailers were blocking vision and creating a safety hazard at Delapp and Akakeek.

-Mr. Gregory stated that people are still driving boats too fast in the slough, and that police should monitor the VHF channels for problems on the river.

-Chief Liu advised Mr. Gregory that his concerns are being addressed through the department head meetings.

-Mr. Rothschild stated that the citizen's police academy will require some advance work with the media, to pre-educate that public in that direction.

-Mr. Tubbs advised that everyone should be thinking about revenue enhancement for the city of Bethel.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD (none)

motion

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Hildreth to postpone all old business and new business agenda items until the next regular committee

meeting, due to shortage of time. Motion passed.

motion

M/M by Wallace, 2nd by Hildreth to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL OCCUR ON AUGUST 3, 1994, 12:00 P.M., AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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