
City of Bethel
Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting
July 7, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Hildreth called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m..

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Thomas Hildreth, Ruth "Wally" Richardson, John Hastie, Richard Russell

Absent: Helena Andrew (excused)

Bruce Day (excused)

Sharon Neth (excused)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 5, 1997.

Wally Richardson/Richard Russell moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 1997.

Motion passes.

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Ron Peltola had a complaint regarding the Police Department. He had not spoken with the Chief regarding the traffic ticket he received and was directed to take this matter up with the Chief first and if it were not resolve then to bring it to the Public Safety Commission.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wally Richardson/John Hastie moved to accept the Agenda as amended. Motion passes.

To move PEOPLE TO BE HEARD from VII to before Approval of Agenda. New Business Item B. Resolution 97-1 & 97-2.

VI. CHIEFS' REPORTS

A. Fire Chief George Young

Budget was approved as submitted. Pursuing funding for matching funds for an ambulance. 4th of July went very good. Would like to Thank the Commission and City Council.

B. Police Chief Gary Eilers- Acting Chief Brogdon

Acting Chief Brogdon stated that there were no additional items to add.

VII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Russell stated that he mailed a letter to Tundy Rogers and to all Council Members. Attached is a copy.

Mr. Hildreth stated that he was in contact with Chief Young about a possible source about funding for an ambulance. Michelle DeCorso at AVCP Inc. who is on maternity leave now says she is willing to help us on this. The federal Funding will not be available until Oct. 1st when their new fiscal year kicks in. She will work with us on writing the grants. Hopefully matching funds. Discussion followed.

Chief Young passed out information on Traffic Safety. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hastie has brought forward the following information:

- *Scepticism of going to the Police Department.
- *Tapes of conversations with Ms Twitchell.
- *Tundra Drums article
- *Larry Black Incident
- *Credibility of John Hastie
- *Proper procedures on excepting and reporting complaints
- *Red Ribbon Week

Discussion follows.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A. Community Watch Program

Mrs. Richardson states she is watching Trailer Court and trying to help enforce clean up.

Mr. Russell states concern for children in housing area especially on Ptarmigan. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hildreth states AVCP Housing is looking into a public playground for that area. He states that AVCP will purchase BRAND NEW playground equipment for the playground. If this is submitted to Chair Richardson she will present it to the council.

M/M by Hastie/Richardson To the Public Safety Commission in an act a resolution that which language that support the Community Watch in some capacity and submit that to the City Council for endorsement and forward to the State. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Item B. Curfew/Siren

Discussion on location for siren.

M/M Russell/Hastie Recommend to the City Council the location of the Teen Center for the Siren. Discussion on Public Awareness regarding the siren. It was brought up that they advertise like was done for 3-1-1. Motion passed.

Item C. Speed Limit

Agakeek, Delapp, Atsaq and Ptarmigan street in the ASHA housing area.
Discussion followed.

*A study has to be done to lower the speed limit.

Item D. Off-road Vehicle Registration

Table this item to the August agenda

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Fireworks

Chief Young states that most everyone acted responsibly with fireworks this year.

Item B. Resolution 97-1 & 97-2

Dick Russell withdraws Resolution 97-1.

Dick Russell/Wally Richardson to rename 97-2 to 97-1.
Discussion followed.

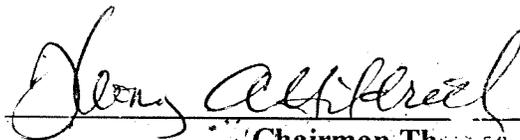
Dick Russell/Wally Richardson to table this until next meeting or until Council has acted on these issues. Motion passed.

Wally Richardson/John Hastie for Council Woman Richardson to present this to Council. Motion passed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

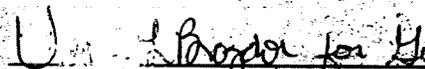
Dick Russell/Wally Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1997.



Chairman Thomas A. Hildreth

Attest:


Ginger Heyden, Recording Secretary

City of Bethel
Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting
May 5, 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)

M/M

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of April 7, 1997 ^{May 5, 1997} as amended. *Wally Richardson*

Old Business Item A. Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site (Page 2, line 2)-...delivery site is dependent...; (Page 3, line 4)-...Malone will; and **Item B. Curfew** (Paragraph 2, line 5)-...Krieder was going...; (Paragraph 2, line 6)-...needed; Broego from ... (Paragraph 2, line 7)-...Advertising will need...; (Paragraph 2, line 8)-...siren, Kent Harding...

New business Item E. Community Watch Program (Paragraph 3, line 2)... Chailken.

Discussion...

Richard Russell

May 5, 1997

Wally Richardson/~~Bruce Day~~ moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 1997 as amended.
Motion passes.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wally Richardson/John Hastie moved to accept the Agenda as amended. Motion passes.

New Business Item C. ^{92.2 Rules} Speed Limits; **Item D. ASHA Housing Area**; and **Item E. Wildland Fire Education** **Old Business Item C. Curfew/Siren**

V. *People to be heard Richard Russell/Wally Richardson moved to move people to be heard to Item V. #1*

V. CHIEFS' REPORTS

A. **Fire Chief George Young- Acting Chief Bruce Perry** *Some*

Commented on the completion of the ladder testing, indicating that the ladders will need to be replaced next year; hose testing is occurring; and hydrant testing will be conducted soon. Engine One up and running. Discussion following the high fire danger. Open burning was discussed, some of the criteria is based on location, winds, closeness of fire extinguisher. Bar-B-Que's are allowed. Interested persons can visit the fire department to apply for a written permit. If there is no permit, there is no provision in the city ordinance for penalties or fines; nor is there a fee for fire response calls. It was suggested that two "free" false calls be approved each year and after that it was recommended that the charge be \$1,000 per call for businesses and the general public. Chair Hildreth suggested obtaining information from Anchorage to review as a guideline for a possible ordinance in Bethel.

Budget was approved as submitted (Wants to thank the Commission & City Council Pursuing of funding for matching funds for Ambulance 4th of July Party went very good.)

B. **Police Chief Gary Eilers- Acting Chief R. Ely** *4th of July Party went very good.*
Acting Chief Ely stated that there were no additional items to add. Mayor Richardson asked about the "strong armed" robbery/mugging. Stating that the police department had no response to make about the "strong arm" crime other than to say that they were working on it. The public's

Brogdon

Nothing new to add

perception of what is being done. Ely stated that the department is close to making a public statement and to closing the case.

John Hastie asked about the review of the police department budget. Chair Hildreth stated that a special meeting will be held to cover these as a budget meeting only.

Bruce Day asked Ely about the harbor incident. Ely stated the officer had contact with individuals and discovered the possibility of game violations, this incident was subsequently referred to AST. Bruce day asked what was probable cause for stopping a person. Ely stated that it was a friendly stop, just to find out what was going on with the group that was carrying shotguns through town.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

*Chair Russell - Letter to Tandy
mail to all City Council members!*

Mayor Richardson stated that she would support the police department if they saw someone walking through town with a gun, she stated that she sees no problem with officers stopping and finding out what is going on, I think that is a question on probable cause and I think that that is very much probable cause.

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~~Chair Hildreth stated that the budget session is coming up and he'd wants to set up a special meeting to go over budget items only. It would be a work session and not an actual commission meeting. The special meeting was set for Monday, May 12, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station.~~

The Mayor stated that it would make no difference if the meeting was a special meeting or a work session. It needs to be stated and be real clear that it is not just one or two people that were making the decisions. Agenda is to be posted tomorrow; May 6, 1997.

~~VII. - PEOPLE TO BE HEARD~~

~~No people to be heard.~~

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

~~Item A. Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site~~

Sharon Neth stated that she contacted airlines regarding the feasibility of delivering alcohol to a delivery site. Alaska Airlines manager does not expect the corporate office to be accommodating; and ACE says a guarded maybe. George was to ask the lawyer about issues regarding the ABCS. Mayor Richardson stated that Sharon Neth should contact L.J. Tanner regarding these issues.

Bruce Day stated that he has located the following sites:

- *Kiddie-corner from the fire station
- *Next to the Kuskokwim Inn
- *Current Old Library Site
- *He is not looking across the slough; ASHA; Tundra Ridge; Old Mission Road; and Log Cabin areas. These area's are not being considered because of the desires not to have the ABCS around churches or schools.

Mayor Richardson stated that the Old Library Site is spoken for by the city. The Korean church should be moved within the next 2 years or sooner. The Old Bus Barn will house the police station.

Tom Hildreth talked with persons regarding airport property and its uses (air taxi, airline activity) cargo operations are conducted out side the property or out side the fenced in area. There were no answers.

Mayor Richardson stated that DOT is considering allowing the tribal councils to operate the airports. Why not allow Bethel to do this. Why not allow both the City of Bethel and the tribal council to operate the airport.

Item B. Community Watch Program

John Hastie stated that he has received information from the Department of Justice and suggested that each of the commission members take a packet, review its contents and bring back to the commission the suggestions that could best fit the Bethel area. It was also suggested that Dave Tranthum be given a packet to review. It was also suggested that Dave Tranthum be sent a letter along with the packet. It was also stated that the police department needs to be involved in the community watch. Chair Hildreth stated that this will be on the agenda for the June meeting. Mayor Richardson stated that she will push the curfew and siren issues and that the parents are responsible for the actions of their children. And really stress that the police department pick up these kids after curfew, all in line with community watch.

Item C. Curfew/Siren

Chair Hildreth asked for a status report regarding this issue. RJ Ely stated that he did not have any information to date. George Young as acting City Manager was to assist the commission in gathering information. Mayor Richardson stated that she would request that Buster Richardson contact the police department to finalize the placement of the siren.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Speed Limit

Agakeek, Delapp, Atsaq and Ptarmigan street in the ASHA housing area.

Chair Hildreth/Bruce Day moved to reduce the speed limit from 25 to 15 MPH in the ASHA Housing area. Discussion followed. Motion failed.

Sharon Neth/Bruce Day moved to amend the motion to read reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH in all residential areas and post speed limit signs. Motion passed.

Item B. Wildland Fire Education

Education geared toward the school students. It was suggested that a PSA be written and submitted for public airing. The fire department will write a PSA and submit for airing.

Item C. Off-road Vehicle Registration

Mayor Richardson stated that Dario Notti submitted information to the city council who referred it to the Public Safety Commission. Restricting travelers from moving about town was not allowing the people of Bethel and surrounding villages adequate accessibility to businesses around town. And that the off road vehicles follow the same rules as motor vehicles - licenses, inspections, etc. Bruce Perry stated that in Nome the off road vehicles can travel any road except the main road and must be 16 years old and a licensed driver. Ely offered that Sand Point licensed

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and inspected all off road vehicles also. Ely will obtain from Sand Point a copy of their ordinance and regulations, to submit to the commission.

Add this item to the June agenda for consideration if the city council does not dismiss from their agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 1997, 6:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin.

Dick Russell/Sharon Neth moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1997.

Chairman Thomas A. Hildreth

Attest:

Darlene F. Engebretson, Recording Secretary