

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM, at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska by Vice-Chairman Hildreth. Chairman Vanasse assumed the chair during Roll Call.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Helena Andrew, Bruce Day, John Hastie, Tom Hildreth, Agnes Phillips, Gary Vanasse

Absent: Shari Neth (excused)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from June 3, 1996 meeting.

Motion M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Mr. Day to approve the minutes of the June 3, 1996, regular Commission meeting.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hildreth requested under Old Business, Item B, Marine VHF. Mr. Day requested under New Business, Item D, VPSO Program.

Motion M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Ms. Neth, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHIEF'S REPORTS

Chief Young had no report to give. Also stated that he did not receive a Commission Packet.

Chairman Vanasse asked about the floor repair to the Fire Station. Chief Young reports that it is complete and the contractors did a good job. This should hopefully last 20 years.

No representative was available from the Police Department.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Vanasse Welcomes Ms. Andrew to the Commission. Gave a brief history of the Commission, its role and responsibility to Ms. Andrew.

- Hildreth** No comments.
- Hastie** No comments.
- Day** Welcomes Ms. Andrew to the commission.
- Andrew** Is glad to be on the commission.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Terry Shepard, Alaska State Trooper Investigator introduces himself and is here to talk about the VPSO Program and the W.A.A.N.T. unit.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: E 911 SYSTEM

Continuation from the June 1996 meeting. Mr. Hildreth had hoped to have more information regarding E911, but nothing has come in, and that the RFP for the E911 System would have been prepared and sent out since the June meeting but no RFP has been prepared as of yet.

Motion The Public Safety Commission urge the City Administration / Purchasing to get the RFP out so information can come in regarding E911.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth No Second

Mr. Day asked what needs to be done and is the RFP prepared and ready to go out. Mr. Hildreth did not know if an RFP has been prepared. Chairman Vanasse asked City Clerk L.J. Tanner if she had any knowledge of this and Ms. Tanner believes that Laurie Adams is in need of further information so that she can develop an RFP.

General discussion regarding meetings, having city personnel including the Communications Supervisor involved. Further discussion was to establish minimums of equipment that is compatible with the Motorola Dispatch Console.

Motion A Console Mounted Display that provides a name, address and phone number of the emergency caller, and a computer CPU that controls and maintains a database.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Mr. Hastie.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B: MARINE VHF RADIO

Mr. Hildreth brought this back to the commission for his concerns. The radio problems are presently being addressed. The other side of the issue is the number of people who use the emergency channel. This was a major concern of the Police Department and that the former Public Safety Committee had addressed. Ideas brought forward are: Public Education; the City of Bethel issue a PSA; and refer to the Port Commission for their review and understanding.

Mr. Hildreth reports that there is a lot of communication on this channel, mainly from vessels that are moored to the Seawall, or working in the Seawall area and this is a big distraction to the dispatcher at the Police Station.

Motion The Public Safety Commission recommends the City Council direct City Administration to issue a Public Service Announcement on KYUK Radio and the Tundra Drums Newspaper regarding Marine Channel 16 as a designated Emergency Channel, and pass information to the Port Commission for their review and recommendation.

M/M by Mr. Vanasse, 2nd by Ms. Andrew.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carries unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Ambulance

Chairman Vanasse opens this as he feels the item relates to funding. The need has been established for a new ambulance. Mr. Hildreth has talked with ONC, who stated that there is no way that they can provide any type of funding for a new ambulance. YKHC obtained their ambulance by grant moneys, but there is no more money from that or any other grant that is for ambulance purchases.

Mr. Hastie states that it would be too late to get an ambulance on the barge for this season and suggests that we table this until the next meeting, and that we also have the winter months to discuss the matter. L.J. Tanner will do research on the specific request from the city council and get back with the Public Safety Commission.

Motion To table this agenda item to the next meeting.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Mr. Day.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hastie requested that since there are visitors to speak to an agenda item, that we move Item D, VPSO Program to Item B, Burton and Assoc. Memorandum to Item C, and Discussion Item: Bike and Pedestrian Trails to Item D.

ITEM B: VPSO Program

Mr. Day asked for this agenda item regarding the bootlegging problem and using undercover informants. Mr. Day has talked with Jack Hopstad, AVCP Inc. VPSO Coordinator about this.

Jack Hopstad reports that AVCP is working the Troopers and W.A.A.N.T. program regarding the VPSO's. They do have a pool of VPSO's what have specialized training for undercover work, and do use them on occasion.

Terry Shepard, W.A.A.N.T. Investigator stated that normally the Troopers do not employ the undercover agents such as VPSO's. The Native Non-Profits are the employers and the Troopers are the oversight for this. Money is also the biggest problem as even a small operation can exceed \$10,000.

Mr. Shepard also reports that the AREP (Alcohol Reward Enforcement Program) has gave Bethel a grant which is used to pay informants, pay rewards, and help fund undercover operations. Mr. Hopstad reported that there was approximately \$37,000 left that has not been spent.

Mr. Shepard also supports the local Alcohol Delivery Site as this provides more information on who is receiving alcohol, the quantities involved and would assist in future bootlegging arrests.

General discussion regarding alcohol and drug activities continued.

Motion How much funds are available in the Alcohol Reward Enforcement Program?

M/M by Mr. Day, 2nd by Ms. Andrew.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Phillips, who arrived late, passed out information on Motor Vehicle Regulations, which came from the City Council. Mr. Hildreth asked that this be put on the next agenda to allow the commission time to study the information.

ITEM C: Burton & Assoc. Memorandum

Mr. Hildreth brought this to the Public Safety Commission as he felt that Richard Burton and Associates have done an excellent job while in Bethel under some trying times. On the times that he has dealt with Mr. Burton or Mr. Schadle, it has been professional.

General discussion regarding Burton and Associates from the commission members. Mr. Hastie mentioned that there is a fund in the budget for plaques, awards and so forth that can be obtained. Ms. Tanner stated that this comes out of the City Clerk budget

Motion Request the City Council present an award on behalf of the Public Safety Commission to Burton and Associates.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Ms. Andrew.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM D: BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS

L.J. Tanner stated that Mayor Richardson asked her to bring this to our commission, but other committees and commissions as well for support. Mr. Antone Anvil and other citizens have expressed concern about this. Ms. Tanner had talked with a DOT representative regarding this and obtaining funding. Ms. Tanner brought the 1994 DOT Capital Projects plan for review of the commission.

Mr. Hastie would like to see as a Public Safety Commission make a statement that all roads in Bethel be added to the Federal Transportation Surface Needs. Mr. Hildreth also recalls Mayor Richardson making comment regarding having all Bethel roads be paved and having this backed up by YKHC as a health problem by keeping the dust down thus keeping the sickness down.

General discussion regarding ideas, past projects, but general consensus was to incorporate the bike trails to our present roads by adding on to one side of the road. And to list this as a priority, also mention the dust problem as a health problem to encourage and enhance a priority.

Motion To request council support in the Public Safety Commissions effort and endeavoring in the street, roads, bike and pedestrian trail capital improvement projects.

M/M by Mr. Hastie, 2nd by Mr. Hildreth.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Due to September 2, 1996 being a holiday, and Moose Hunting Season is also in September, that the meeting date be changed. After general discussion, it was decided to next meet on August 26, 1996 at 6:00 PM at the Log Cabin, then continue again in October.

Motion M/M by Mr. Hastie, 2nd by Mr. Vanasse to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Gary Vanasse, Chairman

ATTEST:

L.J. Tanner, City Clerk