
City of Bethel
Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting
September 8, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Bethel Fire Dept. by Chair Tom Hildreth.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Hildreth, Bruce Day, John Hastie, Sharon Neth, Bruce Perry, Gary Eilers.

Absent: Wally Richardson(unexcused), Helena Andrews (unexcused), Dick Russell (unexcused).

II. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No people to be heard.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 7, 1997

Motion made by Sharon Neth to postpone the minutes until the next meeting when the committee members that were at the meeting are present.

Seconded by Day.

Motion passes.

Minutes of August 4, 1997

Motion made by John Hastie to postpone the minutes until the next meeting when the committee members that were at the meeting are present.

Seconded by Sharon Neth.

Motion passes.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Table the off road vehicles

Take home vehicle policy - Add to agenda when we have copies.

V. CHIEFS' REPORTS

A. Acting Fire Chief Bruce Perry

Waiting on more information about grant for ambulance. Emergency generator was used last week. Some pumps were running backward due to being installed wrong. Starting Recruit classes on the fire recruit class in November. EMT recertification to be done by December. October is Fire Prevention Month. We have approx. 8-5 kids from Pre-K to 6th grade in our area. The painting of the building is not complete as of yet.

B. Police Chief Gary Eilers

The Bethel Police Dept. has more calls per capita. Decision on ... report.

VII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Bruce Day- no comment

John Hastie II- no comment

Sharon Neth- no comment

Tom Hildreth- no comment

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A. Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site

Discussion on Alcohol delivery site.

Tom Hildreth asked Chief Eilers if he could get with the City Manager and ask him about our two concerns.

1. Alcohol delivery site to Bethel residents only?
2. Pre-paid freight.

More discussion.

Sharon Neth spoke with Mike Anderson about rental space at the airport, if we leased 300 sq. ft. it is \$1.85 a sq.ft. Also storage and handling fees would be 7 cents a pound. One of Mike's concerns were about break-in and limited access.

Tom Hildreth suggested we have a City employee that works there and monitors what is going on.

Sharon Neth introduced some discussion on LKSD's Resolution and we requested a copy to be arriving soon.

Short Break

Discussion on LKSD resolution.

Motion made by Bruce Day to adopt LKSD's resolution and make it our Resolution 97-3.

Seconded by John Hastie.

Motion passes unanimously.

Copy to City.

Sharon Neth made a motion to postpone Resolution 97-2 by Russell until a later date.
Seconded by Bruce Day.

Item B. Community Watch Programs

Tom Hildreth spoke about the training in Anchorage that he attended on behalf of the Police Dept. along with George Hammer. Good Training on community policing and community watch. It is not going to be an overnight thing to get this started. He will meet with Chief Eilers and George K... and then represent his information to the commission.

Item C. Off-road Vehicle Regulations (Chief)

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Change of Ordinance

Tom Hildreth discussed the City Council changing the ordinance to adapt a fair hearing. This is probably the first for Alaska.

Item B. Road Construction Traffic Pattern (Chief)

Tom Hildreth Thanked the Police Dept. on getting the information out to the public on the traffic.

Sharon Neth had some concern on the safety issue on 3rd road housing. The Chief will discuss with the City Manager. The school will have lighted crosswalks, one in front of M.E. school, one by the High school and one by the old pump house.

Item C. Block Grant (Chief)

We are working on the grant. On Wednesday Cathy Katsel with Alaska State Troopers and a representative with the Dept. of Justice from Washington D.C. will be out here and we are going to discuss this with them. We hope to use the money for the DARE program and overtime for the officers. John Hastie has volunteered to sit on the review board for this grant.

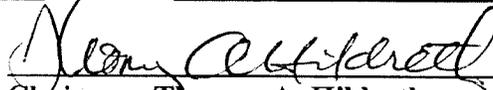
Item D. Curfew/Unsupervised (Hastie)

John is concerned with the child neglect issue and brought up the issue of maybe DYFS should be contacted on cases with children out past curfew. The Chief will check with DYFS and see how they would like to handle this. Discussion.

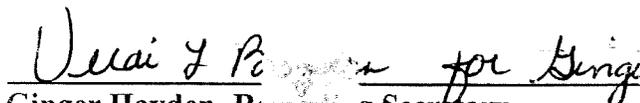
X. ADJOURNMENT

John Hastie/Sharon Neth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. A voice vote passed unanimously. Next meeting will be Monday October 6, 1997.

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


Chairman Thomas A. Hildreth

Attest:


Ginger Hayden, Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION #97-2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAMS IN
BETHEL**

WHEREAS, Bethel has seen a recent increase in crime, particularly assaults and crimes against property; and

WHEREAS, Bethel residents continue to be concerned for their safety and the safety of their families; and

WHEREAS, the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages continues to be a serious problem affecting public safety in Bethel; and

WHEREAS, Bethel residents are refusing to take a passive role with respect to crime in their community; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be strong interest among Bethel residents to establish some form of community watch.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bethel Public Safety Commission, to support the establishment of a community watch program for the citizens of Bethel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a task force be formed by the Bethel Public Safety Commission, together with the Bethel City Council, City Administration and concerned citizens to develop this program; and *By the together w/*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bethel City Council and Administration be urged to seek outside funding to help support this program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ^{*6th*} ^{*October*} 1ST DAY OF ~~SEPTEMBER~~, 1997.

ATTEST:

Tom Hildreth, Chair

L.J. Warren, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Commission etal
Action: Passed
Vote:

RESOLUTION #97-3

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE LOWER KUSKOKWIM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
RESOLUTION TO VOTE NO ON THE CITY OPERATED LIQUOR STORE.**

WHEREAS, the increased availability and use of alcohol in a community has been demonstrated to have negative affects on students, reducing their school performance and ability to learn and

WHEREAS, all LKSD village sites, except Bethel, have recognized this destructive affect and have responded by voting to ban the importation and possession of alcohol, and

WHEREAS, Bethel voters will decide on October 7, 1997 whether or not to permit the operation of a city operated liquor store, and

WHEREAS, the increased availability of alcohol from a liquor store in Bethel would have a direct negative impact not only on Bethel students, but on LKSD students throughout the Delta,

THEREFORE, The Public Safety Commission supports the School Board of the Lower Kuskokwim School District and urges the voters of the City of Bethel to reject the local option for the city operated liquor store and to **vote NO** October 7, 1997 on this ballot issue.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1997.

Tom Hildreth, Chair

ATTEST:

Ginger Hayden, Recording Clerk

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