
City of Bethel
Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting
October 6, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. at the Log Cabin by Chairman Thomas Hildreth. Verdi Brogdon recorded the minutes.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Thomas A. Hildreth, Helena Andrews, Bruce Day, Sharon Neth, Dick Russell. Absent: Ruth (Wally) Richardson (excused) John Hastie (excused).

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No people to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richard Russell/Thomas A. Hildreth move to except the minutes of July 7, 1997 as amended. Sharon Neth seconded based on the inflection of the two commission members that passed the minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sharon Neth/Bruce Day move to except the minutes of August 4, 1997 as amended Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bruce Day/Sharon Neth move to except the minutes of September 8, 1997 as amended Motion carried by unanimous vote.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Richard Russell/Bruce Day move to except the agenda as amended, to table Old Business Item B. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. CHIEFS' REPORTS

A. Bethel Fire Department, Chief Young is not present, his report is in the packet.

B. Bethel Police Department, Chief Eilers, there has been 11 curfew violations, 5 citations issued to the parents, 15 minor consuming citations, 29 run away incidents, 7 missing children and all were returned home. Commission would like to have the Police patrol the east side. Questions were asked on the Statistics on the percentages, DFYS and Social Services all calls are combined, questions on the call volume on the agency statistics. 911 is still being worked on by the attorney, Mr. Russell will work on the 911 system. Police Dept. bought two used vehicles from the State.

VII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Sharon Neth - No comments.

Richard Russell - Traffic pattern on Watson's Corner, was there any feed back on it? Check on the price of street lights, commission members are getting comments on putting a light at the corner, would like a police vehicle parked at Watson's during the busiest hour. Richard will check with the State to see when the street study was done and it is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. The commission will do a formal asking of the residents of Bethel of what they think of Watson's Corner. The parking at VFW, Thomas will write a letter to the Planning Commission on putting up parking signs in that area.

Bruce Day - The time delay on getting the statistics that was brought to the city attorney for the voting of the liquor store.

Helena Andrew - Concerned about getting street lights between 150 and 116 East Ave, would like to see the guard rail up across the bridge, would like to see foot patrol around Hammer Manor and the boat harbor. The honey buckets around Carl Russell's area is pretty bad, Chief will talk with the Code Enforcement Officer. Would like the street light in East Ave on the next agenda item need the survey's that were done. Where Bruce Crow's Barge is parked is pretty dangerous.

Helena Andrew/Bruce Day move to have the Port Commission remove Bruce Crow's barge and to repair the guard rails along the seawall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Thomas Hildreth - Concerns on the curfew. Chairman encourages the public to call the Police Department on curfew violators.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site

On the first question, change the nonresidents to residents of dry villages, The second question is on probation related offense will not be included. The Library site is no longer an option, the commission would like to do a RFP (request for proposal) to the City Council to see how much it would be to rent space to have a company manage it, and the location, the commission would like from the Police Dept. a running tally of nonresidents and local residents on alcohol incident relates crimes from now until December, also will have the Fire Dept. do the same. Sharon and Richard will work on the final draft for the next meeting.

B. Off-road Vehicle Regulations

Tabled.

C. Curfew

Tabled until Bruce gets an Anchorage Ordinance to do some comparison with the City's ordinance.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Road Construction Third Road Housing

The City redid the road.

B. Public hearing on Block Grant

The commission closed the public hearing on the Block Grant. The Advisory Board meet on the Block Grant and the total of the grant is \$26,754.00, the grant its self is \$24,079.00 and the city match is \$2,675.00, and it required two meetings. The grant is a Crime Prevention grant. Commission needs copies of the grant for next meeting.

C. Siren complaints and noise

Tabled for next meeting under Old Business. Sharon will contact the high school principal about siren being moved to the school.

D. Community Watch Resolution 97-2

Discussion on changing a few wording of the resolution. Sharon Neth/Helena Andrews move the approve Resolution 97-2 with the amended changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

E. Smoking in Public places

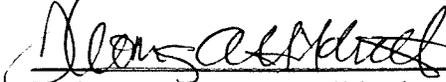
Sharon Neth/Bruce Day move to table this for clarification on the memo from city attorney. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Next regular meeting set for November 3, 1997.

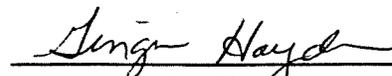
X. ADJOURNMENT

Richard Russell/Bruce Day move to adjourn this meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1997.


Chairman Thomas A. Hildreth

Attest:


Ginger Hayden, Recording Secretary