

City of Bethel
Transportation Commission
Regular Meeting of
December 5, 1996

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Chairman Himshoot.
- II. **ROLL CALL**
 Present: Doreen O'Brien, Thor Williams, Gloria Rhodes,
 Bob Himschoot Jr., Richard Robb, David Glander & Allan Gore

 Absent: none
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 Chairman Himschoot suspended the approval of the minutes until later

 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
motion **M/M by O'Brien 2nd by Williams to approve the agenda with the addition of**
 Item D. Under old business, Betty Evans. And the removal of item B under
 new business.
vote **Voice vote passed unanimously.**
- V **TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**
motion **M/M by O'Brien 2nd by Robb to accept the written report.**
Vote **voice vote, passed unanimously**
- VI. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

 Allan Gore - none

 Thor Williams - Stated that he is concerned about how little the cab drivers know
 the ordinance.

 Doreen O'Brien - Pass out a letter in response to Kari Drew's letter where the
 hospital is changing their flow of traffic in their parking lot.
 Rick Robb - Thanked Kathy for her time and effort in supporting them. Stated he
 liked to see people have an interest in their industry. Stated cabs get a lot of bad
 publicity for problems that really originate from poor city planning.

Gloria Rhodes - Stated she hoped to get something accomplished tonight. she stated that she has enjoyed working on the Commission for the past two years however is submitting her resignation effective January 1.

Williams - asked to call Mr Sharp, who was waiting for a conference call, and let him know we won't be needing him tonight.

David Glander - He made some comments about the fax we received from Mr. Sharp. It says the permits belong to the Cars so I hop it stops the 50% cut.

Bob Himshoot - He made some comment about some conversations he'd had. He stated that everyone he's talked to felt they had been wronged by a cab in some way. The number of cabs needs to be cut back. Attorney Mr. Sharp shed some light on who has the rights to the permits. It says according to city of Bethel Ordinance. The Ordinance can be changed.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Rick Robb read a letter from Tri River Cab expressing his concerns about dropping off passengers at the river.

Rick Robb read a letter from Mr. Hans of Airport Cab expressing his concerns about the proposed cut backs and how they might affect his company.

Terryl Miller - Announced the first official meeting of the Steel Wheels Deregulation committee's first official meeting December 9, at Kusko Inn at 7pm.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A: River Cab Ordinance Update: The ordinance is being reviewed by the City Attorney.

Item B: Emergency Suspension of cab permits up-date

The emergency measure failed the first time it was introduced. It was reintroduced as a non-emergency suspension and was passed. It is to be in effect for 60 days. Another issue related to this is going to be brought up at the meeting on the 10th.

Rick Robb asked who changes the wording from what we pass to what is approved?

Thor Williams stated that everything has to pass through the Lawyer.

Item C: De-regulation of the Cab industry

Rick Robb read his proposal (see attached)

Himschoot stated that it should also limit transfer permits between people.
Williams stated that this is good but needs to add ways of bringing about attrition.

O'Brien read her proposal (see attached)

Williams stated that there are good ideas in ricks, Doreen, and lee sharps memo we need to put them together.

Glander - What is the purpose of speeding up the attrition process and forcing people out of jobs?

Rick Robb - We passed 60 day freeze we had a consensus and industry support. Our time is limited.

Motion

M/M Rick Robb to accept his proposal. 2nd by O'Brien with an amendment. To add lee sharp's memo and fax information and my proposal.

motion

After some discussion O'Brien withdrew her amendment to the motion.

Amendment to the motion by Williams - to table 2A through #4 of Mr Robbs proposal and leaving in #3. Also with the addition: No cars older than 6yrs. Monthly fees increased to \$200. Yearly permit fee 1,200. And the Dispatch service be at a fixed location.

After some discussion Allan Called for Voice Vote on the amendment

vote

Gore, No; Williams, Yes; O'Brien, No; Rhodes, No; Robb, No; Glander, Yes, Himschoot, No.

Amendment to the Motion Failed

vote

Rick Robb called for the vote to the main motion

Gore, No; Williams, No ; O'Brien, No; Rhodes, No; Robb, Yes; Glander, No, Himschoot, No.

Motion Failed

Motion

M/M by O'Brien 2nd by Gore to use Rick Robbs proposal as a working paper.

vote

Voice Vote, all Aye Motion Passed

motion **M/M by Williams 2nd by Glander** There shall not be issued any more Cab permits than was passed by the Council and no transferring of permits between people.
Vote voice vote, All Ayes, Motion Passed unanimously.

Motion **M/M by Williams, 2nd by Rhodes** to increase the monthly permit fee to \$200.00
Vote **voice vote Gore, No; Williams, Yes; O'Brien, No; Rhodes, No; Robb, No; Glander, No; Himschoot, No.**
Motion Failed

Item D: Betty Evans

Betty stated that she has been alcohol free and is doing good.
Williams stated she only had one more meeting to attend, March of 1997.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Bobby Rondeau Inspection Station

Kathy Coker gave some back ground on this issue. That Mr. Rondeau had been given an inspection station license by Chief Eilers before he realized the criteria. Mr. Rondeau requested to be approved again and Chief Eilers referred him to the Transportation Commission. He did not show up for this meeting.

Motion **M/M by Rhodes 2nd by Williams** to up hold the Chief decision of not approving Mr. Rondeau's inspection station license.
Vote **voice vote all Aye, motion passed unanimously**

Item B: Cab's in Hospital Parking lot was removed

Item C: Safety Concerns involving cabs

Mr. Williams stated that three cabs he has seen have broken windshields. He reported them to the police department and they weren't given citations or made to fix them.

Motion **M/M Williams 2nd by Dave Glander** to have the Chairman write a letter to the Transportation Inspector to be encouraged to enforce the ordinance to the highest degree.

vote After some discussion
 voice vote **Gore, No; Williams, Yes; O'Brien, No; Rhodes, No;**
 Robb, No; Glander, No; Himschoot, No.
 Motion Failed

X. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Williams 2nd by O'Brien to adjourn at 9:55 pm.
 Voice vote passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Bob Himshoot Jr.

CAP THE NUMBER OF PERMITS
(*dispatch, chauffeur, taxi*)
REDUCE BY ATTRITION

The only way to create attrition is to strengthen the City Ordinance and have the P.D. enforce it.

- ◆ Residency requirements----- to Bethel
- ◆
- ◆ Drug Testing as prescribed by Alaska State Statutes
- ◆
- ◆ Knowledge of the written and oral forms of the English language
- ◆
- ◆ Stricter background checks
- ◆
- ◆ Stricter physical and mental examinations
- ◆
- ◆ Adopt the statutes in Title 28 pertaining “taxi”, “chauffeur” “driver’s license”
- ◆
- ◆ Adopt “Anchorage, Seattle” Ordinance in their entirety

Proposed Amendment to Ordinance

I. There shall be no additional taxi permits or dispatch permits issued.

II. Additional taxi permits shall only be issued when the number of existing permits drops below the designated number of permits.

II.a The designated number of permits shall be fifty (50).

II.b The city council can, only upon the recommendation of the transportation commission, raise or lower the designated number of permits.

II.c. The transportation commission can only recommend changing the designated number based upon the following criteria:

1. Need That there are enough taxi permits operating to accommodate the public.

2. Public safety

A. That there are enough cabs to contribute to the safety of the community in such ways as providing transportation to medical providers, being able to assist and/or send help to people they see in distress, reporting fires, and other issues of public safety.

B. That there are not excessive cabs causing undue and unnecessary congestion on public and private roadways and parking lots. That there are not excessive cabs causing or overtly contributing to other public safety issues.

3. Nuisance That there are not excessive cabs causing or overtly contributing to public nuisance.

4. Viable industry. That the number of cabs in operation supports a viable industry. That the number of cabs is not excessive in such ways that it is detrimental to a viable industry.

III. Additional dispatch permits can only be issued following the recommendation of the transportation commission and approval of city council.

Why This Approach

1. This approach will accomplish the need to limit additional taxi and dispatch permits.
2. This approach will allow for the reduction of taxi and dispatch permits through attrition, including revocation.
3. This approach does not take away from anybody now in the business. It will not take away anyone's investment. This approach will not take any driver, operator-owner, or company owner's job or business away.
4. This will not give anybody anything they do not now have.
5. This does not tell anybody how to run their business.
6. This approach only focuses on capping and eventually reducing the number of taxi and dispatch permits. It does not try to solve all our problems, answer all our questions, or define all the various theories we have heard this week.
7. This proposal allows for the adjustment of the designated number of permits based upon need or the passengers, public concerns, and being able to support a viable industry. No predetermined number of permits are carved in stone.
8. This approach will work.
9. This approach is probably acceptable to most cab drivers, owner/operators, company owners, transportation commissioners, members of city council, and most importantly, citizens or our community.

AIRPORT CAB - Owner Chae J Han, PO 2441; '543-5800

Bethel AMT

DATE	Cab #'s	Car Owner	License #	VIN #s	Date last ins	ins ex date	River	PD	YTD	MEMO
10/11/96	150*	Chae j. Han	ZZJ523	1G2BT69H3FX221205	6/27/96	03/31/97	BETHE	\$100.00		
10/21/96	151*	Brian Chung	ZZJ751	1G4AU69Y5EH846472	6/28/96	10/17/97	BETHE	\$100.00		

ALASKA CAB - Hugh Short; PO Box 7058, 543-2111

Bethel AMT

DATE	Cab #'s	Car Owner	License #	VIN #s	Date last ins	ins ex date	River	PD	YTD	MEMO
02/03/96	88*	Hugh Short	ZZK131	1G3BV69Y4F9102878	6/12/96	08/22/97	BETHE	900		
06/01/96	89*	Hugh Short	ZZJ128	1G1BL51H6JR114253	6/15/96	08/22/97	BETHE	500		
01/03/96	90*	Hugh Short	ZZJ794	1G1BL69H2FH131476	6/29/96	08/30/97	BETHE	1000		
	91-							300		
09/23/96	92A*	David O'Malley	ZZK134	1G1BL5169JR199166	6/13/96	03/28/97	BETHE	800		
09/6/96	93A*	Danny Brankovic	ZZK201	1G1BI5163JR202028	8/23/96	08/22/97	BETHE	1000		
01/03/96	94*	Hugh Short	ZZK353	1G1BL54E3LR141298	6/14/96	08/22/97	BETHE	1000		
10/4/96	95*	Victor Kolbasin	ZZJ737	1G1BL5477LR123122	9/30/96	09/27/97	BETHE	600		
01/03/96	96-	Inactive	ZZK759	1G1BL54E2LR142622	10/8/96	08/30/96	BETHE	1000		Hugh Short to chkr
01/03/96	97*	Hugh Short	ZZK109	1G3B46941F9119175	6/27/96	06/27/96	BETHE	1000		
05/17/96	98A*	Hugh Short	ZZJ833	1G3AW69YDM720276	5/14/97	08/22/97	BETHE	800		
10/16/96	99*	Daniel Wilcox	ZZJ142	1G1BL5160JR164225	10/14/96	10/11/97	BETHE	600		
01/03/96	101*	James Libby	ZZJ933	2G1AN35H7D1260310	06/27/96	05/10/97	BETHE	1000		
10/28/96	102*	Ben Barnes	ZZJ791	2G1AN69K9B1143235	10/24/96	10/14/97	BETHE	100		

CITY CAB: Owner; Chong M. Koo, PO Box 2513, 543-4141

Bethel AMT

DATE	Cab #'s	Car Owner	License #	VIN #s	Date last ins	ins ex date	River	PD	YTD	MEMO
01/05/96	50*	Tae C. Park	ZZJ775	1G1BL5474A145828	06/20/96	11/28/97	BETHE	900		
01/05/96	51*	Dae H. Koh	ZZK116	2G1A69H4E9224240	06/17/96	12/19/96	BETHE	1000		
09/6/96	52A*	Yun Woo Lee	ZZK135	1LNBM81FTJY837826	08/27/96	10/04/96	BETHE	700		
05/5/96	53A-	INACTIVE	ZZK119	2FABP39F1CB195578	06/29/96	04/29/97	BETHE	600		Hyum Kim T to Yu
	54-	INACTIVE						100		
01/03/96	55*	Chong M. Koo	ZZJ796	1G1BL5479LA145971	06/15/96	04/15/97	BETHE	1000		
10/29/96	56*	Yong S. Kwak	ZZK755	2G1AL6963E9272800	09/24/96	10/16/97	BETHE	100		Trans from yellow
08/30/96	57*	Chong M. Koo	ZZJ784	1FABP55U2JG221224	08/27/96	04/15/97	BETHE	400		
10/04/96	58A*	Won S. Pak	ZZJ616	2G1BN69Z79112784	09/19/96	03/13/97	BETHE	400		
07/01/96	59A*	Young Back	ZZK112	1G2BL69Y1GX239588	06/05/96	06/05/97	BETHE	500		
	60-							600		
	61-							1000		

TAXI CAB: Owner's Chung Brother BOX 582, 543-519 Tae H Chung

DATE	Cab #'s	Car Owner	License	VIN #'s	Date last ins	ins ex dat	or River	Bethel	AMT	PD YTD	MEMO
10/11/96	80*	Kwang J. Chon	ZZK750	JM3LV5237M0306449	09/25/96	10/08/97	BETHEL	100			
02/01/96	81*	Tae Ha Chung	ZZJ753	FABP76F5JX212037	06/15/96	06/15/97	BETHEL	900			
10/21/96	82A*	Kwang J. Chon	ZZK754	1G1BL5475LA150228	08/20/96	10/08/97	BETHEL	500			
01/03/96	83*	Doo S. Park	ZZJ837	1G1BL54Z0LA141843	06/25/96	04/04/97	BETHEL	1000			
09/06/96	84A-						BETHEL	300			
	85C-						BETHEL	500			
09/23/96	86A*	Ok S. Han	ZZJ756	1G1BN69HFX109124	09/24/96	07/16/97	BETHEL	500			
04/29/96	87A-						BETHEL	700			
07/24/96	88B*	Sok K Lee	ZZK145	1LNBP96F1GY6899039	07/15/96	07/16/97	BETHEL	500			
08/02/96	89*	Sok K Lee	ZZK146	1G6CD53B5M4287204	08/01/96	08/02/97	BETHEL	300			
10/04/96	90A*	Tae Ha Chung	ZZK801	1G1AN35H6EX157576	09/30/93	10/10/97	BETHEL	400			
01/30/96	91*	Tae Ha Chung	ZZJ790	7J4G5587XKP104944	06/20/96	10/10/96	BETHEL	900			

YELLOW CAB: Yon Suk Kang; PO Box 2525, 543-5552; Contact Jenny Harrell Bethel AMT

DATE	Cab #'s	Car Owner	License #	VIN #'s	Date last ins	ins ex dat	or River	PD YTD	MEMO
10/04/96	130A*	Jung C. Jun	ZZK100	1G1BL5163HA16559	10/2/96	10/02/97	BETHEL	900	
04/19/96	131*	Pyoung S. Ki	ZZJ925	1G1BL517XKR207821	05/02/96	04/05/97	BETHEL	1000	
10/16/96	132A-	INACTIVE	ZZK755	2G1AL6963E272800	09/24/96	10/16/97	BETHEL	1000	
01/03/96	133*	Seog G. Shon	ZZJ780	1G1BN81Y7KA154806	06/24/96	07/29/97	BETHEL	1000	
01/03/96	134*	Seog G. Shon	ZZJ186	1G1BL5173KR203335	08/01/96	07/29/97	BETHEL	800	
01/03/96	135*	Sunny Kim	ZZJ542	1G3BY69Y8F9038593	06/17/96	10/13/96	BETHEL	1000	
01/03/96	136*	Seog G. Shon	ZZJ927	1GNEK16K5RJ320061	06/12/96	07/29/97	BETHEL	1000	
08/20/96	137A*	Chul J. Jun	ZZJ867	1G1BL5475LA150228	08/20/96	04/07/97	BETHEL	1000	
09/20/96	138A*	Young J. Oh	ZZK136	2B6HB21Z5KK402611	09/18/96	06/24/97	BETHEL	500	
09/23/96	139A*	Young J. Oh	ZZK141	2FACP72W3NX207936	09/18/96	05/02/97	BETHEL	1000	
10/09/96	140B*	Joong K. Seo	ZZJ526	1G1AN35H5EX110412	04/17/96	04/17/97	BETHEL	200	
	141-						BETHEL	800	
08/05/96	142A*	Young K. Lee	ZZK751	JF2AN53B8KF403435	08/05/96	10/04/97	BETHEL	700	
	143-						BETHEL	100	

YUKON CAB: In Suk Chae 543-5500

DATE	Cab #'s	Car Owner	License #	VIN #'s	Date last insp	ins ex date	or River	PD YTD	MEMO
10/29/96	20A*	Hyum J. Kim	ZZK119	2FABP39F1CB195578	06/29/96	04/29/97	BETHEL	800	Trans from City53

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