

PRESENT: Don Dinius, Susan Rapoza, Sherron Smyth, Peter Twitchell and Wally Richardson.

Other people present: Police Chief McDonald, Lt. Chris Liu and Fire Chief Barker.

Chairman nominations made: Don Dinius and Sherron Smyth. After secret ballots were casted, Don Dinius got the vote and Sherron Smyth was elected as Vice-Chair.

Public Safety Chairman Dinius reviewed the resolution with the Committee members at this time regarding establishing regular monthly meetings. After discussion, following dates were set for the next 3 months: March 6th, April 3rd and May 1st, 1991, 7PM at the Fire Station Classroom. Following are the phone numbers for the public safety committee members: Mr. Dinius: 543-5245(wk), 543-2987(hm); Ms. Smyth: 543-3321 ext 257(wk), 543-5376(hm); Mr. Twitchell: 543-3131(wk), 543-3640(hm); Ms. Rapoza: 543-3414(wk), 543-5261(hm) and Ms. Richardson: 543-3541(wk), 543-3397(hm).

Basic agenda format accomplished, to be in the following order: Call to Order, Roll call, Approval of minutes, People to be heard, Approval of Agenda, New Business, Old Business and Adjournment.

Department reporting process was briefly discussed. Mr. Dinius suggested that the Committee try and participate in the 'Ride Along' program with the Police Department before the next meeting; and on individual basis, to visit the Police and Fire Department.

Police Chief McDonald indicated that what he would like to see the Committee do is look at the police and fire department programs and any comments welcome. Brief discussion on public safety equipment was discussed and it was also indicated that the whole safety package was at least \$2,300 which the Officers have to pay themselves.

Committee also reviewed with the Police Chief as to where the 6% budget cut would come in; after discussion, it was also suggested to review the Animal Control Agent's budget proposal.

At the next meeting, it was requested that the City Manager be at the meeting. Police Chief McDonald concluded by indicating that any suggestions that the Committee may have were welcome.

Public Safety Committee adjourned at 9:15 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13 DAY OF March, 1991.


Don Dinius, Chairman

ATTEST:


Anna McGowan, City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER

Public Safety Committee Vice-Chair Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Susan Rapoza, Sherron Smyth, Ruth Richardson.

Absent: Don Dinius and Peter Twitchell

Others Present: Police Chief McDonald, Fire Chief Barker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Rapoza, 2nd by Richardson to approve the minutes as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Fire Chief Barker indicated that several Council meetings ago, someone had mentioned something in regards to cold weather gear for emergency personnel, and that he had written up a letter outlining the cold weather gear process rules for the Fire Department. Police Chief McDonald also indicated that the information with the Police Department could be made available also. Police Chief McDonald also discussed with the Committee regarding the 911 telephone system in the Police Department budget.

Don Dinius arrived at this time and took over the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Rapoza to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: \$710 Plan &
Personnel Reconciliation

4/10 PLAN AND PERSONNEL RECONCILIATION

Police Chief McDonald handed out 2 documents for the Committee to review: the staffing reclassification plan and the reconciliation plan for reclassification plan submitted by the City Manager to Council. The Committee at this time discussed in length with Police Chief McDonald regarding the Community Service Officers (CSO) positions which the proposal is to keep 2 CSO positions and upgrade 2 CSO positions to patrol officer positions, who'd be sent off to Police Academy training to become patrol officers. Police Chief McDonald indicated that more patrol officers were needed and could use less of the CSO's, with whole staffing reduced by 1 position.

Police Chief McDonald reviewed the 4/10 plan with Committee; 4/10 plan being: 4 ten hour days, compared to 5 eight hour days. Background of the 4/10 plan was also reviewed with the Committee. Police Chief McDonald also indicated that the only significant change under the 4/10 plan would be the court time spent by the Officers. Back up plan was also discussed. Overall, Police Chief McDonald felt that the 4/10 plan could work. Most of the Committee members expressed their support of the 4/10 plan proposal.

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Public Safety Member Richardson indicated that she would like to see a motion made whether to support or not to support the proposals. Public Safety Committee Chairman Dinius expressed his concern if this proposal would be passed in time for this year's police academy.

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M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by (couldn't hear on the tape who 2nded the motion) to support the 4/10 staffing plan and the Police Chief's recommendation to save the police department some money. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: FY'91 &
FY'92 Police & Fire
Budget Review

FY'91 & FY'92-POLICE & FIRE BUDGET REVIEW

Fire Chief Barker reviewed his FY'91 budget with the Public Safety Committee at this time, and also indicated that his FY'92 proposed budget was not quite complete. Fire Chief Barker also reviewed with the Public Safety Committee the 24 hour shift system and the process the Fire Department had as far as its services as they apply to the budget. He also indicated that for FY'92 budget proposal, he was going to include full gears for volunteer firefighters, since most of their gear were old and in need of replacement. Also indicated that another main thing that would need to be included in the FY'92 Budget is the volunteer reimbursement, which this fiscal year, ONC had donated enough money to pay for volunteer reimbursement for the all of the fiscal year, but that ONC could not be depended on to continue the donations.

Police Chief McDonald briefly reviewed his budget proposal and how much had been expected to cut from his budget proposal.

Fire Chief Barker further reviewed his budget with the Committee and answered any questions they had. Fire Chief Barker also passed out for informational purposes, a list of what goes on at the Fire Department and how it was set up, and more information on 'kelly shifts' that the firefighters use to help understand the system a little more on the issue.

Public Safety Committee Richardson asked if she could be excused; Public Safety Chairman Dinius excused her at this time.

Police Chief McDonald further continued to explain the reconciliation plan process and also indicated that the information on FY'91 Police Budget was passed out about 2 weeks ago, and that he would be willing to answer any questions the Committee may have; he also indicated that he can briefly review the highlights of the proposed FY'92 budget. Police Chief McDonald reviewed what was passed out to the Committee regarding the 5% target change on personnel and briefly reviewed the highlights of the FY'92 budget, goals & objectives and what plan to

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implement if personnel reconciliation plan did not go through; indicated that the space radio needed to be replaced with something; telephone recorder system old and needs to be replaced - could either wait until it breaks or do something about it now; alot of the Police Department equipment roughly in the same condition as Fire Departments; portable radios old and in need of replacement - options to replace one or more each year; the VHF radio needed since most of the communication that goes on in the villages was by a VHF; a cost effective fax machine needed, especially since most of the paper work is confidential; pressure cleaner at the Animal Control shelter; need secured impound yard; police boat was to be sold, but no one bought it, but next choice to take would be to auction it out - and only problem once sold, would be in responding to emergencys that require use of a boat; travel and training plan explained in detail; information on supplies section reviewed; liability insurance reviewed - basically indicated that Police Department's recommendation would be to go with the Alaska Municipal League's joint police liability insurance program. After discussion, Chairman Dinius suggested tabling the item to the next agenda since it needed to be reviewed further in detail.

Item C: Disaster
Management 'Kusko
Inn'

DISASTER MANAGEMENT - "KUSKO INN"

Ted Woodruff indicated that at the last Council meeting he had indicated that something needed to be done in regards to fires, and how victims should be dealt with, even on other emergency situations. He had been hearing that victims would not know what to do after emergency situations, and that something needed to be done. At this time Mr. Woodruff read the document relating to emergency situations, that had been presented to Council, but had been referred to this committee. Mr. Woodruff made an example of a recent fire that left the victims not knowing what to do after the incident, and people making suggestions to the victims, not really knowing what to do themselves; examples given were: where do they go if their house burns down, where do they go to get clothes if needed, etc. Police Chief McDonald indicated that indicated fire incident, what he had observed was that the emergency personnel were managing the fire scene well, investigation was going on, but that the victims needed some support services, which at the time a Pastor who was on call was called to the scene to assist with the victims. At this time, the committee discussed in detail as to what should be done in future emergency situations. It was basically pointed out that a Red Cross type function was needed for a small community like Bethel, someone that would come in and help the victims while the emergency crew were doing their jobs. Police Chief McDonald indicated that the volunteer chapel program had been a big help the past month with emergencies, but how far to go as

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helping the victims was a question. Mr. Woodruff expressed that one thing that should be learned from the Kusko Inn incident is that the phone numbers and contact names should be in place, instead of having to wonder who should be called to the scene to help victims that are in need of help. Further discussion took place as to exactly what Mr. Woodruff was pointing out. Public Safety Chairman Dinius pointed to Mr. Woodruff that this item could be further discussed at the next meeting, since the Committee had a 10:00 PM meeting limit.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Rapoza, 2nd by Twitchell to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF APRIL, 1991.



Don Dinius, Chairman

ATTEST:



Anna McGowan, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER Public Safety Committee Chairman Dinius called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL Present: Dinius, Richardson and Twitchell.
Absent: Rapoza and Smyth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Richardson to approve the minutes with the following corrections: on page 1, under other present, remove the name of Mark Earnest since he had not attended the meeting; on sections discussing the '410' plan, put a slash between the numbers 4 and 1, to actually read as: 4/10 Plan. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD No people to heard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA M/M by Richardson, 2nd Twitchell to approve the agenda with the following deletions: delete Fire Department from Item A; and remove Item B. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: REVIEW POLICE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR POLICE DEPT.
Item A: Police Liability Ins. for Police Dept.
At this time, it was indicated that the following individuals were also in attendance at the meeting: Mayor Gary Vanasse, Police Chief Jack McDonald and Mr. Ted Woodruff.

Referring Back to People to be heard Peter Twitchell expressed his appreciation to Police Chief Jack McDonald by indicating that he had received good comments regarding the Police Department. Chairman Dinius also expressed his appreciation also to the Police Department for their work.

Referred back to Item A At this time, Police Chief McDonald reviewed and discussed with the Public Safety Committee the police liability insurance process from when it first occurred to the current status. Indicated that the same report was also given to Council at their last Council meeting, which resulted in scheduling a teleconference between: City Council, City Manager, Police Chief McDonald, Finance Director, Denali Insurance, Alaska Municipal League and including Richard Block & Associates who did the consulting for the Police Department.

Police Chief McDonald also indicated that their recommendation would be to go with Alaska Municipal League joint Police Liability Insurance option.

Public Safety Committee further reviewed the options and further discussed in detail what was included in each option.

Public Safety Committee further discussed the options the Denali Insurance Brokers and Alaska Municipal League each had to offer and also what the premiums were.

Item A continued

M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the Alaska Municipal League's law enforcement liability insurance package. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

ADOURNMENT

M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Twitchell to adjourn the meeting (no time specified in tape).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF May, 1991.



Don Dinius, Chairman

ATTEST:



Anna McGowan, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dinius called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: D. Dinius, S. Rapoza, S. Smyth and
P. Twitchell
Absent: R. Richardson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Will approve later in the meeting, once the minutes have been reviewed.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Peter Twitchell, referring to Police Chief McDonald, indicated he was disappointed to hear that he was looking for another job; had hoped that he could stay at least another year. Police Chief McDonald indicated that he was still here, but if an opportunity arose, he would probably take it.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Smyth to approve the agenda with the following changes: on Item A, indicated nothing could really be done since City's draft budget had not been received; set next 3 meeting dates, times and general discussion of whats going to be on the agenda; recommend to amend Public Safety Committee agenda to insert: Public Safety Committee member comments. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dinius at this time indicated that the Committee had a police vehicle to inspect, to show what Police Officer's have to deal with when placing individual's in the back.

Regarding the next three meetings: the Committee concurred on the following dates, June 5th, 1991; July 10th, 1991 and August 7th, 1991, all at 7:30 PM

Public Safety Committee member Rapoza, with Police Chief McDonald's permission, requested if the Animal Control Agent could attend one of the meetings to review his office status at his convenience.

Fire Chief Barker indicated at this time that he would like to add an item to the next agenda regarding the airport fire protection proposal which Council had been dealing with the past meetings. Indicated that he had more information regarding that. Not alot of action expected, but would recommend the Committee support.

Discussion of the flood plan and fire coverage. Fire Chief Barker indicated that across the slough was a killer, but getting a SUS-V Tractor hooked up from the National Guard; getting a police boat set up and ready; the dock - Harbormaster is going to allow to use his little run about and also Mr. Barker's personal boat; as far as other areas of concern, have a little small 4-wheel drive engine and if a major area is to be cut off, they would park an ambulance in that area. Also indicated that Ms. Smyth's office was

Discussion continued also in the process of preparing public ready announcements and also KYUK Radio Station was prepared to give the flooding announcements. Emergency hot line set up: 543-2000, at the Police Department dispatch. Concluded by indicating that they were pretty much set up for the flood. Also indicated that 2 CIP planes would be on stand by starting tomorrow. As far as the ice went, it had considerably gotten thin since the last depth check.

Public Safety Committee members took a short break at this time to inspect the police vehicle. Once back, it was pointed out that the Committee went out and inspected one of the police vehicles which is a F150 extended pick up truck with a camper style back and discussing what type of vehicle the police department should have. Public Safety Committee members also discussed the liability issue the current police vehicles endured. Discussion of possibly doing a research as to what the Committee could do via City Council and the State. Public Safety Committee member Twitchell suggested to Police Chief McDonald if he was to leave the employment with the City, to recommend what type of vehicles the police department should get. Police Chief McDonald indicated that they were looking into options, but indicated probably the ranger type vehicles would be the best choice.

Fire Chief Barker at this time handed out the Fire department's budget and other items of interest as far as airport fire protection plan, which he indicated he would like added to the next agenda.

Referring back to the minutes M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Smyth to approve the minutes of 3/17/91. Voice vote, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT M/M by Rapoza, 2nd by Smyth to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting (no time specified). Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29 DAY OF MAY, 1991.



Don Dinius, Public Safety Chairman

ATTEST:



Anna McGowan, City Clerk