

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 12, 1992
7:30 PM

Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

Roll Call: Susan Rapoza, John Abrant, Wally Richardson. Others present--Chief Liu and Chief Barker.

New committee member, John Abrant, was appointed by City Council at its February 11, 1992 meeting.

No people to be heard at this time.

M/M by Susan Rapoza, 2nd by John Abrant to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that meetings should be scheduled, as in the past, for the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A:

Selection of a chairman was postponed until a full committee is present.

Item B:

Budget: Chief Barker and Chief Liu presented an overview of the budget revision affecting both the Police and the Fire Departments as well as the Teen Center budget.

John Abrant asked the status of the communications equipment which was advertised for bid requests and whether the cost would affect this year's budget. Chief Liu explained that bids had just been opened and that the cost of the equipment would be included in the next fiscal year's budget. Chief Barker mentioned that they are following the Purchasing Ordinance and the company chosen by the department heads and the cost will be presented to the City Council at the February 25, 1992, meeting for its consideration.

Chief Barker stated that the new budget cycle is approaching and requested the Committee's assistance in preparing the budget.

Item C:

Youth Services Program Coordinator, Paula Stybor, gave a thorough report to the Committee on what's happening at the Teen Center. The Committee was impressed with Ms. Stybor's enthusiasm and encouraged her to continue her good work.

Discussed agenda items for next Committee meeting scheduled for March 4, 1992, 7:00 PM, at the Fire Station.

M/M by Susan Rapoza, 2nd by John Abrant to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 4, 1992
7:00 PM

Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.

Roll Call: Susan Rapoza, John Abrant, Wally Richardson, Peter Twitchell, Sherron Smyth.

M/M by Abrant, 2nd by Richardson to approved the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

No people to be heard at this time.

No comments from the Public Safety Committee members.

M/M by Smyth, 2nd by Twitchell to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A:

Legal opinion from City Attorney, Brooks Chandler, concerning the incorporation of the Transportation Commission and the Public Safety Committee was read and discussed. Following discussion it was decided to talk with the Transportation Commission to get their opinion before continuing to pursue the incorporation.

Item B:

John Germaroth presented a proposed amendment to Title VI, Animal Control Ordinance. Following discussion the following action was taken:

M/M by Abrant, 2nd by Twitchell insert in section 6.04.020(c) the wording "shelter be provided as needed." Motion passed unanimously.

M/M by Abrant, 2nd by Smyth that Section 6.04.090(a) the initial fine for loose animals be changed from \$15.00 to \$25.00. Motion passed unanimously.

M/M by Smyth, 2nd by Rapoza to add Item G under Section 6.04.010: "'Adequate Care' means to provide daily amounts of food and water." Motion passed unanimously.

Under further discussion with the animal control agent, Mike Burley, M/M Abrant, 2nd by Smyth to recommend to the Council that Mike Burley be sent to an animal control academy. Motion passed unanimously.

Acting Sergeant, Kevin Short, reported to the Committee that the Alaska Chapter of MADD along with Aetna Insurance donated video equipment (retail cost \$4,000) to the Bethel Police Department to help combat drunk driving. The equipment will be installed in one of the police vehicles.

Discussed agenda items for the next meeting of April 1, 1992, 7:00 PM, Fire Station: Selection of a Chairperson and Incorporation of Transportation Commission and Public Safety Committee.

M/M by Rapoza, 2nd by Abrant to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 8, 1992
7:00 PM

Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present: John Abrant, Wally Richardson, Peter
Twitchell.

Absent: Susan Rapoza, Sherron Smyth.

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Abrant to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

No people to be heard at this time.

No comments from the Public Safety Committee members.

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Richardson to amend the agenda by deleting all agenda items under New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item A: M/M by Abrant, 2nd by Twitchell to maintain the status of the Public Safety Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Abrant to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE IS MAY 6, 1992, 7:00 PM, FIRE STATION.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 16, 1992
7:00 PM

Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Abrant, Rapoza, Smyth, Twitchell
Absent: Richardson

M/M by Rapoza, 2nd by Twitchell to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: Discuss Permit for Sale of Fire Works

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Mr. Burhman explained safety considerations and features. He would take additional safety measures and provide public education for the safe use of fire works. No sales to juveniles or intoxicated persons would occur.

M/M by Rapoza, 2nd by Twitchell recommended that the Police Chief approve the sale of Class C fire works as presented by Mr. Buhrman within the city limits of the City of Bethel during the period of 25 June through 4 July 1992. Motion carried unanimously.

M/M by Smyth, 2nd by Rapoza recommended that the Police Chief approve for public use, Class C fire works within specific areas to be determined by the Police Chief that are located in the city limits of the City of Bethel from 10:00 AM through 6:00 PM on the 4th of July, 1992. Motion carried. 3-yes, 1-no (Abrant).

M/M by Rapoza, 2nd by Twitchell to adjourn the meeting at PM. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for July 15, 1992, 12:00 Noon at the Fire Station.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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7:00 PM

Fire Station

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Absent: Richardson

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Police Department

12:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM.

Present: John Abrant, Sherron Smyth, Susan Rapoza, Wally Richardson, Peter Twitchell (late) Police Chief Liu, George Young

M/M by John Abrant, 2nd by Sherron Smyth to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/M by John Abrant, 2nd by Sherron Smyth to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Sherron Smyth brought up the concern of disposal of deceased animals. Chief Liu reported that DEC was contacted to find out the proper way to dispose of them and a new policy is being written for presentation to the Committee for review.

John Abrant brought up the concern of the Police Reserve Program. Chief Liu reported on the training needs to be classified as reserves and also a manual needs to be written for the program. October will be the beginning point for training in Sitka.

Wally Richardson brought up the concern raised by Dave Trantham regarding vandalism to his property. Chief Liu stated he would get together with the patrolmen and also speak with Dave.

Sherron Smyth discussed cab drivers' driving habits and requested stats on accidents involving cabs; she further suggested a driver's training course for cab drivers. Sherron also reported on the status of the swimming pool which will be located behind the College.

Peter Twitchell brought up the concern of fireworks during the 4th of July celebration and suggested a plan of action for the next Fourth.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: Selection of Chairperson: Peter nominated John Abrant; Sherron Smyth nominated Susan Rapoza.

Motion made by Sherron to close nominations. Secret ballot was conducted. Results: John Abrant - 3; Susan - 2. John Abrant was declared the new Chairman.

Item B: Consider change in curfew hours from age 18 to 16. Chief Liu presented his views and reasons why he would like to see the age changed. Vandalism has increased and gangs are developing within this age group. Reducing the curfew hours for this age group can help to curtail these concerns. In response, the Chief was directed to prepare a draft amendment to Curfew Ordinance #9 to be presented at the next Committee meeting.

Item C: Evaluate the use of Fireworks. Chief Liu reported the Police Department had received 22 calls concerning the use of fireworks and that he would like the Committee to think of suggestions on how to handle the next year's fireworks policy.

M/M Susan, 2nd by Sherron to adjourn.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16
12:00 Noon
Police Station**

John Abrant will not be in attendance because of a TDY.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 21, 1992
1200 hrs.

Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 1210 hrs. by Chairman Abrant.

Roll Call: Gary Vanasse, John Abrant, Susan Rapoza, Chief Chris Liu, and George Young.

Quorum Present.

Approval of Minutes: The Committee is not in possession of the minutes.

M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Rapoza to table the approval of the meeting minutes until the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Rapoza to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety Committee Member Comments:

Clarification was made about the City Council awarding the use of the old Bojangles building to the Pacifica Institute. BYSP did in the past submit a request to use the building to the previous City Manager, although it has not been addressed. Chief Liu feels it is not in the best interest of the City to revisit the issue.

Mr. Vanasse expressed genuine interest in working with the PSC and looks forward to the important role the Committee can have in the future.

The Citizen's Review Board's role was discussed, and Chief Liu concurs with the board's outcome.

Chief Liu requested the PSC endorse his recent recommendation to delete the vacant Police Officer's position, and add two Community Service Officer positions in place of it.

M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Abrant to endorse the recommendation to delete the vacant Police Officer's position and add two Community Service Officer positions. Motion Passed Unanimously.

People to be heard: No people to be heard at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item A: Use of Fireworks

Chief Liu would like to abolish the use in the City. We can readdress the issue in the summer.

Item B: Policy on Disposal of Deceased Animals

The policy is in place, it complies with State law. Public Works has provided salted dirt for the winter months.

Item C: Draft Ordinance on Curfew Hours

Recommended that the Ordinance have curfew hours for minors under the age of eighteen (18) due to the increase in crimes involving juveniles.

M/M by Rapoza, 2nd by Abrant to amend ordinance number 9 for curfew hours. Motion passes, Vanasse stated he may have conflict being on the City Council.

Next meeting scheduled for November 4th, 1200 hrs. at the Police Department.

M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Rapoza to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1303 hrs.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 11, 1992
1200 hrs.

Police Department

The meeting called to order by Chairman Abrant.

Roll Call: Chairman John Abrant, Council Representative Gary Vanasse, and Peter Twitchell.

Approval of Minutes: M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Abrant to approve minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

M/M by Twitchell, 2nd by Vanasse to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety Committee Member Comments:

Twitchell reported that on the last PSC meeting he had just returned from moose hunting that day and was busy putting away his catch and could not attend. He was also could not attend the last meeting in October because he was busy with the KYUK fund-raiser. Abrant suggested that members give someone a call and inform them if they cannot attend.

Vanasse informed Twitchell that the meeting is usually scheduled on the 1st Wednesday of each month, Twitchell had no conflicts. Vanasse thanked Police Chief Liu for being Acting City Manager and being able to fulfill his duties as Police Chief at the same time.

People to be heard: No people to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: New Years Eve Fireworks

Abrant informed members that a suggestion was made to sell fireworks for New Years Eve celebration in hopes of avoiding some of the gunfire in town. Police Chief Liu advised Abrant that he has decided not to permit the sale of fireworks for the remainder of the year, and will readdress the issue for the Independence Day celebration.

Discussion made on safety issues surrounding New Years Eve.

M/M by Abrant, 2nd by Vanasse to recommend to the City Council, for the Police Department to come up with a public education package to be presented by the local media (newspaper, radio, and television) about Good Judgement and Firearms. Motion passes unanimously.

Item B: Executive Session

Abrant feels there is no need to go into Executive Session to discuss a citizen complaint, because Chief Liu handled it. Twitchell agrees. None opposed.

Clarification made on policy for taking citizen complaints, it cannot be second hand or hearsay, must be initiated by person directly involved, and an invitation has been made to get more

information about the complaint from person involved in written form by Chief Liu to insure a fair investigation.

Next meeting scheduled for December 02, 1992 at 1200 hrs. at the Police Department.

M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Twitchell to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously.