

**City of Bethel
Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting of
[As Amended]**

I. Oath of Office of newly appointed Commission Members was conducted at 6:45pm by Laurie Adams, Acting City Clerk.

II. Call To Order

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM, at the City Offices Conference Room, Bethel, Alaska, by Mayor Richardson interim City Council representative.

III. Roll Call

All Present: Mayor Richardson, Gary Vanasse, Tom Hildreth, Bruce Day, Shari Neth, John Hastie, and Gary Peltola.

Absent:

IV. Approval of Agenda

motion Motion by Chairman Vanasse, 2nd by Mr. Hastie to amend the agenda by adding Ridgecrest crossing zone project as item F and a Discussion period for cab inspections as Item G.

The agenda was approved as amended. Voice vote.
Motion carried unanimously.

V. Chief's Reports

Fire Chief Young addressed the Commission about enjoying a good working relationship.

Police Chief Liu stated that he welcomes concerns about the Police Department. He tries to be receptive and will do his best to meet community needs.

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VI Commission Member Comments

Commission members each expressed their gratitude for their appointment and their willingness to serve the community.

Mayor Richardson welcomed Gary Peltola as an Exofficio member of the commission.

VII. People To Be Heard

Stewart Greydanus expressed his dissatisfaction with how the police department handled his case. He asked for a refund of an impound fee in the amount of \$50.00 because his car wasn't secure. He was also upset about the information the Police Department released to the media.

Commission members began asking Stewart questions about the impoundment of his vehicle and the news release. A discussion ensued about the possibility of changing existing procedures.

Lt. Short said that vehicles were safer in the Police Department parking lot than at the City Shop. He also said the Department is in the process of getting a new impound yard that would alleviate this kind of complaint.

Chief Liu confirmed that presently vehicles are taken to the City Shop parking lot or to the Police Department parking lot.

Mr. Greydanus was directed back to see the City Manager and Chief Liu about the refund.

Motion Mr. Hastie made a motion Ms. Neth 2nd, to make impound and press releases items on the next agenda.

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VIII. New Business

Item A: Election of Officers

The Commission elected Gary Vanasse as the Chairman; Tom Hildreth as Vice Chairman.

Item B: Terms of Office

Mayor Richardson serving as an interim City Council representative read about the initial appointments. 2 members serve 1 year; 2 members serve 2 years; and 2 members serve three years.

Gary Vanasse received a one year term, Tom Hildreth a three year term, John Hastie received a two year term, Shari Neth a two year term and Bruce Day a three year term of office.

Item C: Meeting Date and Time

motion After a short discussion Mr. Hildreth made a motion that was 2nd by Mr Hastie to meet at the log cabin at 7:00pm on the first monday of each month making the next meeting in the log cabin on February 5, 1996 at 7:00pm. It was approved by all, motion carried

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Item D: Police Performance Audit

City Manager Ken Weaver explained that the audit came about out of last years budget and Council approval.

Mr. Lamb explained how the audit team will compare our Department to a National Standard then will make recommendations for a five year plan based on the results. The goal of the plan is help the Department to function at a level where they could be accredited if they wanted to be. Operating within the plan could reduce the City and Departments liability risk.

Chairman Vanasse brought up how the Police Department used to patrol on the river and that the department is needed to respond to emergencies when the State Troopers are busy up river.

Mr. Lamb cautioned that there is a question of liability in this issue and that there is no simple solution. He also addressed handling citizen complaints, how the public doesn't understand the chain of command and how they want to go to the top to get a problem settled.

There was some discussion about coming up with a simple complaint format and educating the public on how to use it.

Chairman Vanasse asked several questions about how our department compares in salaries to other police departments.

Jim Bendric another audit team member said that AML has a League of Alaska Blue Book with salary comparisons.

Item E: Reserve Officer Program

Lt. Short passed around to The Commission a Policy and Procedure, and format of training for the Reserve Officer Program. He explained how the program is designed to save the City money by providing highly trained volunteers to augment the Police Department. It provides levels of ability to keep the Reserve Officers motivated.

Chairman Vanasse encouraged Commission Members to take advantage of the ride-a-long program with the officers or to attend staff meetings to get to know each other.

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Item F: Crossing Zone at Ridge Crest

Ms. Shari Neth introduced Jim Kohl who explained that the DOT had come out in December and they were getting close to finalizing the project with completed drawings by next month. There was some discussion as to where the cross walks and board walks would be located. The plan had changed from the original one proposed in 1993. As a result of the discussion Jim said he would talk to DOT about Watsons Corner next week.

The Project Manager is
Jim Childers
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Anchorage, AK 99519-6900
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Item G: Discussion Item, Cab Inspections

Some of the Cab drivers questioned why some garages won't do cab inspections because of liability.

Chief Liu said we adopted Anchorage standards and there are two inspection stations, Avalos, and Ed's Automotive Shop behind QFC.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Hildreth and 2nd by Mayor Richardson to adjourn the meeting

Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman

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February 5, 1996

**City of Bethel
Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting of**

[Amended as per direction at the March 4, 1996 meeting]

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM, at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska, By Chairman Vanasse.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Richardson, Chairman Gary Vanasse, Tom Hildreth, Bruce Day, Shari Meth, Don Constatine,

Absent: John Hastie, Gary Peltola [Both excused]

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion made by Mr. Hildreth and 2nd by Mr. Day, to amend the minutes of the January 3, 1996, regular Commission meeting.

Part II, Called to order, to be Changed: "Wally Richardson City Council Representative" to "Mayor Richardson interim City Council representative."
Part VIII A: To include: Mr. Tom Hildreth Vice Chairman
Part VIII B: Change "3 members serve 2 years" To read "2 members serve 2 years."
Chairman Vanasse also requested that Last names rather than first names be used in the Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Hildreth and 2nd by Mr. Day, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 1996, regular Commission meeting as amended by voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion Motion made by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Mr. Day to approve the amended agenda to include Item E: Complaint Procedures. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHIEF'S REPORTS

Chairman Vanasse said that Chief Young had called him Friday and stated that he would be unable to attend this meeting. Chairman Vanasse also requested that both Chief's submit a written report before the meeting even if it is only one sheet stating that there is no report for that time period.

Chief Liu reported that the Police Department did a lot of training in January. In February they put a hold on most of the training. He has issued Special Order 96-01 redesigning the Department Organization to spread the supervisory control more evenly. He also issued the 1995 activity report in January.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Constantine stated that he was glad to be part of the Commission and was looking forward to working with everyone.

Ms. Neth Welcomed Mr. Constantine to the Commission. She also thanked the Police Department and volunteers for the recent bootlegging arrests and asked that a letter of appreciation be submitted from the Commission to have a public record of it.

She was concerned about the word Exofficio in reference to Gary Peltolas status; that it might be misconstrued as him having an official rather than advisory capacity to the Commission.

Mr. Hildreth welcomed Mr. Constantine. He said he had a concern from a citizen to request that weapons, even those carried by off duty officers, be banned from the Commission meetings because of recent incidents of postal employees shootings.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS, Continued.

Chief Liu stated the Department Policy on off duty officers carrying weapons is that once they go through the training and qualify they are allowed to carry them. He stated that an officer that is qualified to carry a weapon has had a much deeper background and psychological check than a postal employee. The subject was dropped.

Chairman Vanasse stated that this was only the Commission's 2nd meeting. These meetings now will always be held at 7:00pm on the 1st Monday of the Month at the Log Cabin.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Ron Peltola addressed the commission with a complaint, he didn't understand why his son was arrested and handcuffed when he was charged with 3 misdemeanors. He perceived the Department as targeting Natives by selective enforcement.

Chairman Vanasse asked Chief Liu, "what is the policy on arrests?"

Chief Liu Stated that it is up to the discretion of the arresting officer to use or, not use handcuffs. He said that this was an on going case and was uneasy about addressing it. He also stated he had reviewed the incident and found the officer had acted in accordance with proper policy and procedures in making the arrest. He also stated that selective enforcement, it is not tolerated by the Department.

Ms. Neth asked, is it Okay to make the suggestion that Mr. Peltola and the Chief get together with the City Manager to resolve this issue?

Chairman Vanasse asked Mr. Peltola what kind of resolution he was looking for. Mr. Peltola stated, he just wanted to have it on the record.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD, Continued.

Mr. David Trantham addressed the Commission about house Bill #383. having to do with the City of Bethel getting reimbursed by the State on their mandate of picking up P.C.s. He asked the Commission to support the bill. He asked that some items be placed on the next agenda. one. Is it unacceptable to be drunk in public? two. Should the City hire two police officers? His third item, Alcohol Delivery site, was already on the agenda.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Crossing Zone at Ridgecrest Update.

Ms. Neth made a suggestion to table this issue until the next meeting due to lack of current information.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Press Release Policy.

The Police Department's Press Release policies were discussed. It was revealed that the policies were workable. no action necessary.

ITEM B: Impoundment Procedures.

There was some discussion about the Impoundment Procedures, towing services available and the new impound lot that is in the works. Problem being remedied, no further action necessary.

ITEM C: Alcohol Delivery Site.

Ms. Neth discussed the revenue possibilities in placing a tax on liquor brought into Bethel, the possibility of placing a deposit on each bottle and marking the bottles to track them as well as limiting hours at a delivery site.

Mr. Constantine brought out that revenue and control were two separate issues. The legalities and practicalities of these issues were discussed.

ITEM C: Alcohol Delivery Site, Continued.

Mayor Richardson said for the Commission to look further into this and make a recommendation to the Council. It was decided for Ms. Neth to bring an update on this issue to the next meeting.

ITEM D: Public Safety Department's Concept

Mayor Richardson explained the idea of combining the Fire and Police Departments under the Administrative Supervision of one person heading a Public Safety Department.

A discussion about the differences in the Departments and communities that had tried this merger ensued. Chief Liu said that Barrow had done a study on this issue. He also said that The City of Bethel had looked into this several years ago. Mayor Richardson asked him to supply the Commission with that Study. This issue would be readdressed at the next meeting.

ITEM E: Complaint Procedures.

After discussion about current City and Police complaint procedures it was suggested that the Commission may need to come up with their own policies on this issue.

The Commission requested that a copy of the City complaint form and the Police Departments policy's on complaints be mailed out to the Commission within the next week, so they could review and come up with ideas for the next meeting.

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X. ADJOURNMENT

motion Motion made Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Mr. Constantine to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Gary Vanasse

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March 4, 1996

**City of Bethel
Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting of
[Amended as per direction at the April 4, 1996 meeting]**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM, at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska, By Chairman Vanasse.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Richardson, Chairman Gary Vanasse, Bruce Day, Shari Neth & Don Constantine,

Absent: John Hastie, Tom Hildreth [Both excused]

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion made by Mr. Day and 2nd by Ms Neth, to amend the minutes of the February 5, 1996, regular Commission meeting.

In part VI where Ms. Neth is speaking about Gary Peltola's status, add "official rather than" in front of advisory capacity.

In part VII rephrase the statements into questions. "Is it unacceptable to be drunk in public?" and "Should the City hire two police officers?"

Motion made by Mr. Day and 2nd by Ms. Neth, to approve the minutes of the February 5, 1996, regular Commission meeting as amended by voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion Motion made by Mr. Day, 2nd by Ms. Neth to approve the amended agenda to include Item B: under Old Business, Ridgecrest project update. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHIEF'S REPORTS

Chief Young had nothing further to add to his reports.

Chief Liu stated that he had asked his staff about how the morale in the Department is now. It was reported to him that it is good. The Department has been getting positive feed back lately.

Ms. Neth asked Chief Liu where the Grant money comes from. He stated the Federal Gov. to the State to us.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Vanasse read a letter on behalf of Mr. Hildreth who was on an excused absence from the meeting.

Chairman Vanasse also stated that Mr. Hastie was on an excused absence, because of work related duties.

Mr. Constantine requested to be excused from the next meeting. He complemented the police department for the favorable feed back he has heard.

Ms. Neth stated she felt it would be wise to refrain from accepting complaints for specific issues until we get down the complaint procedures.

Chairman Vanasse commended the Fire Department for their quick response in getting a fire out in Tundra Ridge. He also informed the Commission members if they are going to be absent he will read any comments they may want to give to him.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no People to be heard.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Alcohol Delivery Site

Ms. Neth gave a report on information she had gathered. She said there were no communities in Alaska that have a alcohol delivery site. She informed the Commission that it is legale to collect a "sales tax" that the licensee collects at the "point of sale." Compliance in Kotzebue of the licensee is voluntary and has not been 100%. Collection is limited to orders mailed or called into the licensee and not those picked up in person. The City of Kotzebue collects approximately \$30,000.00 per year in this manner. The Kotzebue City Attorney has already done the leg work and is willing to help.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Two New Police Officer Positions.

Chief Liu commented that this had come about from the Public Forum on alcohol issue Meeting held last November. The auditors also recommended at least 1 full time investigator position. There is an increased workload and the total responses is increasing steadily.

Chairman Vanasse asked about funding for the new proposed positions.

Chief Liu stated that a grant and forfeiture fund would each fund 1/2 a position. He stated that apprehending drug dealers and bootleggers is a costly process.

Motion A motion was made by Mr. Day and 2nd by Ms. Neth, to table this item until the audit and budget reports could be looked at.

Voice vote; passed by all present.

ITEM B: Stance against public inebriation

Chairman Vanasse stated that this issue had also come about out of that same meeting as the two police officer position issue.

Ms. Neth stated she felt that the Commission should make a statement supporting the concept.

Mayor Richardson brought up that this is an educational issue.

It was suggested that names of P.C.'s and the P.C. Statistics be printed in the paper.

Chairman Vanasse stated he would like to see a resolution written, passed and mailed to the villages.

Motion A motion was made by Mayor Richardson and 2nd by Mr. Day to table this issue until a resolution has been written.

Voice vote, passed by all present.

ITEM C: Public Safety Department's Concept

Motion There was a short discussion and Mayor Richardson made a motion to table this item based on the City Managers research and recommendation that it not be done. 2nd by Ms. Neth

Voice vote, Passed by all present.

ITEM D: Supervisor for Police Chief

Mayor Richardson stated that the City Council was changing the ordinance so that the Police Chief will come under the City Manager. So no recommendation is needed.

ITEM E: Police Study Recommendations

Mayor Richardson read a cover letter to the police study recommendations. (See Attached)

Mr. Constantine asked why the Commission couldn't see the entire audit.

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Mayor Richardson stated that it had some very sensitive information that couldn't be made public.

Chief Liu stated that the Commission could help in developing a 3 to 5 yr strategic plan to incorporate the audit report recommendations. He suggested that they prioritized the budget items first to discuss at the next meeting.

Mayor Richardson asked Chief Liu to bring a quarterly up date report to the Commission

ITEM F: Citizen Complaint Process

Chairman Vanasse passed around, for the Commission to review, two complaint forms, one Mr. Hildreth submitted and one from the audit report.

There was a discussion about the complaint routing process and how to deal with specific names and incidents.

Mayor Richardson suggested to use the process that is already in place becoming involved when the complaint is referred to the Commission.

There was a discussion about what to do when angry people show up at the meetings. Suggestions were to refer them to an executive session if needed to reduce City liability. Hear them out because many times people just want to be heard. After the people have been heard offer direction for their specific complaint.

ITEM G: Reserve Program

Chief Liu explained that to go with the audit report recommendation would mean sending every reserve applicant to the police academy. It was discussed that this is an unrealistic and costly expectation for the City of Bethel. Chief Liu stated he had put the program on hold until a decision is made as to what to do with the program.

There was a lengthy discussion about the reserves carrying weapons and the city's liability. The Commission members present agreed that they didn't want the program cancelled but that there were individual issues to be addressed.

Motion Motion made by Mr. Constantine and 2nd by Mr. Day to recommend to City Council to have the City Manager to instruct the Police Chief to reinstate the reserve program.

Voice vote; passed by all present.

ITEM H: City's New Insurance Rating

Chief Young read over a report and explained each section. He explained how the ratings that the fire department got reduced the amount of fire insurance premiums people would have to pay to their insurance companies.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Motion made Mr. Constantine, 2nd by Mayor Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 pm. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Gary Vanasse



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City of Bethel, Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting Minutes April 1, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:02 PM, at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska, By Chairman Vanasse.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: John Hastie, Tom Hildreth, Gary Vanasse, Bruce Day, Shari Neth
Absent: Ruth Richardson, Don Constantine (excused)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from March 4, 1996 meeting.

Mr. Hastie noted that he had requested to be excused, and that his name should be placed behind the names of excused absent individuals under section II, Roll Call. It was decided that when an individual is excused from a meeting, this should be noted in the Roll Call section, not just in the body of the minutes.

Ms. Neth requested that in section VI under commission member comments, the term "special issues" be changed to "specific issues," and that in section VIII, Item A the terms *sales tax* and *point of sale* be placed in quotation marks, i.e., "sales tax", "point of sale".

Mr. Hildreth requested that the comments he submitted to be read at the March 4 meeting be made a part of the minutes.

motion M/M by Hildreth, 2nd by Day, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 1996, regular Commission meeting as amended.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Neth asked if the resolution for inebriates, called for at the last meeting, should be added to the agenda. Mr. Vanasse stated that the resolution was not ready.

Mr. Hastie requested that prior to discussing Item C: Police Audit, the Commission discuss a tour of the Police Department. Mr. Vanasse directed Mr. Hastie to bring the item up under Commission Member comments.

motion M/M by Hildreth, 2nd by Neth to approve the agenda.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHIEF'S REPORTS

Chief Young stated he'd been busy working on the budget. He passed out a few items of interest:

- A. EMT Training class for volunteers on city ambulance service. This is an experiment to gauge public interest. He stated requirements for volunteers to join are stringent.
- B. Graph of dollars saved vs. dollars lost in fire calls. It shows that the fire departments' rapid intervention saves property and money.

Chairman Vanasse asked for both Chiefs to give the Commission copies of their budget proposals. Ms. Neth also asked them to prioritize the budget items so they have an idea where the greatest needs are. Mr. Vanasse stated that they may have to hold a special meeting to help with the budget in a timely manner.

Chief Young asked permission to leave. Permission granted.

Chief Liu requested that the Commission pass a resolution to the council as to how the police audit got leaked out to the public.

motion M/M by Hildreth, 2nd by Neth to forward a verbal request to City Council for an investigation on how the police audit got leaked.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion M/M by Hastie, 2nd by Neth to send a letter of recognition to the WAANT Unit and Investigator Walker acknowledging his effort in the bootlegging arrests.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hastie discussed a memorandum in the last meetings' packet. Mr. Hastie indicated that the memo had been altered to hide the name of the original author, Sergeant John Bilyeau. Mr.

Hastie asked Chief Liu why the Commission received an altered document. Chief Liu responded that he had whited out Mr. Bilyeau's name, feeling that it was not necessary for Mr. Bilyeau's name to appear on the memo. Mr. Vanasse stated that he would prefer not to see this type of thing happen in the future.

Discussion followed on Chief Liu's statement in his department report that morale is high, and reasons officers look for jobs elsewhere, including low pay and career advancement. The City Manager stated that he has a police officer pay survey.

Further discussion followed on the reserve officer program.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Day Mr. Day stated that he received an unauthorized copy of the police audit in the mail. He thinks it should have been made public.

Hildreth Mr. Hildreth stated that the City Council has gone through a paper conservation act. He thinks the Public Safety Commission should do the same and cut back on the amount of paper in the packet.

Hastie Mr. Hastie stated that he was surprised to receive a copy of the audit, and is unsure if it is the complete document. The return address on the envelope was that of the Bethel Police Department. He assumes this is a dire plea for help from the Police Officers.

After some discussion it was planned that the Commission would tour the Police Department, Fire Department, bus barn facility, and dog pound. The Fire Chief, Police Chief, and City Manager supported the idea.

motion M/M by Hastie, 2nd by Hildreth to tour the Police Department and Fire Department with the Police facility being 1st, at the earliest possible time.

vote Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion resulted in the tour being scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 5:30 pm. It was agreed that it would be a public meeting, duly posted.

Neth Ms. Neth stated that the unauthorized copy of the police audit should not be reviewed by the Commission, that they should only use the copy of the audit that was given to them by the Mayor. She considered the mailing of the audit to be underhanded.

Vanasse Chairman Vanasse stated he would not be here for the May meeting and Vice Chairman Tom Hildreth would chair that meeting.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no People to be heard.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Collection of Sales Tax on Alcohol Sales

Ms. Neth asked if the Council had responded to the Commission's recommendations that they investigate the issue. City Manager Weaver stated that Council has not responded officially.

Ms. Neth's preliminary findings are that Yute Air could provide a caged in area. Yute Air determined a possible requirement of approximately 150 sq feet at approximately \$7.00 per sq. foot, just for the floor space. She reiterated that these were not precise quotes.

A discussion followed about the different possibilities of getting revenue out of alcohol sales. The legislation that is before the State Legislature on collection of sales taxes was discussed, as well as the possibility of using City Staff to do a feasibility study on the issue.

Ms. Neth agreed to do more research into the possibility of an alcohol control point and to see if state law allows the airlines to work as agents in collection of the sales taxes.

motion M/M by Hildreth, 2nd by Day to table this item until the next meeting.

vote Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vanasse asked to have a copy of the Kotzebue draft ordinance sent to the Commission Members before the next meeting.

ITEM B: Reserve Program Reinstated

Chief Liu gave a short report stating that the status of the Reserve Program is the same as it was before it was put on hold. Mr. Vanasse stated that he is strongly in favor of continuing the program. Other commissioners were in agreement.

Chairman Vanasse, at the request of the City Manager, asked that the subject of mandatory physical examinations for Fire and Police Department Staff be looked into.

ITEM C: Police Performance Audit

Chairman Vanasse stated that an unauthorized copy of the Police Performance Audit has been mailed; he has received a copy. He noted that a revised version was distributed to the Commission at the instructions of the City Council. Mr. Vanasse stated that the Commission could not address issues in the unauthorized version until they were told to do so by City Council. He asked the Commissioners for their comments, but advised them to keep comments regarding the unauthorized version of the audit general in nature until they get direction from Council.

Mr. Hildreth noted that several of the items involve the department's budget. He recommends that the Commission table the matter until direction is received from the City Council.

Mr. Hastie noted that there were differences between the two versions. He does not want to see time spent on an investigation of the audit leak when there is an unsolved murder in town. He would like the Commission to consider a resolution that the Justice Department come to Bethel and investigate alleged burglary of or tampering with the evidence facility and that the minors be interviewed and concur their findings with the Chief's findings.

Ms. Neth would like to see the matter tabled until direction is received from the City Council.

Mr. Day also noted that several items were related to the budget.

motion M/M by Hildreth, 2nd by Day, to recommend to City Council that they be allowed to review the entire unedited audit at the discretion of the Council.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Shift Change Proposal.

Sgt. Gagne stated that this item is being negotiated with the union and is included for their information. Mr. Hildreth stated that it couldn't be discussed if it's related to labor negotiations. No action was taken.

ITEM B: Home Fleet Vehicle Program Proposal

Chief Liu gave a brief report on the benefits and purpose of the Home Fleet Vehicle Program, such as deterring crime in areas cars are parked, increased response time for back up calls, increased morale, less maintenance costs. A discussion ensued about the benefits versus the costs.

motion M/M by Hildreth, 2nd by Neth to table this issue until they receive a prioritized budget list from the Police Department.

vote Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

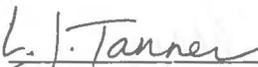
motion M/M by Hildreth, 2nd by Neth to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm.

vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, 1996.


Tom Hildreth, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:


L.J. Tanner, City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM, at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska by Vice-Chairman Hildreth. Chairman Vanasse assumed the chair during Roll Call.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Helena Andrew, Bruce Day, John Hastie, Tom Hildreth, Agnes Phillips, Gary Vanasse

Absent: Shari Neth (excused)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from June 3, 1996 meeting.

Motion M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Mr. Day to approve the minutes of the June 3, 1996, regular Commission meeting.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hildreth requested under Old Business, Item B, Marine VHF. Mr. Day requested under New Business, Item D, VPSO Program.

Motion M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Ms. Neth, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHIEF'S REPORTS

Chief Young had no report to give. Also stated that he did not receive a Commission Packet.

Chairman Vanasse asked about the floor repair to the Fire Station. Chief Young reports that it is complete and the contractors did a good job. This should hopefully last 20 years.

No representative was available from the Police Department.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Vanasse Welcomes Ms. Andrew to the Commission. Gave a brief history of the Commission, its role and responsibility to Ms. Andrew.

- Hildreth** No comments.
- Hastie** No comments.
- Day** Welcomes Ms. Andrew to the commission.
- Andrew** Is glad to be on the commission.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Terry Shepard, Alaska State Trooper Investigator introduces himself and is here to talk about the VPSO Program and the W.A.A.N.T. unit.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: E 911 SYSTEM

Continuation from the June 1996 meeting. Mr. Hildreth had hoped to have more information regarding E911, but nothing has come in, and that the RFP for the E911 System would have been prepared and sent out since the June meeting but no RFP has been prepared as of yet.

Motion The Public Safety Commission urge the City Administration / Purchasing to get the RFP out so information can come in regarding E911.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth No Second

Mr. Day asked what needs to be done and is the RFP prepared and ready to go out. Mr. Hildreth did not know if an RFP has been prepared. Chairman Vanasse asked City Clerk L.J. Tanner if she had any knowledge of this and Ms. Tanner believes that Laurie Adams is in need of further information so that she can develop an RFP.

General discussion regarding meetings, having city personnel including the Communications Supervisor involved. Further discussion was to establish minimums of equipment that is compatible with the Motorola Dispatch Console.

Motion A Console Mounted Display that provides a name, address and phone number of the emergency caller, and a computer CPU that controls and maintains a database.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Mr. Hastie.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B: MARINE VHF RADIO

Mr. Hildreth brought this back to the commission for his concerns. The radio problems are presently being addressed. The other side of the issue is the number of people who use the emergency channel. This was a major concern of the Police Department and that the former Public Safety Committee had addressed. Ideas brought forward are: Public Education; the City of Bethel issue a PSA; and refer to the Port Commission for their review and understanding.

Mr. Hildreth reports that there is a lot of communication on this channel, mainly from vessels that are moored to the Seawall, or working in the Seawall area and this is a big distraction to the dispatcher at the Police Station.

Motion The Public Safety Commission recommends the City Council direct City Administration to issue a Public Service Announcement on KYUK Radio and the Tundra Drums Newspaper regarding Marine Channel 16 as a designated Emergency Channel, and pass information to the Port Commission for their review and recommendation.

M/M by Mr. Vanasse, 2nd by Ms. Andrew.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carries unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Ambulance

Chairman Vanasse opens this as he feels the item relates to funding. The need has been established for a new ambulance. Mr. Hildreth has talked with ONC, who stated that there is no way that they can provide any type of funding for a new ambulance. YKHC obtained their ambulance by grant moneys, but there is no more money from that or any other grant that is for ambulance purchases.

Mr. Hastie states that it would be too late to get an ambulance on the barge for this season and suggests that we table this until the next meeting, and that we also have the winter months to discuss the matter. L.J. Tanner will do research on the specific request from the city council and get back with the Public Safety Commission.

Motion To table this agenda item to the next meeting.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Mr. Day.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hastie requested that since there are visitors to speak to an agenda item, that we move Item D, VPSO Program to Item B, Burton and Assoc. Memorandum to Item C, and Discussion Item: Bike and Pedestrian Trails to Item D.

ITEM B: VPSO Program

Mr. Day asked for this agenda item regarding the bootlegging problem and using undercover informants. Mr. Day has talked with Jack Hopstad, AVCP Inc. VPSO Coordinator about this.

Jack Hopstad reports that AVCP is working the Troopers and W.A.A.N.T. program regarding the VPSO's. They do have a pool of VPSO's what have specialized training for undercover work, and do use them on occasion.

Terry Shepard, W.A.A.N.T. Investigator stated that normally the Troopers do not employ the undercover agents such as VPSO's. The Native Non-Profits are the employers and the Troopers are the oversight for this. Money is also the biggest problem as even a small operation can exceed \$10,000.

Mr. Shepard also reports that the AREP (Alcohol Reward Enforcement Program) has gave Bethel a grant which is used to pay informants, pay rewards, and help fund undercover operations. Mr. Hopstad reported that there was approximately \$37,000 left that has not been spent.

Mr. Shepard also supports the local Alcohol Delivery Site as this provides more information on who is receiving alcohol, the quantities involved and would assist in future bootlegging arrests.

General discussion regarding alcohol and drug activities continued.

Motion How much funds are available in the Alcohol Reward Enforcement Program?

M/M by Mr. Day, 2nd by Ms. Andrew.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Phillips, who arrived late, passed out information on Motor Vehicle Regulations, which came from the City Council. Mr. Hildreth asked that this be put on the next agenda to allow the commission time to study the information.

ITEM C: Burton & Assoc. Memorandum

Mr. Hildreth brought this to the Public Safety Commission as he felt that Richard Burton and Associates have done an excellent job while in Bethel under some trying times. On the times that he has dealt with Mr. Burton or Mr. Schadle, it has been professional.

General discussion regarding Burton and Associates from the commission members. Mr. Hastie mentioned that there is a fund in the budget for plaques, awards and so forth that can be obtained. Ms. Tanner stated that this comes out of the City Clerk budget

Motion Request the City Council present an award on behalf of the Public Safety Commission to Burton and Associates.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Ms. Andrew.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM D: BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS

L.J. Tanner stated that Mayor Richardson asked her to bring this to our commission, but other committees and commissions as well for support. Mr. Antone Anvil and other citizens have expressed concern about this. Ms. Tanner had talked with a DOT representative regarding this and obtaining funding. Ms. Tanner brought the 1994 DOT Capital Projects plan for review of the commission.

Mr. Hastie would like to see as a Public Safety Commission make a statement that all roads in Bethel be added to the Federal Transportation Surface Needs. Mr. Hildreth also recalls Mayor Richardson making comment regarding having all Bethel roads be paved and having this backed up by YKHC as a health problem by keeping the dust down thus keeping the sickness down.

General discussion regarding ideas, past projects, but general consensus was to incorporate the bike trails to our present roads by adding on to one side of the road. And to list this as a priority, also mention the dust problem as a health problem to encourage and enhance a priority.

Motion To request council support in the Public Safety Commissions effort and endeavoring in the street, roads, bike and pedestrian trail capital improvement projects.

M/M by Mr. Hastie, 2nd by Mr. Hildreth.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Due to September 2, 1996 being a holiday, and Moose Hunting Season is also in September, that the meeting date be changed. After general discussion, it was decided to next meet on August 26, 1996 at 6:00 PM at the Log Cabin, then continue again in October.

Motion M/M by Mr. Hastie, 2nd by Mr. Vanasse to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Gary Vanasse, Chairman

ATTEST:

L.J. Tanner, City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 6:03 PM, at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska by Chairman Vanasse.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Bruce Day, John Hastie, Tom Hildreth, Shari Neth, Agnes Phillips,
Gary Vanasse

Absent: Helena Andrew (Excused)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from August 6, 1996 meeting.

Item IV, Approval of Agenda, Ms. Neth was not at the meeting and could not have made the 2nd in the motion.

Motion M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Ms. Neth to approve the minutes of the August 6, 1996, regular Commission meeting as amended.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Ms. Neth, to approve the Agenda.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHIEF'S REPORTS

Fire Chief Young passed out the Fire Department Management Report, and information on the upcoming Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Class which has 6 - 8 applicants.

Chief Young made comment regarding Kathy Coker at the Police Department by not notifying him of the Commission meeting, and getting the agenda at the latter part of last week.

Chairman Vanasse asked about the house fire, Chief Young reported a good turnout of personnel by Fire and Police Departments, City Water Truck drivers. Fire was contained quickly with minimal damage.

Day Is still concerned regarding the Alcohol Reward Enforcement Program moneys. Brief discussion.

Motion The Public Safety Commission requests 1. Current status of the Alcohol Reward Enforcement Program with carryover moneys; 2. Is the City of Bethel on track for applying for grants for the new year; and 3. Status of the grant proposal.

M/M by Mr. Day, 2nd by Mr. Hastie

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Phillips A resolution was presented to Burton and Associates at the last City Council meeting and that a plaque has also been presented as requested by the Commission.

Vanasse Gave appreciation to the Fire Department for the response to the Howard Elliot fire. Chairman Vanasse also welcomes the new Police Chief, and hopes to see him at the next meeting. Also talked about the Citizen Review Committee matters and if Mr. Day had any other concerns, to feel free to talk with the city manager regarding the decisions.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Update

Ms. Neth gave an update to the issue that the Alcohol Beverage Control Board stated that the proposed ballot measure does not interfere with the alcoholic beverage ordinance.

The Public Safety Commission will still work on this, with the final goal of hopefully implementing an Alcohol Delivery Site. Mr. Hildreth made comment to Ms. Neth since she missed the August 5th meeting, that Trooper Shepard said that the W.A.A.N.T. program would support the delivery site as well as it would provide needed information for their operation.

The Public Safety Commission wishes this to be on the November agenda after the election for the results of the vote and to continue with more information.

The community that Mr. McComas obtained the regulation from is much smaller than Bethel, circumstances are different and that this regulation would be difficult to enforce. With traffic from the surrounding villages coming to Bethel, this would not be to Bethel's advantage to enact this type of regulation.

Motion This Motor Vehicle Regulation is not applicable to Bethel and the cost would out weight the benefit.

M/M by Ms. Neth, 2nd by Ms. Phillips.

Vote Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion M/M by Mr. Hastie, 2nd by Mr. Vanasse to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1996.

Gary Vanasse, Chairman

ATTEST:

L.J. Tanner, City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM, at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska by Chairman Vanasse.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Vanasse, Tom Hildreth, John Hastie, Shari Neth, Bruce Day, Wally Richardson, Helena Andrews

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion M/M by Ms. Neth, 2nd by Ms. Richardson to approve the minutes of the October 14, 1996, regular Commission meeting.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hildreth request that we add under Old Business, Item D, Alcohol Use Tax Follow - Up, and add under New Business, Item C, Village Motel.

Ms. Neth requests that due to her schedule that we move the Alcohol Use Tax to Item A, and other items to follow.

Motion M/M by Ms. Richardson, 2nd by Ms. Neth, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHIEF'S REPORTS

Police Chief Eilers had no reports to give at this time.

Ms. Neth asked if Chief Eilers had a guestimate of the number of calls are related to alcohol. Chief Eilers estimates that 40% of calls are alcohol related.

Chairman Vanasse asked about the clerical support for the Commission. Chief Eilers will have Kathy Coker start attending at the December meeting. Chairman Vanasse would like to see more planning and preparation of the meetings, more information put into the packets, and getting information to and from other committees and commissions. Chairman Vanasse also inquired about shift schedules, possibly being more creative to cover traffic at peak hours and school zone enforcement.

Chief Eilers stated that the Police have been trying to work on coverage, especially for the school zones.

Mr. Day inquired about having the police vehicles park in the rear of the building out of the public eye. Chief Eilers responded as this was a directive of the City Manager to have the vehicles parked in front due to parking problems for City Hall, and also the Court Building. Chairman Vanasse asked about the Smoking Policy. Chief Eilers responded that the Police Station is a No Smoking Facility, but the officers are allowed to smoke in the vehicles except for Public Contact or when they are transporting prisoners and other individuals. Chairman Vanasse then asked about how the Police are involved in the Stella Evon case. Chief Eilers reported that the Police are involved, have done some follow-up work, talked with friends, working with Bethel Search and Rescue and the State Troopers. One officer has been kind of assigned to the case. Mr. Hastie asked if it has been determined if she is a runaway, a victim of a crime, etc.. Chief Eilers is not sure at this time. Officer Scott Vukich and Investigator Jerry Evan have been working on the case, along with the other officers.

Ms. Neth was very pleased that Investigator Jerry Evan attended the SART Training. Chief Eilers reported that Inv. Evan has come back with good ideas, and will hopefully be implementing those into the department.

Mr. Day asked about current staffing. Chief Eilers reports 2 Police Officer positions are open at this time.

Chief Young from the Fire Department had just returned from emergency leave, and did not have time to prepare anything for the Commission when the packets went out. He did hand out 2 management reports.

Ms. Richardson expressed her condolences for the passing of Chief Young's mother.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Hastie No Comments

Andrews She went to the Bethel Inn on Ptarmigan Street recently, and was shocked to see the Inn full of drunks, and also a child running around inside. She did call the Police Department regarding the matters. She also made comment that the front door was locked, and had to knock on the window for someone to answer the front door.

Ms. Andrews would also like to see a street light placed on East Avenue between Bruce Crows and 116 East Avenue for safety reasons.

Motion To request that a Street Light be installed on East Avenue between Bruce Crows and 116 East Avenue in the interest of Public Safety.

M/M by Ms. Andrews, 2nd by Mr. Hildreth

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hildreth requested that the Police Department look at all areas of town for problems, lack of lighting. Chief Eilers said that he will direct his officers to do this and identify areas needing lighting.

Ms. Andrews finally requested that the guard rail at the intersection of Bridge Street, Hanger Lake Road and East Avenue be replaced as cars can slide into the ditch, or possibly into the Quonset Hut at that intersection.

Ms. Richardson said that the City Council will get with DOT on that matter.

Chief Young requested that he be notified in case of a call similar to the Bethel Inn as Ms. Andrews reported so that he can take action for Fire and Building Codes.

Day Is happy to see Chief Eilers out working the streets. This is a welcome change and enhances the department image. Mr. Day also inquired about the qualifications of the Lieutenant, Sergeant, etc. of the Police Department. Chief Eilers responded appropriately.

Richardson No Comments

Hildreth No Comments

Vanasse Also happy to see the Chief is responding. Condolences were given to the Young family. Chairman Vanasse stated that his term is expiring at the end of the year, December will be his last meeting. He is not seeking reinstatement to the Commission. The City Clerk should start advertising the vacancy, and that selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman needs to be placed on the January Agenda.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Alcohol Sales Tax Follow - Up

Ms. Neth reported via written correspondence that City Manager Ken Weaver talked with Mike Scott in Kotzebue who said that tax collection at the point of sale as been poor. Mr. Weaver sees an Alcohol Beverage Delivery Site as the most feasible way of enforcing and ensuring collection of sales tax.

Chairman Vanasse stated that it is the goal to have a delivery site in Bethel, and is supported by the Troopers/WAANT Unit.

Ms. Richardson says that City Administration has formed a small committee regarding this, and should be keeping the Public Safety Commission updated.

Chairman Vanasse would like to recommend that an RFP be prepared for the collection points for alcohol. General discussion resulting in all cargo companies should be involved in the collection of sales tax for all alcohol shipments.

The following commissioners have volunteered to meet with cargo representatives and Ken Weaver to establish a most efficient, least cumbersome collection site and routine: Shari Neth, Wally Richardson, Bruce Day and Tom Hildreth.

The Public Safety Commission shall have this as a monthly agenda item indefinitely.

ITEM B: Animal Control Fee Schedule

Chief Eilers reports that he has not had a chance to meet with Animal Control Officer Burley due to illness and has nothing to report to the Commission. Chief Eilers stated that he can have something for the December meeting.

Motion To table this agenda item to the December meeting.

M/M by Ms. Richardson, 2nd by Mr. Hildreth

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM C: Oil Spills - Follow Up

Chief Young requested this as he was absent at the last meeting and would like to answer any additional questions. The Fire Department will respond to the incident, do some containment, but it is the responsibility of the Owner/Tenant for the clean-up. The Fire Department does work with DEC and the Police Department, and in some instances, the Coast Guard if it falls in their jurisdiction.

ITEM D: Fire Prevention Month, After Action Report

Chief Young reports a very successful fire prevention month for Bethel and very full of activities. He would like to thank all the business' who donated materials to the Fire Department. Also hats off to Sr. Captain Bruce Perry who is the Fire Prevention Officer for putting this all together, and to several volunteers who assisted in the activities.

IX. New Business

ITEM A: Appreciation Letters for Fire Prevention Donation

Chairman Vanasse would like to see a thank you letter written to all the business' on behalf of the Public Safety Commission appreciating their generous donations for Fire Prevention Materials.

General discussion regarding letters, and Ms. Richardson suggested that City Clerk L.J. Tanner prepare Certificates instead for the Public Safety Commission.

ITEM B: Fast Food Delivery Ordinance

Mr. Hildreth brought this to the Commission as he had received complaints from individuals regarding fast food delivery drivers. We should look for an ordinance similar to Vehicle for Hire.

Ms. Richardson says the Transportation Commission has looked at this in the past but could not remember the outcome. However, we cannot just regulate the fast food industry, but would have to be all Commercial Delivery Drivers.

After general discussion, it was recommended that all Commercial Delivery Drivers have some sort of identification on their vehicles, i.e.: door signs, which identify which company they work for, and vehicle numbers that would assist in identifying the vehicle for complaint purposes. Since this falls under the Transportation Commission, it is recommended that the Transportation Commission review and take appropriate action if necessary.

Motion To refer to the Transportation Commission to Re-Review an Ordinance dealing with Commercial Delivery Drivers.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Ms. Andrews

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM C: Village Motel

Mr. Hildreth brought this to the Commission regarding recent activity and events, and is concerned about what is going on.

Ms. Richardson re-iterated a comment made at the last Council meeting she made that Bethel cannot babysit the individuals that come from the villages. The individuals must be responsible for their own actions.

Mr. Day recommended that the Police Department put informants into the motel to set-up bootlegging operations. Ms. Richardson states that this might already be in place. She also had meetings with AVCP and YKHC regarding this problem. It was recommended that AVCP talk with the tribal leaders to help inform the villagers that they need to be responsible for their actions when they come to Bethel. This was not well received by AVCP. AVCP however requests that the City of Bethel require a liability policy for Hotels, Motels and Bed and Breakfasts.

General Discussion followed, and the City Council will be discussing this further.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To adjourn the Public Safety Commission meeting at 8:09 PM. The next Public Safety Commission meeting will be December 2, 1996 at the Log Cabin.

M/M by Mr. Hildreth, 2nd by Ms. Richardson

Vote Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 1996.

Gary Vanasse, Chairman

ATTEST:

L.J. Tanner, City Clerk

**City of Bethel
Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting of
December 2, 1996**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Chairman Vanasse.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Shari Neth, Gary Vanasse, Tom Hilderth, John Hastie, Bruce Day.

Absent: Andrew & Richardson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**motion
vote**

M/M Ms. Neth 2nd by Tom Hildreth to approve the minutes as presented.
Voice vote passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**motion
vote**

M/M by Shari Neth, 2nd by Bruce Day to approve the agenda as presented
Voice vote passed unanimously.

V. Chiefs' Reports

Chairman Vanasse reported that Chief Eilers was out of town and the Police Department wasn't going to be represented during this meeting.

Fire Chief Young stated that Ms Andrew had some concerns about the Village Inn. In follow up on that issue He is going to do a fire Inspection of the Village Inn. Chief Young passed out copies of thank you letters made out to contributors. Shari Neth stated that she wanted to send thank you letters to the contributors from the Public Safety Commission.

Mr. Hildreth stated that the Mayor had said L.J. was going to send out certificates. Chief Young stated up until now there was not a list of the contributors and that Bruce Perry was still working on getting addresses and contribution amounts from the last ones.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Bruce Day asked about the equipment grant and why the Public Safety Commission was not included in the advisory board.

Admin assistant Coker explained that the advisory board for the grant was done to be in compliance with the Grant before the City Manager Signed it and was done with his approval.

Gary Vanasse stated that he as disappointed that a representative from the commission was not at this meeting.

motion M/M by Tom Hildreth to have a Public Safety Commission meeting from 7 to 14 days from now as schedules and information allow, with Chief Eilers about this grant issue.

vote Voice vote Passed unanimously.

Discussion - Ms. Neth thought it would be appropriate to speak to Ken Weaver first.

Chairman Vanasse stated that he would rather pass a motion now then to hold an emergency meeting later. Some things on the list are good and some have already been purchased.

Bruce Day stated that he felt this is something the Commission should have some input on.

John Hastie stated that he didn't think the advisory board was done in accordance with the approval of the Council.

Chairman Vanasse stated that he would think that the City Manager would have the power to appoint an advisory board.

John Hastie also pointed out that the grant paper stated that a public meeting should be held. And that it could be done in conjunction with the proposed Public Safety Commission meeting to be held on this issue.

Chairman Vanasse said he didn't have a problem with that.

John Hastie requested a copy of the entire grant be sent to all members along with Mr. Schadle's recommendations.

Bruce Day said he'd like to hear more about this reclassification of position. He felt that the evidence custodian should be a police officer.

John Hastie discussed the statistical report in the Chief of Police management reports. He asked what kind of reports could be generated to determine the amount of time officers spend on calls and various other activities. He stated he would like to help the Department with time management. He requested copies of the officer activity logs be sent to him. Tom Hildreth suggested Mr. Hastie be the Commission statistician. Gary stated he didn't see a problem with this and if there was a problem with it, to have the Chief call him.

Shari Neth stated that she had a meeting on December 3, at 2:00pm on the alcohol issue everyone is invited to attend. She also thanked Gary for Serving as chairman for the past year. (she left the meeting)

Bruce Day said he like Mr. Hastie's idea about generating a time management report.

Chief Young stated that he was familiar with the program the police department uses and it's an old DOS based program that is very difficult to use and the support company is difficult to deal with.

Chairman Vanasse welcomed back Admin assistant Kathy Coker to the Commission. He also stated that in January there will be two opening on the Commission. And in January the commission will be selecting a new chairperson.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to be heard.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A. Animal Control Fees

There was a discussion about the proposed fees schedule.

Motion

M/M by Tom Hildreth 2nd by Bruce Day to approve the proposed changes with the exception of not raising the adoption and euthanizing fees.

Item B. E 911 System

There was a discussion about the purchasing agents memo stating the RFP's were not responded to therefore the City was going to

go with a Sole source contract with GTE.

John Hastie stated that he'd like to see this proceed with caution so the city doesn't pay more for what they get.
It was suggested that a member of the Commission attend the January 10, meeting with 9-1-1 Inc. and GTE.

Item C. Alcohol Issue

Gary simply apprised the Commission of the meeting Shari Neth was going to have with the city manager on December 3, at 2:00 pm.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: New Street Lights Proposal

M/M by Tom Hildreth 2nd by Bruce Day to request the police department to give a recommendation to the Public Safety Commission as to the location of new street light additions. No vote tabled until next meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Tom Hildreth 2nd by Bruce Day to adjourn at 8:35 pm.
Voice vote passed unanimously.
Next meeting January 6, 1997

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Bob Himshoot Jr.

City of Bethel
Public Safety Commission
Special Meeting of
December 16, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Vanasse.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Shari Neth, Gary Vanasse, Tom Hildreth, John Hastie, Mayor Richardson

Absent: Bruce Day (excused) Helena Andrew (unexcused).

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion M/M by Tom Hildreth, 2nd by Shari Neth to approve the agenda as presented.

vote Voice vote passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V. CHIEFS' REPORTS

A. Fire Chief George Young

B. Police Chief Gary Eilers

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

* Shari Neth - stated that she would like to have the following topics as **NEW BUSINESS** at the next scheduled meeting, "**Age Restriction on Snow Machine Operation**" and "**Building Key Pickup and Return**". Also, Ms. Neth stated that she felt it was good that we got the grant, but bad that we had a high enough crime rate to qualify.

Mayor Richardson - stated that she was disturbed as she read the minutes of the last meeting that the Commission is getting into areas that they are not supposed to, such as time management.

Chairman Vanasse - stated he did not think the minutes reflected what was intended. We want to look at time in and time out and the amount of time on calls along with the number of officers and time out on annual leave etc., to determine the needs for staffing in the future. This will be addressed in January.

V. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS (continued)

* Mayor Richardson - requested that the time management issue be on the January agenda.

Chief Eilers - we will not be able to comply with that request for information but like Wally he would like to see it on the agenda.

John Hastie - In lieu of "time management" it should be called "Summary Crime Report".

Mayor Richardson - I do not want you getting into areas that you shouldn't be.

Chairman Vanasse - We don't want to or intend to.

Chief Eilers - I just want to explain that I was out of town at the time of the last meeting and Lt. Ely intended to attend; however, he was called out and up all night and worked all day and wasn't able to be here.

John Hastie - In the future if a Sgt. or someone could be here as a representative for the Police or Fire Departments.

Chief Eilers - Sometimes I am the only one that will have the answers to your questions. The Sergeant's couldn't address most issues as their responsibilities are different; more focused on patrol.

Chairman Vanasse - I am disappointed this meeting is not being taped. I think it should be; I just want it noted that its not taped.

VI. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to be heard.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Law Enforcement Block Grant

Chairman Vanasse - I am disappointed that we weren't included. I feel we were excluded.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

A. Law Enforcement Block Grant

Mayor Richardson - I don't think anyone would intentionally exclude the Public Safety Commission.

Chairman Vanasse - An advisory board was formed and we should have been part of it. We have to ask to be included. I'd like the Chief to tell us about the grant before we go any further.

Chief Eilers - this took me by surprise. I have tried to answer all your questions. It was my understanding that it was brought before council. And I felt that that was the public hearing. After I found out about it I talked to Al Schadle about it. It is an open grant. I also talked to Kathy Katsel at the grant office she told us we had to have the advisory board meeting.

I arrived at what on the list. Radios - there are so many dead spots here this is a real concern for officer safety. I talked to Greg Mocta and have been testing some 5 watt radios to see if wattage is the problem. In King Cove we could reach farther than here and there were mountains. With the new radio I've only run into one bad spot. Maybe our frequency is off a little bit. We had to make this list because we needed to comply with the grant. I did not deliberately exclude you.

Chairman Vanasse - I don't think that the advisory board meeting was done in accordance with the open meetings act. I understand this isn't written in stone yet. Let's look at the list. I don't like radar systems for patrol. School zones are the only areas that need it and they don't get patrolled. I don't understand the need we have for two radar guns now. The two before that ended up in the dump and a former commission member uses them. Why do we need five of them?

Chief Eilers - We'd like to use the stationary type in each vehicle instead of the portable.

Chairman Vanasse - I'd like to see what the need Schadle said verses the current list.

Chief Eilers - Schadle didn't leave anything in writing. I don't know what the past administration did with their equipment. It's not going to get dumped now unless it costs more to get it fixed that it's worth. I have stopped cars going up to 60 MPH; but I don't have anyway to prove it. Once you let the community know you have radar it will slow everyone down.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

A. Law Enforcement Block Grant

Chairman Vanasse - That happened this summer when the troopers were here. It slowed everyone down. We asked the former administration to change shifts in order to have patrol in school zones at 8:00 a.m. This would be more practical than spending \$10,000 on radar. The camcorder seems expensive.

Chief Eilers - It's a full size model so we can make duplicate copies for the DA and Public Defenders office. We want something that is going to hold up to a lot of use. The digital photo system will save us money on film developing and the time we have to wait to get them back. The DA's office is excited about the prospect of getting as many pictures as they need and even being able to blow them up. I want a camera in each vehicle.

Shari Neth - I respect the list and the Police Department. Accidents went down when speeding was monitored. Chief Eilers has a better perspective on that.

Chief Eilers - I tried to use my past experience. There is a big problem with traffic. We put up posters about radar and reduced our traffic to only 10 citations for the last year.

Chairman Vanasse - If we are not using the ones we have...

Chief Eilers - We are using one and we just found one we are going to send out to get looked at.

Tom Hildreth - In the past administration two units were ordered and one quit working.

Chief Eilers - The dispatch chair; sitting for long periods of time in those uncomfortable chairs is hard on the body.

We are making an office for Patti, there are no funds for a desk or anything. The work center is for the dispatch supervisors office.

Night vision binoculars; there is a big bootlegging business here, we need equipment to combat it. These binoculars are very effective and I've seen the benefits of using them. One set is for the Police Department and one is for the WAANT Unit. These are the items I feel we need to do the job in Bethel.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

A. Law Enforcement Block Grant

Chairman Vanasse - We would like to see a better crime reporting system.

Lt. Ely - Megg and Associates say they have an updated program that is Windows based versus DOS based. We are looking into this.

Chairman Vanasse - You have twenty-four months to spend the money?

Chief Eilers - Yes, twenty-four months.

Chairman Vanasse - We have to end because the mayor has another meeting to attend. I'd like to see a snow machine at the department.

Chief Eilers - We have some going into forfeiture; they are going through the court process.

Chairman Vanasse - We have a lot of snow machine thefts and DUI's on snow machines; a snow machine can follow their tracks. We'd like to work with the department of these items.

Chief Eilers - I didn't intentionally exclude anyone. I thought the public hearing had already been done.

John Hastie - I'd like to see jurisdictional meetings ratify the advisory board.

Mayor Richardson - We authorized the City Manager to sign the grant.

City Manager, Ken Weaver - I authorized the Chief to form the advisory board.

John Hastie - I called the Department of Justice; they thought add-on's to the existing Commission to get the advisory board a good idea. I missing some pages and got duplicates of other pages. They faxed me the missing pages.

Mayor Richardson - It disturbs me the way you do business. You could have jeopardized the grant. I disagree with your calling them; and asking them; and asking about the grant.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

A. Law Enforcement Block Grant

Chairman Vanasse - I didn't know he going to call, but I can understand the reasoning.

Mayor Richardson - Didn't you consider a call the Chief or the City Manager for that information.

City Manager, Ken Weaver - He did call the finance director.

Chairman Vanasse - I appreciate you coming Madam Mayor. (Mayor Richardson left the meeting - 7:05 p.m.)

X. ADJOURNMENT

Formal meeting adjourned due to lack of a quorum.

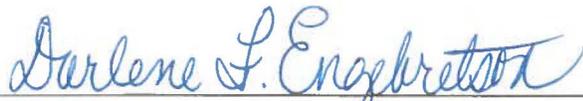
Next meeting January 6, 1997

PASSED AND APPROVED, AS AMENDED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEB, 1997.



Chairman Thomas A. Hildreth

ATTEST:



Darlene F. Engebretson, Administrative Assistant