

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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February 1, 1996

**City of Bethel
Transportation Commission**

Regular Meeting of

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:10 PM, at the City Offices, Bethel, Alaska, By Chairman Williams.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Thor Williams, Doreen O'Brien, Gloria Rhodes and Richard Robb.

Absent: Virginia Turner, Wally Richardson and James Bock (Informed Chairman of absence)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion to Amend the Minutes as follows.
Section VIII Item C River Taxi Status; change to say, see attached report.
Section VI Commission Member Comments; change in the first line, the word resent to present.

motion Made by Doreen, 2nd by Gloria to approve the minutes of the February 1, 1996, regular Commission meeting as amended. approved by all present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussion to Amend the Agenda as follows:
Section IX New Business add
Item C: Chung Bro Purchase of Taxi Cab
Item D: Permit Transfers
Item E: Chauffeur Appeal

motion Made by Doreen, 2nd by Gloria to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Chief discussed reviewing the Taxi permit fee structure because of foreseen decreases in City revenue through and an increase in expenditures for employee health benefits.

Chief Liu also discussed the amount of time it takes for the Police Department to administratively support the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance with the current number of cabs and chauffeurs. He asked that the possibility of hiring a part time person to fulfill these requirements be assessed.

See Attached Taxi Status Report.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Doreen suggested a sit down meeting with finance to assess both issues Chief Liu brought up. Doreen read a complaint from a citizen about her concern for respect of peoples private driveways and road front property. Doreen also gave advance notice that she would miss the March meeting.

Rick expressed his thanks for the cab drivers that were present at the meeting. He also stated that the Transportation Commission may have to have a work session to come up with ideas on good and cost effective measures to relieve The Chief of his time constraints.

Gloria said she was glad to be able to attend the meetings now that they had changed the day it meets.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Gloria Made a motion to limit the time each person could speak to 3 minutes, it was 2nd by Doreen. Discussion ensued about giving the people enough time to express their concerns. Voice vote, 3 yes and 1 No. The Motion Failed.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD Cont.

Teresa Williams invited the Commission Members to ride around with the Cab Drivers during a busy time to see what it's like. This idea was reiterated by several other cab drivers.

Jim Libby addressed the Commission with a suggestion that they change the ordinance so that cab transfers don't have to go through Commission approval. He argued that other forms of business don't say who you can hire and when you can hire them. He also addressed cab inspections. He said they should be done from a safety stand point and not on being pretty. He stated he felt a 4" dent limit was impractical for Bethel, being very costly for the cab drivers to comply and not contributing to the safety of the vehicle. Jim also expressed that he felt the cab companies keep the City out of the bus business.

Teresa Williams asked for a copy of the fee schedule that has been handed out to the public. She stated that .50 cents a minute for in route stops is too low.

Rick Robb stated, not changing that amount was an oversight when they redid the ordinance in 1993.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Public Hearing: Record Keeping for Dispatch Permits.

Rick Robb said if we can't make it workable we should delete the whole section.

Doreen expressed her disappointment in the cab drivers not presenting a proposal for them to look at.

James Randall and Margaret Gregory stated they would get something together for next month. Margaret also said she was working with Greg at Motorola at getting a recording system that would work. It was expressed that recording would be expensive and use miles of tape.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS Cont.

Thor stated that the ordinance says to maintain a system it doesn't have to be hard. Use codes so you don't have to write down long entries.

It was expressed by several drivers that the ordinance wasn't feasible. Gloria stated that the City Council wasn't just going to allow them to throw out part of the ordinance that they all had to work together to come up with a workable solution to present to the Council. Thor asked Rick Robb to work with the cab companies to come up with a proposal.

ITEM B: FCC Forms Update

Chief Liu stated we have forms on hand now at the Police Department.

ITEM C: Update on Amendment to City Of Bethel Municipal Code Section 5.20.070 C thru E.

Thor announced that the City Council asked the Cab industry to be at the next meeting which is Feb. 13, 1996. It will be an open Hearing covering penalties for cabs. A discussion ensued about how the City attorney changed the proposed amendment and whether it made the penalty tougher.

Doreen made a motion that was 2nd by Gloria to send the amendment to City Council and inform them of the error, leaving it up to them to amend it if they see fit. Voice vote motion passed by all present.

ITEM D: Mr. Pack buying of Quyana Cab.

Chief Liu stated that we have not received any paperwork from him concerning this.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Dispatch Permits for River Taxi's.

Chief Liu asked the question does a River Taxi need a dispatch permit when they are based out of the villages?

A short discussion ensued. Chief Liu suggested not to address this issue now but wait until the summer when they are planning to update the river taxi part of the ordinance.

A work secession was set up for May 2, 1996 meeting at 6:00pm. Thor asked the Cab Company's to have any input about River Taxi's to him before the May meeting.

ITEM B: Ride Along Program with Taxi Drivers

Thor Thanked Teresa Williams for bringing this up to the Commission and that it could be educational. He asked Teresa to give him a list of drivers willing to participate and those that are non-smoking, by the next meeting.

ITEM C: Chung Brothers Purchase of Taxi Cab.

Chung Bros, Inc. DBA Taxi Cab Co.

The Corporate Share Holders are Tae Hwa Chung, Tae Ha Chung, and Dean Puchalski. Chief Liu stated they have met all the requirements for the sale.

Motion made by Gloria 2nd by Doreen to approve the sale of Himshoot to Chung. Approve by all present.

ITEM D: Permit Transfers

Chief Liu explained the policy of issuing a different letter designation after the permit number each time the same number is issued to a new VIN throughout the year. The transfers for this Month are as follows:

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ITEM D: Cont.

Yukon 19 to Quyana 209B
Yukon 22 to Quyana 22B
Quyana 207 to Taxi Cab #91
Yukon #28 to Taxi Cab #81
Yukon #27 to Taxi Cab #82

Motion Made by Doreen and 2nd by Gloria to approve transfers.
Passed by all present.

ITEM E: Chauffeur Appeal

Chief Liu read a letter to Mrs. Betty Evans
(See Attached)
She hadn't gone to trial yet so there wasn't any
recourse for the Commission. Thor told her to come
back next Month after her sentencing.

Thor told her she didn't have to pay another \$50.00
Appeal filing fee since there isn't anything we can do
until after her court date.

X. ADJOURNMENT

motion Made by Doreen, 2nd by Gloria to adjourn the meeting
at 9:10pm. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman

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**City of Bethel
Transportation Commission**

Regular Meeting of

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:27 PM, at the City Offices, Bethel, Alaska, By Chairman Williams.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Wally Richardson, Thor Williams, Richard Robb
Bob Himshoot Jr.

Absent: Doreen O'Brien, Gloria Rhodes, James Bock,

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

motion M/M by Wally Richardson & 2nd by Rick Robb, to approve the minutes of the Feb 4, 1996, regular Commission meeting by all, as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

motion M/M by Wally Richardson, 2nd by Rick to amend the agenda by adding: Item C New Business: Transfers
Item E Old Business: David Kutch
Agenda approved as amended. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Chief Liu Read the taxi cab update report, See attached. He stated that 3 citations for late payments of monthly fees were issued and Cab drivers were more responsive in paying their fees on time this month.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Wally stated that she had received several complaints that Korean cab drivers were overcharging for rides to older people that don't speak good english.

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Wally also suggested that the City might reconsider the \$100.00 per month charge for sales tax as it is a small percentage of their estimated income.

Bob Himshoot said hello to everyone.

Thor stated that a cab price war is on. He pointed out that the cabs he rode in didn't have prices posted the way they should. He also said that the Transportation Commission is going to give a report to City Council on April 9th.

Wally said the meeting will be good to build better working relationships between the Council and the Commission.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Teresa Williams made a comment about raising the tax on cabs. She felt the cab industry has paid enough in their taxes without the benefit of improved roads etc. She asked where the money goes.

Wally explained that all revenue goes into the general fund and it is against the law to have revenue go into specialized funds.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Betty Evans Chauffeur Appeal

Chief Liu stated that the Charges against Ms Evans were reduced to misdemeanor assault. Conviction of a misdemeanor with this use of force is still justification to revoke a permit for 5 years.

A conversation ensued with Ms Evans that determined that she is taking anger management classes and will be attending alcohol counseling by order of her probation.

motion

A motion was made by Wally 2nd by Bob to give Betty Evans a conditional Chauffeur permit providing she comes to the April 4th Transportation Commission Meeting to show that she has completed the anger

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management course or that she has been attending. That she read chapter 5.0 of the vehicle ordinance, understand it and obey all laws, not consume any alcohol and obey the court ordered probation. Understanding if these conditions are not followed that her permit will be revoked. Further, she is to review back to the Commission ever 3 months, June, Sept, and Dec., for the length of her probation. Voice vote passed by all present.

ITEM B: Record Keeping for Dispatch Permits

Rick Apologized for not getting together a proposal. He said he'd have something by next month.

Bob said he would look further into an affordable voice activated recording system and report at the next meeting.

ITEM C: Ride Along With Taxi Drivers

Thor referred to the list of cab drivers ,willing to participate,that Teresa Williams had given to the Commission. He highly recommended that the Commission Members ride along with some of these drivers and learn more about the industry.

ITEM D: Update on Section 5.20

Thor stated that the City Council passed the lawyers version of the ordinance. Now the Council is wanting to amend a portion of the proposed ordinance. It was referred back down to the commission level and will be looked at in the April meeting.

ITEM E: David Kutch

Chief Liu read out of the November Transportation Commission minutes the conditions of David Kutch's permit.

Chief Liu stated that Mr Kutch is in violation of his conditions.

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motion Wally made a motion 2nd by Bob, to revoke David Kutch's conditional permit because of his violation of the conditions set down by the Commission. Voice vote; passed by all present.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Change to Chapter 2.25

a. Setting a limit to the number of cab drivers allowed to sit on the Transportation Commission.

b. Dismissal from the Commission for unexcused absences.

Thor asked that these be made agenda items for the next meeting.

ITEM B: Plaque for Virginia Turner for her years of service.

After a short discussion about the cost of plaques Chief Liu agreed that certificates are more practical and he would take care of it.

ITEM C: Transfer of permit

Chief Liu stated that, Mr. Miller is buying a cab from Mr. Himshoot Sr. All the paper work is good and he recommended this financial transfer of this permit.

motion Motion made by Wally, 2nd by Bob to allow the permit to be transferred.

X. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Rick, 2nd by Bob to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Thor Williams

City of Bethel
Transportation Commission
Regular Meeting of
August 1, 1996

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

Absent: James Bock (unexcused)
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The last meeting was canceled there were no minutes that needed approval.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
M/M by O'Brien, 2nd by Robb to approve the agenda with the addition of Item C under new business, Random Inspections of cabs.
- V. **TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**
Acting Transportation Inspector read report, See attached.
- VI. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**
Doreen O'Brien read a written statement in regards to Burton's memo addressing his role as a consultant to the City of Bethel. See Attached.

Rick Robb expressed his concern over not being informed in time to attend the last meeting. Thor informed him that there was a temporary Admin Ass't helping out at P.D. and she regrettably didn't get the agenda mailed in time.

Bob Himshoot commented that Chief Burton handed out a few warnings to cabs that had failed to get their inspections turned in and got 100% compliance within a day or so and that's the way it should be done.

Thor Williams stated that he was asked to make a report to Council and he reported what he saw and it has steam rolled from there other issues have combined to mushroom it into this situation. Inspections weren't over in a day it was several days. We don't want to pay more in taxes to pay off a law suite against the City.

Rick Robb commented that he felt that this inspection period had gone better than most.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Dave Trantham gave a message of support to the Commission about hanging in there even when you're catching flack.

Chairman Williams asked to suspend the rules and go back to Commission Member Comments. He asked that Jim Bock to taken off of the rolls. He has aquired too many unexcused absences, and we need to get someone else.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A: Charging a Fee for Transfers

M/M by Gloria Rhodes to set a fee of \$70.00 for cabs transferring from one company to another.

M/M by Bob Himshoot to amend the motion by adding: The \$70.00 should be increased to \$125.00 if further paper work is needed or as the Transportation Inspector deems necessary.

Vote Chairman Williams called for the Question on the amendment.

Roll Call vote: Rhodes, aye; Himshoot, Aye; O'Brien, Aye; Robb, Nay; Williams, Aye. Amendment passed by majority vote.

Vote Main motion: Roll Call vote: Rhodes, Aye; Himshoot, Aye; O'Brien, Aye; Robb, Nay; Williams, Aye. Main Motion Passed by majority vote.

Item B: Permit Transfer Procedures

Chairman Williams stated that he had held this proposal up so both proposals could go to the Council at the same time. Both of these will be turned into L.J. and then reviewed by the City attorney.

O'Brien stated that all changes to the ordinances should be forwarded to the Cab Companies as soon as Council passes them.

Chairman Williams added that the plan was to update the whole section of the ordinance and pass out new copies to everyone.

Item C: Discussion Item Six Month Inspections

Chairman Williams Stated that this has become a real issue. It wasn't a smooth process because ten cabs didn't turn in inspections for several days after the dead line.

Item D: River Cabs

Chairman Williams discussed the work session that was held on this issue. We decided to add one line to the wording to identify them as River Cabs.

Bob Himshoot brought up several issue:

1. River cabs should pay the same fees as regular cabs if they are to drive on Bethel Streets.
2. Have same requirements i.e., inspections and follow all other regulations.
3. Or detail where they can operate.

Himshoot was willing to contact AST about jurisdiction. Williams volunteered to talk to the lawyers, O'Brien will talk to insurance companies about insurance of cars on the river and Kathy is to notify all river cab operators about the next meeting.

Item E: Betty Evans

She did not appear before the meeting as she requested she be able to do.

motion

M/M by Rick Robb 2nd by Himshoot, to revoke her conditional license due to non-compliance to conditions.

Vote taken after some discussion.

Vote

Roll Call vote: O'Brien, aye; Robb, aye; Williams, aye; Himshoot, Nay. Motion fails. (Richardson out of room and Rhodes had left early)

M/M by Himshoot to send a letter saying she missed her appointed month meeting. No 2nd Motion fails.

It was decided to allow her a chance to address the September meeting as it was the original date set.

IX.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Transfer of Permits

M/M by Himshoot 2nd by O'Brien to approve permit if Transportation Inspector finds everything in order.

Vote

Voice vote: Passed by all present.

Item B: Application fees, lack of people being charged.
After a short discussion and reading the ordinance it was discovered that the initial \$100.00 is the application fee for cab permits so no additional fee would be in order.

Item C: Random Inspections
The Commission addressed the Memo sent by Chief Burton outlining random inspections of cabs due to the cab fleet being in poor repair. After a short discussion with Ofc. Schober a motion was made.
M/M by O'Brien, 2nd by Himshoot, to accept Chief Burtons policy. Himshoot cautioned Ofc Schober about stopping Cabs for inspections during rush hours.
O'Brien stated that if it doesn't work it can always be stopped. Richardson requested a report every month showing the effect of the random inspections
Voice Vote 4 Ayes, Rick Robb was the only descending vote motion passed by majority vote.

motion

vote

X. ADJOURNMENT
M/M by Richardson 2nd by Himshoot to adjourn at 9:15 pm.
Voice vote passed unanimously.

motion

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Thor William

City of Bethel
Transportation Commission
Regular Meeting of
October 3, 1996

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by Acting Chairman Himshoot.
- II. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Doreen O'Brien, Gloria Rhodes,
 & Bob Himshoot Jr., Wally Richardson, Richard Robb (Chief Eilers)

Absent: Thor Williams (excused)
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
motion M/M O'Brien, 2nd by Rhodes to approve minutes as amended.
 To Change: Richard Robb from unexcused to excused under absent.
vote Voice vote passed unanimously.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
motion M/M by Richardson, 2nd by O'Brien to approve the agenda with the
 addition of Item B under new business, Inspections.
vote Voice vote passed unanimously.
- V. **TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**
Acting Transportation Inspector read report.
- VI. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Rhodes - No Comment.
O'Brien - Stated she had been approached about the number of cabs and
 questioned about the most common make and model. [would like an answer to the
 question]
Richardson stated that here has been questions about how the cab industry became
 unregulated. Several years ago there was a big signature drive to unregulate it. It
 was placed on the ballot. Voters passed the question to deregulate the cab
 industry. The matter would need to go to a vote again. It will take the same
 process a voter petition to get on the ballot.

Rick Robb added - that in his research he found that the City Attorney had said it was an illegal vote and so Council changed the ordinance around the mid 80's.

Himshoot - We can build a good case to re-regulate it.

O'Brien - said she will do research through the archives to find the arguments for and against.

Himshoot - So many cabs can't make a living. Do we need a work session on this? Cab owners would need to be at the meeting. A standby date of Wed Oct 23rd was set for a work session.

Richardson stated that since Thor was elected to the Council she would probably give the Transportation Commission Council representative to him.

Rhodes would like to nominate O'Brien as the new chairman. O'Brien said she'd like to table this until the November meeting.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to be heard.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A: River Cabs: Robb suggested a working group with the cab drivers present as well as inviting, search & rescue, AST etc.

motion M/M by Richardson 2nd by O'Brien to use the work session for River Cabs and make another work session for deregulating the cab industry. Make river cabs topic of Work Session and a November agenda item.

Vote Voice vote passed by all present

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Appeal of Byung Lim

After a great deal of discussion, questions to Mr. Lim, and input from the Chief and Lt Ely a motion was made.

motion M/M by Rhodes 2nd by O'Brien - if Mr Lim clears the information the Chief finds about the FBI # and further back ground checks from CA and AK then we agree to give him a conditional permit based on the following conditions. He read and understand the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance, State laws pertaining to vehicles for hire, and obeys all ordinances and laws. He is to report back to the Commission next month (Nov) and then every quarter until past the five years on convictions is passed (two years). [The actual dates of his quarterly appearances to be set at November meeting provided he is to be awarded a conditional permit.]

In addition if he passes the further back ground checks to be completed no

later than Monday, he is to be given a temporary permit until the November Meeting.

Vote Voice vote: Passed by all present.

Item B: Discussion Item: Inspections

Chief Eilers stated The Ordinance states cabs are to be inspected at least two times a year. He reported he felt it unfair to have cabs inspected every time they transfer. We do random inspections now and could pull a cab off the road that is an obvious safety hazard.

Chief Eilers stated how he would like to implement a rotating inspection system yet still not letting a cab transfer etc with an inspection over six months old.

Himshoot stated it should be up to the Chief's discretion

motion M/M Richardson 2nd by O'Brien to review information on stickers be used to show which cycle the cars are in.

Vote Voice vote passed by all present

X. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Richardson 2nd by O'Brien to adjourn at 9:05 pm.
Voice vote passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Vice Chairman Bob Himshoot Jr.

City of Bethel
Transportation Commission
WORK SESSION Meeting of
October 23, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Acting Chairman Himshoot.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Doreen O'Brien, Bob Himshoot Jr., & Richard Robb

III. BUSINESS

Item A: River Cab Ordinance Revision

1. Licensing & fees

(a) It was discussed and agreed upon by members present that all River Cabs comply with section 5.20.110 Fees, of the City Ordinance. It was suggested to change the current (C) to read "River Cabs must pay \$25.00 monthly river cab permit fee in addition to the fee schedule in (A) above."

(b) Under 5.30.020 River Taxi Permit Required it was suggested that (B) be added to read. "A river Taxi permit must hold a current City of Bethel Taxi Permit as per 5.20.110 (C)"

(c) Under 5.50.010 Dispatch Service License Required. It was decided to present two choices to the City Attorney and to allow him to make the final ruling as to which version would be most appropriate for the unique situation in this region. (Added to the end of 5.50.010.)

Choice A

"Non-Bethel Based cab companies not using a Bethel phone number may use a licensed VHF Radio Dispatch Service."

Choice B

"River Cabs must comply to FCC license requirements the same as Bethel Based Cab companies."

Choice C. Add 5.30.070, to read

“All Non-Bethel Based River Cab Companies need not have a Bethel Dispatch Service Permit but must comply with their local city dispatch requirement.”

(d) Add A to 5.20.040 Vehicle Inspections

“ River cab Permits require a minimum of two inspections per year. One upon presentation of their application and another during the month of February.”

2. Vehicle Requirements

Add (D) to 5.20.090 to read.

“ River Cab Requirements”

1. Four Wheel drive vehicle with at least 12" clearance.
2. VHF Radio
3. Dual Battery System
4. All equipment listed in A through C of 5.20.090 in addition to a come-a-long or winch; ground and air flares, carbon monoxide detector, first aid kit; safe alternate form of heat, ie., candles, canned heat etc.; one wool blanket, one survival/space blanket for each potential passenger.
5. The driver should carry clothes appropriate for the weather conditions to include but not limited to: winter; hat, boots, gloves, coat.

It is requested that the City Attorney investigate the legality of requiring River Cab drivers to be residents of the State of Alaska. The reasoning behind this is for the safety of passengers on the river, and that a resident has had at least one year of winter driving experience.

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

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

Absent: none
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Chairman Himschoot suspended the approval of the minutes until later
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
motion **M/M by O'Brien 2nd by Williams to approve the agenda with the addition of**
 Item D. Under old business, Betty Evans. And the removal of item B under
 new business.
vote **Voice vote passed unanimously.**
- V **TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**
motion **M/M by O'Brien 2nd by Robb to accept the written report.**
Vote **voice vote, passed unanimously**
- VI. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Allan Gore - none

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

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

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

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

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

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

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

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

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

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

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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

Item B: Emergency Suspension of cab permits up-date

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

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

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

Item C: De-regulation of the Cab industry

Rick Robb read his proposal (see attached)

Himschoot stated that it should also limit transfer permits between people.

Williams stated that this is good but needs to add ways of bringing about attrition.

O'Brien read her proposal (see attached)

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

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

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

Motion

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

motion

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

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

After some discussion Allan Called for Voice Vote on the amendment

vote

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

Amendment to the Motion Failed

vote

Rick Robb called for the vote to the main motion

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

Motion Failed

Motion

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

vote

Voice Vote, all Aye Motion Passed

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

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

Item D: Betty Evans

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Bobby Rondeau Inspection Station

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

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

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

Item C: Safety Concerns involving cabs

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

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

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Bob Himshoot Jr.