



July 17, 2001
Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall 5:00pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Mayor Roy Gilbertson with council members Susan Kemp, Mary Leith-Dowling and Nat Good present. Mark Weller was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gilbertson added an executive session to the agenda to discuss 1) client-attorney correspondence concerning CAD v Ellis litigation and 2) to discuss other matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City.

Kemp moved to approve agenda with the addition; Good seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Lou Heinbockel arrived at 5:05pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Good moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2001 regular meeting and the July 12, 2001 special meeting; Kemp seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

REPORTS

Airport - Mayor Gilbertson reported that everything from Teck's operation, including the fuel tank, has been moved to the strip at Wild Bill's. We haven't received a report from Jack Morris yet, but he should be contacting us soon. We need to get Delta Surveys out there so we can move forward with the projects planned. We are waiting for the surveys to be completed.

Hallgren stated that Art Saarloos attended a meeting with the airport committee and he assured them he would get the surveying done in a timely manner. He is aware that all the other projects are dependent on his work being completed.

There may be OEA funds that can be used for the airport development.

Cemetery - Leith-Dowling reported they have been working on the old portion of the cemetery removing the gravel and putting topsoil and seed over the roads between Blocks 1 and 2 and Blocks 3 and 4. The old portion of the cemetery is full and there is no longer a

need to drive on these areas, although someone has already vandalized this area with a vehicle. The plots that have been sold may need to be recorded with the state. This would be a good way to ensure the records are on file in case something, such as fire, should occur at City Hall.

Clerk - Ellis reported we have received an AML/JIA safety savings account. This is for safety related items to deter hazards on the job that may occur. Delta is entitled to \$500 the first two years and what we don't use can be carried over to the next year. She will work with departments of the City to see how this can be best used.

The land that was recently sold to Colombo was property that was previously given to the fire department for training. No title would have been transferred since they are a City entity and the ownership remains with the City. Ellis suggested we find another piece of property suitable for their training and clear it to suit their needs. She will work with Chief Bobo on this.

The seat D vacated by Rick Johnson's resignation needs to be filled. Dave Boadwine received the next highest votes on the ballot with 53 votes. City Ordinance reads he is to be considered, if interested, along with any other interested residents. A letter will be sent to him to see if he is interested being considered to fill that seat until the next regular election in October. A notice will also go into the paper requesting any interested persons submit a letter of interest to the City to fill the vacancy.

Department of Economic Development - Hallgren reported the latest missile test was a success.

Nationally published reports state that NMD could be clearing land out at Fort Greely as soon as August.

The 172nd Infantry Brigade will likely be converted to an interim brigade combat team and could be coming here to do training.

Hallgren reported there were two candidates interviewed for the planner position but no jobs have been offered at this point.

Today a suit was filed contesting the redistricting in the Fairbanks Superior Court. An agreement has been reached with the attorney representing the community that all fees will come from what is awarded by the court in addition to out of pocket expenses.

Library - Leith-Dowling reported the library has received the public library assistance grant from the State for \$6,400 and also a grant in the amount of \$2,000 for computer programs from the State Library through a Federal grant. This will allow for the library to interface with the school library.

Park - Heinbockel reported someone has taken boards down off the fence so they can drive into the park. This happened Sunday night and again Monday. Bob Morley has put them up time and again. The water pump may be going out on the tractor.

The park needs to be mowed more often as well as the cemetery. Leith-Dowling suggested that next year, the bids for grounds keeping could possibly be let in sections. Council discussed the status of the City's mowing equipment.

Good said he brought in a net for the volleyball court at the park as the one there is in bad shape.

Personnel - Mayor Gilbertson reported Linda Sorensen is at a conference for a week.

Heinbockel said he would be interested in taking over the park and hockey rink council committees if Weller would be interested in Public Health and Safety.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Gilbertson said we need to get development of a planning commission underway.

Kemp said she would like to see members from the entire community, not just inside City limits, serve on the commission as what the City does affects so many people that don't reside inside City limits.

Mayor Gilbertson said their input would be welcomed.

Heinbockel would like to see the whole area become one community.

NEW BUSINESS

Good moved to table action on Ordinance 2002-03 until the next meeting so clarifications and corrections can be made and to set the public hearing for August 7, 2001; Kemp seconded.

Roll call vote with motion passing unanimously.

Heinbockel moved to approve PO 6350 to Guess and Rudd for \$1,260.00 for June 2001 attorney fees; Good seconded.

Heinbockel asked what the general fees included.

Roll call vote with motion passing unanimously.

Leith-Dowling moved to go into executive session at 5:50pm to discuss 1) client-attorney correspondence concerning CAD v Ellis litigation and 2) to discuss other matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City; Heinbockel seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Leith-Dowling moved to come out of executive session at 6:30pm; Kemp seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela R. Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator