

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
2. ROLL CALL:
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - A. Regular Meeting Minutes 03/28/90; Recommend: Approval as presented.
  - B. Resolution No. WR90-14; Appointing the Mayor the Authorized Representative to Inspect, Secure and Sign for Surplus Property. Recommend: Approval as presented.
  - C. Ordinance Serial 90-11; *Adoption of the 34'91 Budget*
5. PUBLIC HEARING:
  - A. Ordinance Serial No. 90-06; Setting New Sewer Rates; CM No. 90-12.
  - B. Ordinance Serial No. 90-12; Amending the FY-90 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Sewer Construction Fund (Overlook Sewer Extension).
  - C. Berthawood Gas L.I.D.
6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE SCHEDULED)
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. Council Memorandum No. 90-26; Draft Ordinance Discontinuing Property Tax; Public Comment. *(Sales Tax)*
  - B. Ordinance Serial No. 90-09; Repealing Ordinance Serial No. 86-01 and Establishing Revised Rates for Water Service Calls; CM No. 90-21.
  - C. Ordinance Serial No. 90-10; Amending Section 5.10.100, ¶A of the Wasilla Municipal Code (Water Utility-Changing Due Date); CM No. 90-20.
  - D. Selina Lane; Engineer's Report.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Ordinance Serial No. 90-13; Amending the FY-90 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Sewer Construction Fund (Sewer System Replacements); CM No. 90-25.
  - B. Resolution No. WR90-15; Regarding the FY-91 Parks Budget.
  - C. *Storm Water Runoff - Lake Pollution*
10. COMMUNICATIONS:
11. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:
12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:
13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:
14. ADJOURNMENT:



# CITY OF WASILLA

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## WASILLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Minutes DATE: 04/09/90 TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMEN:

Mr. Carter  
Mr. Carney  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. DeCamp  
Mr. Matthews  
Mrs. Smith

STAFF:

Mayor Stein  
Mr. Deuser-Attorney  
Mr. Gilfilian-Engineer  
Mr. Harris-Deputy Admin.  
Mrs. Tilton-Temp.  
Mr. Nelson-City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with two additions as follows: Consent Agenda Item A.; Ordinance Serial No. 90-11; FY-91 Budget Ordinance; and New Business Item C.; Storm Water Run Off - Lake Pollution. It was requested that Unfinished Business Item A. be noted as "Sales Tax."

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes 04/09/90; Recommend: Approval as presented.

B. Resolution No. WR90-14; Appointing the Mayor the Authorized Representative to Inspect, Secure and Sign for Surplus Property. Recommended: Approval as presented.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 90-11; Providing for the Adoption of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 1991, and Appropriating Funds to Carry Out Said Budget. Recommended: Introduction and set for public hearing on 04/23/90.

Motion/Section: DeCamp/Carter

That the Consent Agenda comprising the foregoing items be and the same are hereby approved as written and that the various Officials of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations as therein contained. Motion passed.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Ordinance Serial No. 90-06; Setting New Sewer Rates; CM No. 90-12.

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Gary Hessemer: Expressed concern about raising sewer rates. Suggested the City look into hooking those properties who are hooked to sewer but not water to the water system because metered consumption would bring more revenue.

No other comments were made, Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

B. Ordinance Serial No. 90-12; Amending the FY-90 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Sewer Construction Fund (Overlook Sewer Extension).

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Stan Tucker: Mr. Tucker is the Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and purchaser of the Sun Mountain Building. He requested that the City proceed with the Overlook Sewer Extension as soon as possible.

Kristan Tanner: Is the Real Estate Agent involved with the sale of the Sun Mountain Building. Ms. Tanner indicated that the sewage system at the Sun Mountain Building failed in 1985; and a new system was designed but was not installed; and that well radius problems exist. She feels it would be in the best interest of the City to extend the sewer system to the building as soils are not good in the area and a City extension would allow neighboring properties to hook on to the system.

No other comments were made, Mayor Stein closed the Meeting to the public.

C. Berthawood Gas L.I.D.

Mr. Nelson gave status report of 8 in favor of the L.I.D.; 9 opposed; and 5 non responses.

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Barbara Poetzsch: Owner of 1/2 interest of Lots 1 through 8 of Block 1, Richmond View. Mrs. Poetzsch feels that gross misrepresentations have been made and the L.I.D. has been handled improperly. She requested an investigation into the handling of the L.I.D. and urged the Council to find the assessment area null and void and to delete Richmond View from the assessment area.

Eric Poetzsch: Read letter dated March 21, 1990 from Kenneth R. Best into the record (Letter is hereby attached and incorporated into the minutes).

Cheri Gueco: Feels that the benefits of the L.I.D. will increase the value of the property and urges the Council to go forward with the L.I.D.

Mayor Stein: Read letter dated April 4, 1990 from Peter Gary Haught into the record (Letter is hereby attached and incorporated into the minutes).

No other comments were made, Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION; (NONE SCHEDULED)
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. Council Memorandum No. 90-26; Draft Ordinance Discontinuing Property Tax; Public Comment (Sales Tax Issue).

Mayor Stein

Chuck Stielstra: City Resident and Manager of a Palmer Business. Would much rather see income derived from property tax. The City cannot generate 2.4 million if people do not shop here.

Rocky Spear: Manager Nye Ford. Feels that dropping property tax for sales tax is an unfair advantage. He is against sales tax.

Kathy Dowell: Employee of Mapco. Indicated that Mapco does not want sales tax. That commuters will buy in Anchorage.

Gene Wicker: City Resident. Is for sales tax, not only for property tax relief, but also feels that Wasilla must fund its own way. Tourist will still stop in our town.

Tom Teseniar: Not a City Resident. Resents having to pay property tax for city residents and will not shop in the Valley if a tax is implemented. City should make cuts to stay within budget.

Jim Brass: City Resident. Favors sales tax as a means to help provide services and maintenance.

Ruth DeCamp: City Resident. Is in favor of Palmer and Wasilla coming together to form one government thereby alleviating the need for sales tax and lowering property tax.

Mary Ellen Emmons: City Resident and City Employee. As a new resident, Ms. Emmons feels that the community brought her here and that she is willing to pay to keep this community going.

Pat Carter: Indicated that not one kind word had been said about the amount of snow that was removed from our streets this winter.

Ann Haddock: City Resident. Questioned guarantee that there would not be a raise in property tax if sales tax implemented. Is not for or against sales tax.

Midge Minnick: City Resident. Questioned if increase in sales tax must go to vote. Answer: Yes.

June DeArmoun: Wasilla Property and Business Owner. Feels people will shop Anchorage. 1/3 of customers come to Wasilla from Palmer to beat the sales tax. Sales tax will hurt the small retailers.

Mark Bryson: Not a City Resident. Suggested smog test or a bottle and can tax as alternative to sales tax.

Jim Brass: City Resident. Reminded the audience that a 3% sales tax is only 3 cents on dollar.

Rocky Spear: Manager Nye Ford. 3 cents on the dollar does add up and that malls are just now starting to fill up.

Tom Teseniar: Not a City Resident. Reaffirmed that he would shop Anchorage if a sales tax was instituted in Wasilla.

Carol Port: City Resident. Not for or against sales tax but feels that we should not lose sight of what we have in Wasilla. Ms. Port is will to pay fair share with property tax or sales tax.

David Campbell: Not a City Resident. Is City Business Owner. Against sales tax as he wishes to stay competitive in the market.

Chuck Stielstra: City Resident. Palmer Business Owner. Some people refuse to do business with him in Palmer due to sales tax. Supports the idea of Sales Tax all businesses in the market area must collect tax. Suggested increase in business license fees, sewer and water rates and perhaps an extra mill levy for business owners.

Kristan Tanner: Not a City Resident. Some people live in the Valley strictly because of the esthetics but most live in the Valley because it is affordable. These people already travel to Anchorage and will not or can not pay sales tax.

Gene Wicker: City Resident. Put the the question before the voters.

INTERMISSION: 8:35--8:50 PM

B. Ordinance Serial No. 90-09; Repealing Ordinance Serial No. 86-01 and Establishing Revised Rates for Water Service Calls; CM No. 90-21.

Motion/Second: Smith/Mathews

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 90-09.

Motion/Second: Carney/Carter

To amend Ordinance Serial No. 90-09 Section IV Paragraph I by increasing the charge from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Motion passed.

Main motion passed as amended.

- C. Ordinance Serial No. 90-10; Amending Section 5.10.100, Paragraph A of the Wasilla Municipal Code (Water Utility - Changing Due Date); CM No. 90-20.

Motion/Second: DeCamp/Matthews

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 90-10. Motion Passed.

- D. Selina Lane; Engineers Report.

Mr. Gilfilian presented proposals to obtain letter of opinion in regards to property values.

Motion/Section: Carney/DeCamp

To set a \$1,500.00 limit to obtain letter of opinion only on parcels slated for purchase. Motion passed with Mr. Carson dissenting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 90-13; amending the FY-90 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Sewer Construction Fund (Sewer System Replacements); CM No. 90-25.

Motion/Second: Matthews/Smith

To introduce Ordinance Serial No. 90-13 and set for public hearing 4/23/90. Motion passed.

- B. Resolution No. WR90-15; Regarding the FY-91 Parks Budget.

Motion/Second: DeCamp/Carney

To approve Resolution No. WR90-15. Motion Passed.

- C. Storm Water Run Off; Lake Pollution.

It was determined that the best approach to the Lake Pollution problem at this time is to express concerns to the State in writing. Staff to report results of 4/10/90 meeting with DEC and DOT/PF.

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

11. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- A. Rules were suspended

Motion/Second: DeCamp/Smith

To allocate \$5,000.00 from the Storm Water Municipal Grant for soil analysis on Block 9 Kennedy (Troseth Lot). Motion Passed.

13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:


14. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
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ERLING P. NELSON, CMC  
City Clerk

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City of Wasilla, Alaska

4/4/90

Peter Gary Haught  
1300 Bertha Lane  
Wasilla, AK. 99687

City of Wasilla,

I am writing in regard to the proposed Bertha wood Gas Special Assessment District 90 & 2. I am unable to attend the Public Hearing scheduled for April 9, 1990 at 7pm.

I am very much in favor of proceeding with this improvement. The estimated construction cost is very reasonable. The benefits of lower heating bills and increased property values far outweigh the cost of the project.

I have heard that some owners of vacant lots are opposed to this project. Considering the "For Sale" signs which have been on these lots, I do not understand this opposition since this project will enhance their value and attractiveness for sale. Every owner in this project will benefit whether in the short term or long term.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please proceed with this project.

Sincerely,  
Peter Gary Haught



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March 21, 1990

APR 9 1990

City of Wasilla  
290 E. Herning Avenue  
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

RE: Berthawood  
Gas Assessment  
District 90G2

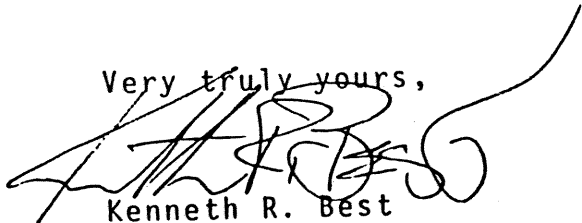
Sir:

You have claimed two property, or lot owners, of Richmond View Subdivision have petitioned to the City of Wasilla for the formation of a special assessment district to obtain natural gas mains.

I am part owner in each and every lot that exists and makes up Richmond View Subdivision. My position as part owner of Richmond View Subdivision allows me to believe there has been gross misrepresentation by the City Council of Wasilla, due to the fact that no lot owner in Richmond View Subdivision has, as you claim, petitioned the City for natural gas.

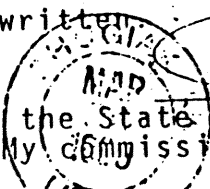
I am strongly opposed to being forced into this special assessment and, should you continue to include our subdivision, I will have no option but to seek legal council on this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Kenneth R. Best

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this 21st day of March, 1990, before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Kenneth R. Best to me known to be the person described in and who executed the above letter, and acknowledged to me that he signed the same freely and voluntarily.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

  
Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska residing at Chugiak. My commission expires with office  
Frank. Shewbeck, Postmaster