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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
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 - B. Resolution No. WR92-20; Supporting the concept of an Alaska Appropriate Technology Center; Recommend: Adoption
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 - B. Ordinance Serial No. 92-18; Providing for the adoption of the budget for the Fiscal Year 1993, and appropriating funds to carry out said budget.
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 - B. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Proposed Budget FY-93; Discussion
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13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:
14. ADJOURNMENT:

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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes DATE: 04/27/92 TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMEN:

Mr. Carson
Mrs. Cottle
Mr. Erickson
Ms. Hjellen
Mr. McCarthy-Exc.
Mrs. Smith

STAFF:

Mayor Stein
Mr. Deuser-Attorney
Mr. Harris-Deputy Admin.
Mrs. Harris-Deputy Clerk
Mr. Nelson-City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the following additions: Unfinished Business Item D. Computer Purchase IM. No. 92-13 (Moved from Communications Item A), Item E. City Facility Lease - Headstart, New Business Item C. Office Equipment - Computer, and Item D. Street Lighting IM. No. 92-15.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 04/13/92; Recommend: Approval as presented
- B. Resolution No. WR92-20; Supporting the concept of an Alaska Appropriate Technology Center; Recommend: Adoption
Motion/Second: Cottle/Carson

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. 92-17; Annexing certain land into the corporate boundaries of the City of Wasilla

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

- B. Ordinance Serial No. 92-18; Providing for the adoption of the budget for the Fiscal Year 1993, and appropriating funds to carry out said budget.

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public and put a 3 minute time limit on each speaker.

Ida McMahon: City resident, stated that the amount of property tax assessed for 1992 in the budget was \$762,853.00 at the proposed mill

levy for '93 that amount is \$1,168,733.00, this calculates to a 53% increase that the tax payers are being asked to bear, feels this is a prohibitive increase. Two items mentioned in the message were that salaries would be increased by a 5% COLA and a 5% merit which is a 10% increase unless we are adding one on top of the other which would be effectively higher, does not feel with the time of recession we are in that its appropriate. Ms. McMahon stated that not only are the Council getting \$50.00 per meeting, but its proposed for the Planning Commission to get \$50.00 per meeting, feels this is inappropriate, in addition the Council would cost for benefits on top of the \$50.00 per meeting. Ms. McMahon stated she feels she is not knowledgeable enough to tell Council where to cut the budget, but feels the budget needs to be cut. Ms. McMahon stated she noted areas with large increases such as the Museum which has a 48.6% increase in the budget, this may need to be looked at again. Office furniture and equipment, none was specified in several places in the General Fund, the total amount was \$37,755, for Municipal Services it was \$18,555. Ms. McMahon indicated she was aware that the insurance carrier has done an evaluation to improve furniture for staff to reduce workman's comp claims, strongly endorses this, it will reduce costs in the long run. Ms. McMahon spoke about benefits and feels that policy needs to be set for new hires. Ms. McMahon stated that with the new departments planned, would like to see some user fees to off set revenues and feels that anytime specific services are added to specifically help people, they should bear a cost of those services. She also stated that she assumes the airport will be self-supporting in another year, does not see that for this year. Ms. McMahon also noted that there did not appear to be any charge for depreciation in the 2 enterprise funds, Water and Sewer, and one thing that those plants should be doing is preparing for replacement over the long run.

Nick Carney: City resident, stated that feels the increase package for the employees is too generous. Mr. Carney also stated he does not agree with paying the Council and feels this is one item that can be cut. Mr. Carney spoke of a police force and the need for one and felt the City should pursue contracting with the State Troopers to provide these services and to finance this through a sales tax. He also stated that if the City did not make the sales tax too complicated that it would pass. Mr. Carney stated he felt the budget presented by the Mayor is deficient in not addressing these issues. Mr. Carney also stated that he does not feel the 5.6 mills is too high, feels the City should at least maintain the same level of services, is not willing to see services such as road maintenance, library services or museum hours cut. Mr. Carney asked if the City has made arrangements with the Borough for funding of the planning function and if the Borough is not going to provide some funding for this does not feel the City should take it over.

Mayor Stein stated that the City has asked for support from the Borough for planning and they have not responded.

Louise Kellogg: Spoke in favor of the Museum funding, the needs of the buildings for restoration and all the Wasilla-Knik-Willow Creek

Historical Society has done to put the Museum together. Mrs. Kellogg also stated that the Knik Museum could be done through the Historical Society with the native corporation, but the main portion of the Museum budget was very important and should remain intact.

LeRoy Heaven: Spoke in favor of the museum, its use by school children and for research purposes. Mr. Heaven also stated that the Museum is growing and that they are working on getting tour buses to stop which will bring business into the community. Mr. Heaven stated he feels this is a great asset to the City and that it should stay in the budget.

Betty Victors: Made observations regarding the proposed Borough cuts to the budget, appalled at the proposed 2/3 cut to the library budget. Mrs. Victors stated that the City has always welcomed outside areas and to strike back at the Borough by setting up some kind of user fee would not serve a good purpose. The library serves the poor people far better than wealthier people and to strike back by setting up user fees for basic services would not be beneficial. Good luck with your budget.

Peggy Behnke: Has been connected with the library for the past 35 years, it was more than just the town of Wasilla which started the library, it was a whole community of people. Mrs. Behnke stated she is here in support of the library.

John Cooper: Museum Director, spoke in favor of the Museum budget and the percentage increase being the City's measure of increased responsibility. Mr. Cooper stated that the Museum provides a neutral ground for the community to come together.

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

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)

A. CM. No. 92-47; Lt. John Glass, Commander Palmer Detachment of the Alaska State Troopers, Trooper Police Protection
Lt. Glass introduced Capt. Pat Kasnick the new commander of the Palmer Detachment. Capt. Kasnick spoke of trooper cut backs and the effect these will have. Capt. Kasnick stated that the immediate effect will be on the City of Wasilla, effective May 1 there will no longer be a general patrol, troopers will no longer respond to lesser crimes with no perpetrator, some residential and business burglaries will not be investigated. Capt. Kasnick stated that life endangerment and major crimes will continue to get coverage, but DWI's will be substantially reduced, also trooper response time will be cut on less serious crimes. Capt. Kasnick also stated that the proposed state budget calls for a net loss of 31 positions. Capt. Kasnick stated that the troopers will continue their obligations on State maintained roads, but the Alaska State Troopers are not municipal police and they do not desire to enter into a contract for local services.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE SCHEDULED)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance Serial No. 91-48; Amending the FY-92 Budget by appropriating additional funds to the Sewer Construction Fund (Postponed) (Adoption)

Motion/Second: Hjellen/Erickson

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 91-48. Motion passed with Mr. Carson abstaining.

B. CM. No. 92-45; Road Paving Projects;

1. Resolution No. WR92-15; Survey of Property Owners (Shadowood Valley)

a. CM. No. 92-39

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b. IM. No. 92-11; Glenwood Paving Cost Estimate

Councilman Smith stated she has a conflict on the Glenwood paving, owns 10% of some of the property.

Motion/Second: Smith/Hjellen

To move forward with the Naomi Paving LID, paying 2/3 cost of the paving.

Motion/Second: Smith/Hjellen

To table the Road Paving Projects to the next meeting, 05/11/92. Motion passed.

C. CM. No. 92-48; Airport Franchising

Motion/Second: Hjellen/Smith

To develop an ordinance on franchises. Motion failed with Ms. Hjellen, Mr. Erickson and Mrs. Smith assenting. Mrs. Cottle made a request for reconsideration at the next regular meeting, 05/11/92.

INTERMISSION: 8:30--8:50 PM

D. IM. No. 92-13; Computer Purchase

Councilman Cottle stated she felt there has been a conflict of interest in this issue and asked Kay Bills to speak to the Council.

Mrs. Bills: Went over the memorandum outlining the bids given on the computer purchase and then read letters from 3 firms listed as giving bids who deny that they gave a bid on the computers. Mrs. Bills indicated that she felt the City has jeopardized its business with herself as well as other businesses in the Valley. Mrs. Bills stated that Data Systems Design received the bid and also compiled the bids, feels this was underhanded with a total cover-up.

Councilman Cottle stated for the record that Mitch Coulthard and Data Systems Design are the same.

Motion/Second: Smith/Cottle

To go into executive session to discuss issues dealing with personnel and matters that may have a financial impact on the City regarding the computer purchase. Motion passed with Ms. Hjellen dissenting.

Mayor Stein requested that Mr. Nelson, Mr. Harris and Mr. Deuser join Council in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:12--9:35 PM

Mayor Stein stated that without objection Mitch Coulthard would be invited to attend the next meeting, 05/11/92, to discuss the computer purchase issue.

E. City Facilities Lease; Headstart;

Councilman Cottle stated she requested this because she was unaware that additional space would be involved in the new lease.

Motion/Second: Smith/Hjellen

To approve going forward with the new lease for a term of 3 years with a provision to buy back the kitchen remodeling if needed before the end of the term and include the multi-purpose room and kitchen in the new lease. Motion failed with Ms. Hjellen and Mrs. Smith assenting.

There was no objection from Council for the use of the kitchen, Mayor Stein will bring a new lease forward to the next meeting, 05/11/92.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CM. No. 92-46; Committee Participation Support

Motion/Second: Hjellen/Smith

To postpone to the next regular meeting, 05/11/92. Motion passed with Mr. Carson dissenting.

B. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Proposed Budget FY-93; Discussion

Motion/Second: Carson/Hjellen

To adopt Resolution No. WR92-23, urging amendment of proposed solid waste user fees; to adopt Resolution No. WR92-24, supporting full funding for Borough Central Libraries; to adopt Resolution No. WR92-25, supporting full funding for Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks; and to adopt Resolution No. WR92-26, supporting a Borough Planning Grant to Wasilla. Motion passed.

C. Computer Equipment Furniture;

Councilman Cottle requested this because she feels the proper furniture is needed now rather than waiting until July for the FY-93 Budget. Councilman Cottle proposed having an ordinance drawn up taking the funding for the equipment from the General Fund Fund Balance and requested written bid specifications on the equipment for Council review.

Motion/Second: Cottle/Carson

To introduce Ordinance Serial No. 92-19 and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 05/11/92. Motion passed with Mrs. Smith dissenting.

D. IM. No. 92-15; Street Lighting

Councilman Cottle requested a readable list be placed in Council boxes within the next couple of days.

E. Trooper;

Motion/second: Carson/Cottle

To adopt Resolution No. WR92-28, urging the Governor and Legislature to increase the budget appropriation for trooper protection outside the City limits of Wasilla. Motion failed with Mr. Carson, Mrs. Cottle and Mr. Erickson assenting.

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Moved to Unfinished Business Item D.

B. IM. No. 92-14; Summary of Computer Upgrade Costs/Funding

11. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mr. Harris; Reported on the Airport opening, Friday, May 1, 1992 and that the Grand Opening will be on May 29. Mr. Harris also reported on the Lakeshore Paving offer of materials. Councilman Cottle stated that the curve was not supered correctly and this should be corrected, objects to the super, feels this its dangerous

Mr. Cooper; Reported that the Museum will start a program with the learning disabled in the next couple of weeks and that a work party is scheduled for May 2 on the Teelands Store and everyone is invited.

Mrs. Emmons; Spoke of the Borough proposed cuts to the budget on libraries and would like justification on these cuts.

Mr. Nelson; Reported that the Mentor trainer was here working with Budgeting/Accounting and Payroll/Personnel. Mr. Nelson also stated that he would be gone to the Municipal Finance Officers Association meetings in Anchorage Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

Mayor Stein; Reported that clean up days will have its grand finale on Saturday with prizes and a picnic.

12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Nick Carney; Spoke of a new program called adopt a highway, requested that Administration get the State to paint lines on Main

Street showing where the lanes are, commented on the budget hearing and sales tax issue.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

14. ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



ERLING P. NELSON, CMC

City Clerk