

Regular Meeting of the City Council

December 14, 1964

N.C. Theatre

8:00 P.M.

Present: Mendola, Elliott, Schirmer, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Nicholson.  
Absent: Sallison

The minutes of November 9 were read and accepted as read.  
The minutes of December 7 were read and approved as amended.

A bill in the amount of \$20.00 was presented from Bethel Trading for building a ballot box. MM Schirmer/E. Hoffman that the bill be paid. Schirmer, Elliott, E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Mendola in favor. MC

A bill in the amount of \$32.50 was presented for chains for the garbage truck. MElliott/Mendola that the bill be paid. Schirmer, Mendola, E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman Elliott in favor. MC

It was pointed out by the Mayor that when the budget is presented and approved by the Council, the monies in the budget are automatic authorizations for the expenditures, not to exceed the amount set aside in the budget. This would eliminate bringing many bills to the council for authorization. The Mayor is preparing the budget and will call the council for work on it in the near future.

Fire Dept- The fire has gone out several times. Keith Swanson has suggested that the fire truck could be housed where the beer is stored for Bethel Sales, Inc. It would mean building a partition. The possibility of using wire was mentioned. The space available will be checked and presented to the council at a later date. Inquiries will also be made on rent, heat, and expenses that may be entailed.

Roads-Mr. Mendola reports that he has written several letters requesting aid in the maintenance of the road from the airport through the back route. Jimmy Hoffman mentioned that sometimes the roads are not clear and there is great difficulty in getting to the airport. Al Foss will be contacted to see if the roads can't be kept clear.

The Mayor suggested a committee of J. Mendola, Schirmer, and Eddie Hoffman get together to draw up a resolution to send to the State Legislature on the road condition and maintenance. They are to meet Dec. 8 at 7:30.

Sanitation- Jimmy Hoffman says the committee feels a possible need for more service. A committee of Rev. Schattschnieder, Fr. Meuller, Ben Wilkins and chairman Hoffman will make recommendations at the next meeting.

The Mayor presented a draft of a letter to be written to Volney Richmond of N.C. Company, saying the City will go ahead on what it can afford. The materials should be ordered now. Resolution 16 authorized the expenditure. It was decided to cut the order back to 2,000 feet if the prices remain the same as quoted earlier. Mayor Nicholson will check the prices and if the prices are the same, he will place the order.

It was pointed out by Rev. Schattschneider that every time the boat docks, the channel moves from 8 to 10 feet.

Al Foss has requested that it be announced that the road by Army advisors is closed to the public and that people using it do so at their own risk.

Petty Cash- The City Clerk reports that the present fund of \$10.00 is inadequate since a roll of stamps costs \$12.00 or \$20.00, and most other expenditures exceed the present \$10.00 limit. She suggests a fund of 25.00. The Council discussed the fund and it was generally felt that \$50.00 would be more adequate.

MM J. Hoffman, /Elliott that the petty cash fund be increased to \$50.00. Mendola, Schirmer, E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman Elliott in Favor. MC

Sanitation Contract- Mayor Nicholson wanted the contract to run for a six month term and expire in February. He feels that perhaps at the end of that time the City Clerk and the drivers could take care of the service and eliminate his cost to the City. The Committee felt that the contract should be for a year. The City clerk is to change the wording in the contract and present it to Mayor Nicholson and Chairman Jimmy Hoffman for their respective signatures.

Eddie Hoffman reports that two more street lights are needed. One light between the two poles on the back road and one by Joe Sallison's. The one by Sallisons was requested by the Trooper.

MM E. Hoffman /Elliott that the two lights be installed. Schirmer, Mendola, J. Hoffman, Elliott, E. Hoffman in favor. MC  
Howard Elliott mentioned that a light is needed for people walking across honey bucket lake.

The Sale of Honey Bucket Lake was discussed. There was not enough information to proceed on the possibility of the City Purchasing the part of the lake that is for sale.

Ordinance 25, amending and re-enacting sections 1,2 and 3 of ordinance 22 was put into its first reading. A voice vote was asked. There was one nay. The ordinance was then put to a roll call vote. Mendola, E. Hoffman, Schirmer, Elliott in favor. J. Hoffman opposed.

At this point it was questioned if the readings could proceed. Resolution No. 4 was read, pointing out that four yeas were needed to pass the ordinance and that it should be immediately be put into its 2nd and final reading. 2nd reading: Mendola, Schirmer, Elliott, E. Hoffman in favor. J. Hoffman opposed. 3rd and final reading: E. Hoffman, Elliott, Schirmer, Mendola in favor. J. Hoffman opposed. The new ordinance was put into effect as of December 14 with its signing.

MM Schirmer, /J. Hoffman that the meeting be continued.

City Clerk- The possibility of having a full time City clerk to take care of the usual duties but to also assume the billing and collecting of sanitation monies was discussed. It was felt that the Clerk would need office space and the Jail seemed to be the one place that could be readily available. The position would be assumed on Jan. 1. The salary would be \$500.00 per month. Mendola, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Elliott, Schirmer in favor. MC

MM Schirmer /J. Hoffman that the meeting be adjourned. MC

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