

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke, at 8:10 P.M., KVIA Building, Bethel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Connick, Gregory, Guinn, Murphy and Cooke.
Absent: Romer and Hoffman.

READING OF MINUTES

M/M Guinn, Connick, I move that the minutes be accepted as written. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Weinberg to Shuler Regarding School Bus Complaints

Shuler stated that he had attached copy of letter with agenda as reference for council members.

MANAGERS REPORT

Shuler stated that deposits made during calendar year 1972 from sales of the City's Certificates of Deposit went to the Jail account in the amount of \$49,000, \$10,000 for the Library, the General Account in the amount of \$61,278, and the Bethel Social Services account in the amount of \$15,000. He also brought out that Ed Monaghan will be in Bethel from the 13th-16th in efforts of developing a Civil Defense Emergency Action Plan for the City of Bethel. Shuler said that he and Al Smith would be leaving for Anchorage on Sunday, February 18th for a Civil Defense Seminar and will obtain more information on the ID System, screen supplies for the City and meet with agency representatives.

Murphy wanted to know if the Council could draft up an agreement to use the State Troopers ID System. Shuler replied that he had seen the camera and equipment that Trooper Campbell has and has written a letter to the State Licensee Division regarding a contract for its use. He is also typing out job descriptions and will have these ready for the first council meeting in March. He, in conjunction with AVCP, is working on the Longevity Bonus Program for people over 65 years old. These people will be getting \$100.00 a month from the program. Shuler met with Jerry White from the Bethel Social Services office last week and discussed the contract between the City and BSS. The contract figure agreed upon was \$15,000 payable at \$3,000 a month for five months instead of the proposed \$35,000. This will be in effect until July 1st, 1973. Shuler will have an accurate financial report for the Council members the 1st meeting in the month of March.

MAYORS REPORT

Cooke stated that she had nothing to report.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD AND COMMENTS

Connick added to the agenda under New Business a discussion of the Fire Department.

Tom Anderson stated that there has been recent fires at Bethel Heights and suggested that the Council come up with some ordinances regarding fire safety codes. He went on to list some things that were not safe at the Bethel Heights Housing Project - the oil stoves are not safe, hot water systems are not safe, no back doors exist, no smoke detection devices exist, and walls should be sheetrock. Guinn stated that the paint burns very fast then igniting the walls.

M/H Connick, Gregory, I move to appoint a committee consisting of council and citizens to draw up resolutions about the need for fire standards for rental housing and to include ASHA and any other interested agency in developing these resolutions. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Cooke appointed Connick, Murphy, Tom Anderson, Jim Savaria, Rae Baxter and John Guinn and anyone interested to be on the committee.

Anderson brought out that he would be going to Anchorage Tuesday, February 13, 1973, and that he would go see Andre Schalk about fire resistance paint. Cooke then appointed Tom Anderson as Chairman of the committee.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Guinn stated that he had not been at the Economic Development meeting and therefore had no report to give. No other reports were also heard.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PIS Water/Sewer Proposal

It was brought out that a letter be drafted to PIS that the City will not assume responsibility of the Bethel Heights Water/Sewer Project for at least another two years.

Connick and Murphy stated that revenue from the sale of water is anywhere from 5-\$6,000/month. Shuler said electricity expense for the lift station alone would be at least \$4,000 per month. Connick felt that this was too little an amount to cover expenses and that the City's financial status could not cover the additional expense. It was suggested that ASHA be approached to take over the Project.

M/H Guinn, Gregory, I move that the City of Bethel not consider assuming responsibility for the Water/Sewer Project at Bethel Heights for at least 2 years and also that a letter be drafted to PIS regarding this. Roll call vote with Connick, Gregory, Guinn, Murphy, and Cooke all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lions Club Request - Games Chance/Skill

Charles Klunder, a spokesman for the Lions Club, stated that they have not filled out the forms. They are now in the process of getting the application filled.

M/H Guinn, Murphy, I move that they be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Voice vote and passed unanimously.

2. Resolution #80 - Small Boat Harbor

Shuler reported that Hohman had talked to the Corps of Engineers and it was Hohman's recommendation that this resolution less the November 13th amendment for areawide usage be approved - still continuing the effort for areawide use.

Gregory stated that she disagreed with the recommendation of the City Manager and requested acceptance of the amendment. This dredge could be used by the Kuskokwim villages and has been here for the last two years. Murphy said it might take the Corps of Engineers a couple of years to commit any other projects.

M/M Guinn, Murphy, I move that the City accept resolution #80 - the memorandum of agreement between the Corps of Engineers less the November 13th Amendment, and the City proceed with the Brown Slough Project. Murphy, Guinn, Cooke voted yes; Connick and Gregory voted no by voice vote. Motion did not pass. Cooke explained that 4 affirmative votes are required for passage of any motion. Cooke also stated that this be brought up again at the next council meeting.

3. Utility Installation/New Subdivision

Shuler stated that he had discussed this with Barrego of Bethel Utilities. Barrego had expressed his concern of putting lights and electricity at the New Subdivision.

M/M Connick, Guinn, I move that the City Manager approach Barrego and discuss with him the installation of poles, lights and electricity at the New Subdivision. Voice vote and motion passed unanimously.

4. Bethel Motor Busers

No one present to give presentation on Bethel Motor Busers.

5. Local Hire/BIA Area Superintendent

Shuler suggested that the Council strongly support the local hiring of the BIA Superintendent for Bethel and that a letter be drafted to the BIA regarding this.

M/M Guinn, Murphy, I move that the Council draft a letter to the BIA and legislatures supporting qualified local hire for the position of BIA Area Superintendent. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Civil Defense Ordinances

Shuler stated that Ed Monaghan had wanted this put on the agenda when he called on the phone. An ordinance is required to qualify as a Civil Defense area. Two ordinances were included in the mailings as reference for Council members.

M/M Guinn, Connick, I move that local Civil Defense coordinator draft a ordinance to be presented before Council in ordinance form. This was a voice vote and it passed unanimously.

7. Faulkner Proposal

Shuler said that Faulkner was not in town at the present time. Faulkner wanted to trade river front land for land at the dump for an airstrip. Dump land is not City land. Council suggested a title search to see who owns the river front land. Faulkner, in a letter from Shuler, has until June 1st to move his three houses off

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City land and rent will be paid at 25/month per house effective March 1st unless Faulkner can furnish written information providing for other agreements.

8. Bid Sale Willis Jeep

M/M Connick, Guinn, I move that the City Manager advertise the sale of the jeep and that any or all bids can be rejected.

Amendment to Motion: M/M Murphy, Guinn, I move that a minimum of \$500.00 be set for the sale of jeep. Voice vote on the amendment and this passed unanimously. Voice vote on main motion and this also passed unanimously.

9. Dedication of New City Jail

Shuler stated that Bob Wells wanted the new City Jail dedicated to Tom Dillon.

M/M Murphy, Gregory, I move that the New City Jail be dedicated to Tom Dillon and that the City Manager plan the ceremony as soon as possible. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Fire Department

Connick recommended that the Council draft up a resolution to ASHA and to have it specified that homes at Bethel Heights have two exits. He also brought out that the fire marshall check to see if rental homes are safe before the homes are rented out to people. He had talked to the Fire Chief and found out that they had difficulty with the fire hydrant on Sunday's fire. Connick suggested that the Council draft a letter to PHS to have them periodically check the fire hydrants. The City should get another paid fireman on the job as Assistant Fire Chief. This was discussed.

Shuler suggested utilizing TV and radio media on what to do in case of fire at home. Connick strongly supported Shuler's suggestion.

Connick also brought out that he had talked to the Fire Chief about the problem of cleaning the hoses on the truck and though this would be a good job for the prisoners.

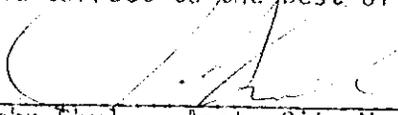
Bertha Anderson said that the best possible way to get a response from ASHA is to draft a fire code ordinance and if ASHA doesn't meet the requirements than condemn these homes at Bethel Heights. One requirement would be that each home have two exits. She also suggested that the fireman have a separate phone and recommended that the digits be changed.

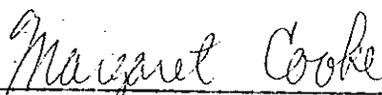
M/M Connick, Guinn, I move that the City expend an additional \$3,000 and purchase the plectron system for use by the Fire Department. Motion passed by voice vote.

M/M Guinn, Connick, I move that we adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


John Shuler, Asst. City Manager


Margaret Cooke, Mayor