

City of Bethel

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"



• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

9 November 1970

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 26 October 1970

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Zahradnicek. Roll was called.

PRESENT: Ben Dale, Kevin Murphy, Eddie Hoffman, Bill Zahradnicek, Johnny Guinn, Jack Baxter.

ABSENT: Bruce Crow.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Communications; Mrs. Jan Malone read the following communications; 1) from the Sprinkler Risk, Inc., regarding the sprinkler system at the Community Center Building; and 2) from Janice Shantz, thanking the City for her trip to Anchorage to attend the AFN meeting.

Complaints and People to be Heard: Mr. Richard Birchell of the BIA announced the closing of the Youth Center, pending proper supervision.

M/M Baxter, Murphy that this item be placed on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: None

Administrator's Report: The Braund Community Center Building was inspected October 15th by members of the Council, and several deficiencies was still in evidence from the punch list. Another inspection has been scheduled for November 5th. Mrs. Malone reported she was aware of the problems at the Teen Center and after a discussion with Mr. Richard Schneider, asked him to present his proposal to the Council tonight, under the agenda item.

Mr. Dave Webb reported that he had been out to Braund's this morning, and that most of the deficiencies on the punch list had been corrected. An inspector from Anchorage had been out to check the sprinkler system, and sometime around the 1st of November, another man from the Fire Rating Bureau will be out to make another inspection.

Mr. Webb also reported on the Municipal League Meeting, which he attended in Fairbanks. Several new federal programs are being made available to smaller communities, including the Farmers Home Administration program on the treatment of water and sewerage facilities.

At the meeting of the Governor's Urban Conference, Ass't. Secretary Watson, along with Mr. Oscar Pederson, also of HUD, who was in Bethel a few weeks ago to look over the Bethel Heights situation, and who will be the person to make the final determination on the request for budget adjustments from ASHA; advised that the City demand to review any requests for money, prior to ASHA's sending in the request. Mr. Pederson will not entertain any requests from ASHA without some acknowledgement that the City has already reviewed the request.

The City should be particularly concerned about the estimate from ASHA on the roads for the project. The estimate from the State Dept. of Hiways seems more knowledgeable and professional, than does the one for ASHA, who isn't in the road building business.



One of the things accomplished in the meeting was: through their legislative program, they have requested and will sponsor legislation to expand the powers of 4th class cities, to include powers of iniment domain. and increaseing powers of taxation.

The Municipal League unanimously passed a resolution urging all voters to vot for all Bond Issues appearing on the ballot, November 3d.

For the first time in the history of the Leauge, the Western part of Alaska is represented on the Board of Directors, which actually sets the policy of the League. Ed Glotfelty was appointed to this position, and I was appointed to the legislature.

MAYORS COMMENTS: Mayor Zahradnicek thanked Janice Shantz for her letter of appreciation.

In some areas, the Governor's visit was quite beneficial to Bethel.

Last week, several people from Health, Education & Welfare were here, and was made aware of some of the existing problems in the community. Hopefully, this visit will produce better services for the area.

Senator Stevens will visit our City, tomorrow, the 27th, and the Council will try to make him aware of some of the needs of the City.

Standing Committees: None. Mayor Zahradnicek re-appointed the Chairmen of the various committees, which included Johnny Guinn as Chairman of the Housing Committee. Eddie Hoffman, Roads; Ben Dale, Recreation; Bruce Crow, Economic Development; Jack Baxter, Land Usage; Kevin Murphy, Public Safety. Jack Baxter reported that Jim Mather is standing firm on his price of \$1,500. for his lot, which is 100' x 200', adjacent to the cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS:

AVCP Dues: Councilman Hoffman requested that Janet Shantz be allowed to read her report on the AFN Meeting; rather than discuss AVCP Dues.

Jail Contract: The present contract is a standard form contract from the Health, Education and Welfare, Dept. of Corrections. The existing contract expries the 1st of November. Dave Webb suggested Council's approval of the new contract, at the previous rate of \$12.50 per day.

Following discussion, Mr. Webb indicated that he would ask for a raise in the rates to \$13.50 per day at a later date, rather than jeopardize the jail grant the City is seeking.

M/M Murphy, Baxter that the contract with the Division of Corrections be re-newed. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Survey: Jack Baxter reported that in answer to a request from the City, Dickinson & Oswald, surveyors, assured the City, in writing, that their quote of \$13,000, for the survey and preliminary lay-out, was a maximum figure.

Mr. Baxter indicated that in previous communciations, Mr. Dickinson had indicated that as a part of this package, his firm would draw up preliminary plans, then come to Bethel to discuss these plans with Council before proceeding.

Discussion followed.

M/M Baxter, Guinn that contract negotiations be entered into with Dickinson & Oswald. Passed unanimously.

Garbage Contract: Tom Howell has asked that/he be able to retain the monies he receives from the various Federal Agencies, which he services. In the past, these monies have been turned over to the City, as Mr. Howell has a contract with the City, Discussion followed.

M/M Dale, Baxter that the City continue to receive the monies paid to Mr. Howell, by the federal agencies.

Passed unanimously.

Teen Center: Dick Schneider lauded the City for their efforts on behalf of the youth. He realized the City is expected to run a full-time job with other City staff. The program is very weak and there's no teen involvement. They need supervision and guidance for their energies.

The Bethel Social Services doesn't feel that the mere hiring of a Recreation Director is the total solution to the problem. It's time to seriously consider the present set-up and administration of the entire program; some continuity in the program needs to be established, so that regardless of the Director, the program can carry on. The Teen Program needs to be a loud and clear alternative to the problem of drinking and other lesser social problems.

Discussion followed.

Mayor suggested that the City Administrator and Recreation Committee get together with Bethel Social Services and put together a package to present to the Council. Jack Baxter suggested a Special Session should be called when this was accomplished. M/M Dale, Baxter that the Bethel Social Services re-open the Youth Center on October 27th and supervise the program until November 15th, at which time a contract will be drawn up between the City and the Bethel Social Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mendola Liquor License Application: Mr. Mendola presented the City Clerk with two documents to be read prior to Council's consideration of his application. One was a letter to the ABC Board, requesting withdrawal of Mendola's name from a previous application now pending before the hearing officer; and 2) a statement of intent and purpose covering the new application.

It was suggested by Kevin Murphy that this item be tabled until Council has had a chance to confer with the City Attorney.

M/M Dale that the license application be approved, under condition. That Mr. Mendola will withdraw his application, should the granting of this license go against the City's standing on the liquor issue.

Baxter seconded the motion for purpose of discussion. Discussion opened to floor. Murphy felt the Council shouldn't make a decision, going against the advice of the attorney, and perhaps take a chance on losing all the licenses.

Ben Dale requested his motion be withdrawn, and Jack Baxter withdrew his second.

M/M Baxter, Guinn that the Mendola application be tabled to the next council meeting and between now and then, the City attorney be requested to come to Bethel to discuss all the legal ramifications of the liquor issue and meet with Council and state a policy that will be presented at the next council meeting.

Murphy asked what would be done, if Mr. Biss couldn't come to Bethel.

Baxter called for a point of order. Motion was tabled, therefore no discussion.

POLL VOTE: Dale, yes; Murphy, yes; Hoffman, yes; Zahradnicek, yes; Guinn, yes;

Baxter, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor suggested that Mr. Biss be contacted immediately, and if it's impossible for him to come to Bethel, then two people and the administrator should go to Anchorage.

M/M Baxter, Dale that the Mayor select two people to accompany the City Administrator to Anchorage to discuss this matter, should the attorney not be able to come to Bethel. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Maintenance: The City's contract with United Transportation expired in May of 1970.

M/M Baxter, Murphy that the road maintenance contract be put out for bid for a period of 30 days.

Murphy suggested the listing of the streets be brought up to date before bids are released, and Baxter suggested that the installation of culverts should be included. Dave Webb suggested that someone in authority call and request work that needs to be done, rather than leave it up to the contractor; and contract should also include a clause stating that the contract may be terminated by either party, with a 30 day notice.

Mayor asked for a motion authorizing the City Administrator to draw up a new contract incorporating the suggested ideas and bring the revised contract to the Council for approval, so it can be advertised as quickly as possible.

Baxter withdrew his motion and Murphy withdrew his second.

Dump Contract: Discussion followed.

M/M Baxter, Guinn that the road maintenance and dump contracts be drawn up immediately for Council's approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Murphy, Baxter that Council proceed past 10:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Bethel Broadcasters Contract: Mr. Moore requested Council's approval of the contract drawn up by the Dept. of Education. Discussion followed.

M/M Baxter, Hoffmann that the City Administrator be authorized to negotiate another contract with Bethel Broadcasters, Inc. Passed unanimously.

M/M Baxter, Guinn that a letter of commendation be written for Jan Malone for a job well-done. Passed unanimously.

M/M Baxter, Guinn that meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimously.

M/M Baxter, Guinn that meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimously.

I hereby certify the above minutes are true
and correct to the best of my knowledge.


JEAN FAULKNER, City Clerk

WM. B. ZAHRADNICEK, Mayor