

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 22, 1972

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn, KVNA Building, Bethel, at 8:12 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cooke, Dale, Guinn, Hoffman, Murphy, Zahradnicek
ABSENT: Romer

READING OF MINUTES

The Clerk read the minutes of the regular meeting of 5-8-72. The Chair asked for corrections. Councilman Murphy added that a M/M Murphy, Cooke to accept Ordinance #49 in its second reading which passed unanimously by voice vote. Under Agenda Item, Contract Awards for new City Jail. There was a motion made by Murphy and seconded by Dale to accept the Guinn Lumber Bid of \$114,250.00, which passed by a Roll Call Vote. Also the motion made by Councilman Zahradnicek concerning signing of the contract, was seconded by Councilman Romer. Under agenda item, approval of Fire Chief, under discussion, Mr. Richardson resigned as a non-paid Fire Chief to work as a paid Fireman. And then at the next regular Fireman's meeting, the Fireman chose Mr. Richardson as a paid Fire Chief. Then in the motion made by Mr. Zahradnicek, it should read "Fireman" instead of "Fire Chief". Under agenda item "Trustees on Liquor Board", the motion was seconded by Mr. Romer. In the motion made by Mr. Zahradnicek to go into executive session, it was seconded by Mr. Dale, which passed by unanimous Roll Call Vote. Under "Bids for City Equipment", there was a motion made by Romer and seconded by Dale to accept the Sno-machine bid but reject all other bids, which passed unanimously by voice vote. Then under "Communications" the Council said to scratch the motion made by Mr. Romer.

M/M Cooke, Murphy to accept the minutes as corrected.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Benson, City Administrator, read a letter from the Assembly of God, in Bethel requesting land in the new Sub-Division. The letter is filed in City Office under Land Acquisition for new Sub-Division.

A letter from Hal Hobb concerning monthly accounting for the City of Bethel. In essence, he wants to pick up where Mr. Baxter leaves off. Also, a letter from Don Shantz concerning 4th ave. He said he is going to close it off starting the next school year. There was discussion regarding that which no-one can close off a road unless it was impassable for a 24 hour period in one year. Mr. Benson said Administration was working on a solution now.

M/M Murphy, Hoffman the letter from Mr. Hobb's be put on tonight's agenda.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

M/M Murphy, Hoffman straightening of 4th ave. be put on next Regular Council Meeting Agenda.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Murphy made a comment about Zoning the City of Bethel. He recommended that all the area East of Ridgecrest over to Main and between 7th and 5th

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avenues be residential area.

There was discussion about ASHA's Comprehensive Plan and Mr. Benson said he was going to talk to Dickenson & Oswald and Harland Davis to ask them to plan Zoning in Bethel. A point was brought out by Councilwoman Cooke that there would be too much traffice in the School area if there were any Commerical business in that certain area.

It was brought out to have Mr. Davis and Dickenson or Oswald here in Bethel for the next Regular Council Meeting, to discuss Zoning.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

None

MAYORS REPORT

John Guinn said there would be a State of the Budget at the next meeting and also he hired Lyman Hoffman to operate the NCR Accounting machine. He also entertained a motion to put Fire Chief on tonights agenda.

M/M Murphy, Dale to put acceptance of Fire Chief on tonights agenda.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

He then introduced Mr. Ed Benson to the audience as our newly hired City Administrator. He also explained about Mr. Moores car and the circumstances around it.

M/M Murphy, Hoffman to put it on tonights agenda.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 3rd and final reading of Ordinance #49.

M/M Murphy, Dale to put Ordinance #49 in its 3rd and final reading.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance #49 in its entirety. There was one addition in Seciton 12(C), that the head be sent to the Artic Health Laboratory.

M/M Murphy, Dale to accept Ordinance #49 in its third and final reading.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS

A letter from Donald Beitinger, Central District Right of Way Agent, was read concerning the Brown Slough Bridge. He offered the City \$1,150.00 for lot 8 of Bock 4, which is City owned. This letter was dated 8-17-71 and read at the Regular Council Meeting of 8-23-71, and there was a motion made at that meeting to authorize the CA to negotiate with the Highway Department.

M/M Zahradnicek, Dale to reaffirm the motion of 8-23-71 of selling City owned land to the Department of Highways for the completion of the Brown Slough Bridge.

There was discrepancy from Councilman Hoffman on whether or not the City

owned that land.

Question on the motion resulted in 1 nay coming from Mr. Hoffman.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Duplex for City Officials

There was discussion on where this duplex would be built and how it was to be financed. Ed Benson said that Tract A at Bethel Heights would be a good place since we could tap into the water and sewer lines. He also said that Mr. Dave Webb has talked with Lending Institution people already. All Mr. Benson wanted was approval from Council to negotiate for funds and sign a contract.

There was discussion about possibly offering Nicholson something for his outfit since it has apartments already.

M/M Hoffman, Zahradnicek the City build two apartment duplex and get financing from our local bank.

Mr. Hoffman requested plans from Mr. Benson and just how much this would cost. It was brought out that the Council should not commit themselves before they know the amount it would cost so Mr. Zahradnicek withdrew his second with Mr. Hoffman withdrawing his motion providing the City Administrator bring a cost sheet on the duplex to the next regular Council Meeting.

M/M Hoffman, Zahradnicek so moved.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Sales Tax Increase

Mayor Guinn the report from Dave Webb concerning the reasons for the sales tax increase, it is on file at the City Office.

Mr. Hoffman added that if we can raise the sales tax because we receive enough money from the liquor store then there was a discussion about the increase and liquor store.

M/M Murphy, Zahradnicek we raise the City sales tax an additional 1% from 2% to 3% and have it effective August 1, 1972.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Guinn, Murphy, Zahradnicek

NO: Cooke, Dale, Hoffman.

Motion failed with a tie vote of 3-3

C. Mr. Hal Hobbs Proposal

John Guinn explained to Mr. Hobbs just what he would be up against. Mr. Dale asked Mr. Hobbs just how much bookkeeping he wanted? Mr. Hobbs replied that his position would be a supervisory position and continue training the local help in general accounting procedure. Mr. Hobbs thought since Jack Baxter was leaving so soon, the City would want someone with accounting back ground to take up where Mr. Baxter left off.

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Then there was more discussion on what the contract would consist of.

M/M Dale, Hoffman to give the City Administrator authority to negotiate with Mr. Hobbs upon Baxters termination of the City Bookkeeping and return to Council for approval.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

M/M Dale, Murphy to go past 10 PM.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FIRE CHIEF ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL

Councilman Murphy gave Council a rundown on what happened at the Fireman Meeting and said that Jim Savaria was voted in fire chief.

M/M Murphy, Hoffman to accept Jim Savaria as the City of Bethel volunteer Fire-Chief.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Tom Dillon had one thing to say about the Fire Chief position. He asked the full support of the Council and the people of Bethel because the Fire Chief position was not an easy one.

PURCHASE OF DAVID MOORE TOYOTA

There was quite a discussion concerning the circumstances around the toyota. Mr. Benson said he asked the City Attorney if we would buy it after telling him the circumstances and Mr. Davis ill-advised us not to buy it. Not only that, Mr. Benson went on to say, but the City owned red pick-up in Anchorage would be fine with him if it was fixed up.

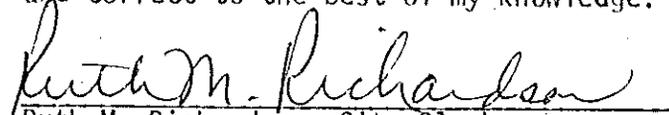
M/M Dale, Zahradnicek don't buy it.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

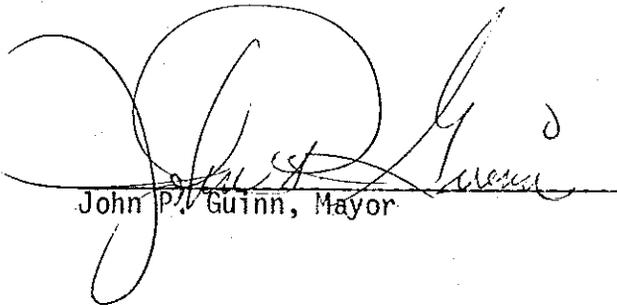
M/M Murphy, Dale to provide the City Administrator monies to have the red pick-up fixed and brought back to Bethel, not to exceed \$1,000. dollars.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

M/M Hoffman, Zahradnicek to adjourn.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M.

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


Ruth M. Richardson, City Clerk


John P. Guinn, Mayor