

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 28, 1972

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke, KVNA Building at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes of Special Council Meeting 12-18-72 should be distributed at next regular council meeting.

Council representative seat on YKHC should be advertised on radio for next 2 weeks and names reported to council.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. George Hohman read/explained letter from Chris Cooke and response from Harland Davis, City Attorney, regarding legality of recent land lease / sales within restrictions of new municipal code. Mr. Davis stipulated the City had a 180 day grace period to conform or until March 8, 1973.
2. Hohman read a letter from State Operated Schools requesting City to block road from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on school days. Council requested further study on issue before action taken.
3. Letter read by Hohman from Alaska Legal Service regarding petition to Gravel concerning bad road condition in Bethel Heights. Requested letter of support from City Manager's Office. Resolution to Mike Gravel provided for City support. Moved to be placed under new business.
4. Hohman read letter from Dept. of Military Affairs, Alaska Disaster Office, regarding civil disaster planning seminar February 13-16 in Bethel. Program will be developed to provide Emergency Action Document and procedures during disaster. An exercise is planned for March 23, 1973. Connick requested information be made available to village council in the event they wished to participate.
5. Letter read from Greater Bethel Council on Alcoholism requesting financial support previously agreed upon by City Council. Council authorized \$5,000 in support per previous council agreements and \$11,000 match commitment to Alcoholism program by June 30, 1973, based upon present budget commitment and receipt of state revenue by City to support program (\$1,000 per bed).
6. Work session announced, 12-29-72, 7:00 p.m.
7. Jordan Suhr from the Public Health Service made a presentation regarding possible City take-over of Bethel Heights water and sewer project. He presented a time table for action and an explanation of equipment/personnel/ other costs and revenue sources. Council requested that at the next regular scheduled council meeting a site visit be arranged with council and appropriate people.

(NOTE: All Bethel Broadcasting Inc. tapes from this point throughout the rest of the meeting did not record correctly. Result - no accurate account of rest of meeting. Following minutes taken from John Shuler's brief notes).

### MANAGERS REPORT

1. Hohman read letter from Wien Consolidated regarding necessity to check carry-ons for all outgoing jet and F-27 flights and desire to contact with City for police to provide service. Hohman will negotiate contract.
2. Hohman explained decreases in City Certificate of Deposit from a high of \$150,000 in early 1972 to zero to date. Investigation to follow.

### MAYORS REPORT

None

### COMPLAINTS AND/OR PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Council requested that the portion of road by Northern Commercial Company that has been washed out be blockaded, as well as, PHS sand pit.
2. Connick concerned about lights out all over town and requested action. Suggestions made to have police check lights on patrol and report location of burnt out lamps.
3. Hoffman concerned about liquor stored at Braund Building. Wants investigation into legality of storing liquor at location other than liquor store.
4. Council requested that a City Personnel Policy and Procedures manual be developed for city employees.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Ordinance #50 - Closing Bars on Holidays

The City Manager read the ordinance. Discussion followed. A motion was made to ammend Ordinance #50 to delete the dates of February 22nd for Washington's Birthday and May 30th for Memorial Day. The ammendment passed 5 yes, 1 no. A second ammendment to delete Washington's Birthday completely failed 4 no, 2 yes. The main motion as ammended to approve Ordinance #50 passed 5 yes, 1 no with a clause added after G- "For the purpose of this ordinance the aforementioned holidays shall be observed according to the federal designation for the observation of these holdays."

#### 2. V. F. W. Liquor Application

Discussion followed on the V.F.W.'s request for a Club License. A motion was made to approve the V.F.W.'s application. The motion failed 4 no, 2 yes. The chair ruled to put off discussion on the reason for the "no" votes until the work session on December 29th. Passed 4 yes, 2 no.

#### 3. KVNA - Games of Chance & Skill

The renewal application to allow the KVNA to participate in "Games of Chance and Skill" was discussed. A motion was made to accept the application and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS1. Bar Requests to Be Open New Year's Eve

The managers of the two bars requested, through Hohman, that they be allowed to be open New Years Eve for business. A tentative committment had been made by a former City Manager that if the bars stayed closed until 8:00 p.m. on Halloween that the request would be made to allow the bars to be open New Year's Eve.

Discussion followed. The Council approved 5 yes, 1 no to allow the bars to be open from 9 p.m. to midnight on December 31, 1972, to serve from midnight to 1:30 a.m. on January 1, 1973, and to be closed by 2:00 a.m.

2. Resolution #82

On behalf of the Council, Hohman read Resolution #82 stating Council support of the petition by the residents of Bethel Heights to Senator Gravel requesting assistance in repairing the roads in Bethel Heights. The resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. State Retirement Plan

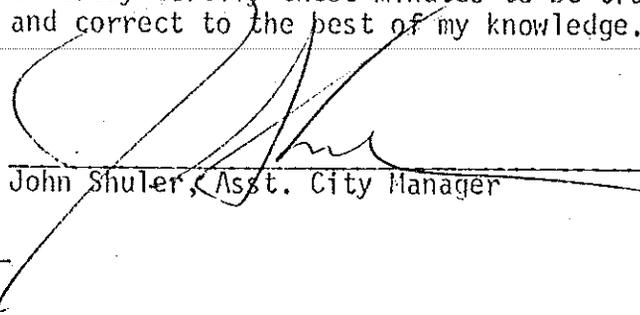
Hohman discussed the City's intent to investigate the possibility of a state retirement/insurance plan.

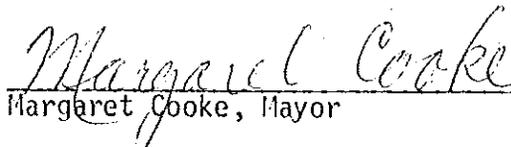
4. Police Chief

The police chief of Skagway was interviewed by the Council for the position of Chief of Public Safety in Bethel. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 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