Special meeting of the Bethel City Council

Monday, May 3, 1965 MC Theatre 8:00 p.m.

Present: Jimmy Hoffman, Eddie Hoffman, Elliott, Mendola, Schirmer, Nicholson
Absent: Sallison

Operation Facelift- A project envolving picking up trash and hauling it to the dump. The project is sponsored by the womens club. They need trucks and drivers. It was mentioned that the last time there was a clean-up, a good deal of time was spent by the kids, just cleaning people's yards. It is hoped that this time there will be more organization.

MM J. Hoffman, Elliott, that the city furnish a truck and driver for the project. E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Elliott, Mendola, Schirmer in favor. MC

It has been suggested that the clean-up and garbage haul the city has been doing might be paid out of the rural development grant. The clerk said that according to some papers in her office, the funds may be used only on projects of permanent nature.

ARN Dock facility. ARN would like to use the same docking procedures as they have used in the past. They request permission to use the [illegible] use the pier which will run up on the street. There was no objection.

Donald Schirmer offered his resignation as of midnight, May 9.

Tony Lewis asked that the council consider giving his taxi service a franchise. It was mentioned that that the city is unable to give a franchise, that Tundra Telephone had been unable to obtain one. Since this is a special meeting, it was decidedto put this on the agenda for the regular meeting next week.

River Erodion- There will be enough plywood to complete 1,000 feet of control, but not enough to do 2,000 feet. If Northern Commercial does not participate, there will not be enough funds to purchase the extra materials.

MM Mendola, Schirmer that up to $3,000 be alloted from the saving s account for the necessary supplies for completion of 2,000 feet of control. Mendola, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Schirmer, Elliott in favor. MC

There is still no one to supervise the job. Tom Haley would like to have the position. Jimmy Hoffman suggested that the person be hired at a stated amount per hour.

Garbage Haul- The mayor told the council that it is necessary to have the garbage run around every two weeks. Authorization is needed for expenditure of funds. Mm ?Mendola, E. Hoffman J. Hoffman, Elliott, Schirmer in favor.

Jimmy Hoffman mentioned that people are dumping trash on the airport road and wonders about an ordinance prohibiting dumping.

Street Lights- Eddie Hoffman mentioned that the trooper has requested a street light by Pensgard's old pool hall.. MM E. Hoffman, Mendola that the street light be installed. Schirmer, Elliott, J. Hoffman, Mendola Eddie Hoffman in favor. MC

It was announced that Senator Gruening will be holding a meeting in his office on May 5, to discuss the Bethel situation and that the senator will be coming to Bethel on May 16. It was suggested that plans be made for feeding the personnel with him, and that a public meeting be held.

The need for a developmental grant was discussed. Miss Lindford, of VISTA has suggested that a resolution be drawn up and that we apply for a grant from the OEO. Miss Lindford looked at the list of needs and suggested 14 VISTA personnel.

Resulotion # 17, resolving that a developmental grant be requested from the OEO was read. No specific amount of money had been mentioned. The resoultion was amended to read "grant of $6, 150.00". MM E. Hoffman/ Schirmer that resulution #17 be adopted as amended. 5 ayes and no nays.

MM Schirmer/Mendola that VISTA personnel be requested. 5 ayes, no nays

City coordinator- Letters from Andy Edge and Edward Peck were read. Both gentlemen were present to answer questions about their qualifications. Mr. Edge addressed the council. He said that he understands that the job is only as permanent as he makes it permanent. He has lived in Alaska for 21 years and intends to remain here. He is pleased with the area and would like to work as coordinator. He asks a salary of $1,200.00 per month, ~~including~~ includes housing allowence, and would need adequate office space.

Mr. Peck stated that he has done much work in organizing and directing various activities. He has spent a lot of time in adult evening classes. He would expect a salary of $900.00 per month.

The meeting adjourned so that a committee of the whole convene to consider the applications. Father Mueller suggested that a telegram be sent to Senator Gruening before the meeting is held in his office on May 5. Mr. Nicholson asked that he help write the telegram.

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