

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY

MARCH 28, 1966

8:00PM

NORTHERN COMMERCIAL THEATRE

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order at 8:05 on March 28, 1966.

Roll was taken: present were T. Christiansen, Howard Elliot, Ed Hoffman, Ted Samuelson, and Art Nicholson.

Because there has not been a quorum in town for the last two months, the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on January 10, 1966 were read and approved as read. The supplements were also read and approved.

L. Scott read a letter dated February 9, 1966 from the law offices of McNealy and Merdes. It is still their opinion that the City of Bethel is legally paying their Mayor a salary.

Mayor Art Nicholson's Comments:

1. Mayor Nicholson issued an invitation to visit the new office which we are very proud of and satisfied with.
2. The insurance on the dump truck is \$335.00 per year. After quotations of the nominal revenues this truck provides, Art pointed out that the truck is costing the City much more than it is worth.
3. Mr. Andy Edge is providing the meals for the prisoners as stated in his bid.
4. At the special meeting of the Council held on January 24th, for consideration of delinquent sanitation accounts, the Council "wrote off" the bills of thirty people for a total of \$1,292.60.
5. The City has received a check in the amount of \$92,158.00 from Bethel Sales, Inc.

Recommendations from Mr. Mulcahy for deposit of the money received from Bethel Sales were related. M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Samuelson that we deposit \$80,000.00 in separate certificates of \$5,000.00 each in Time Savings accounts which would be automatically renewed by the bank every 3 months. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. The meters were pulled on the skating lights.
7. Insurance has been obtained for the new office covering the building in the amount of \$9,000.00 and contents for \$4,000.00. The insurance is fire and extended coverage.
8. Mayor Nicholson encouraged the citizens to attend the Civil Defense Training program to commence March 29 at 1:30 PM at the National Guard Armory.
9. A report on the expenditures for recreation from Bethel Sales, Inc. receipts was presented and discussed.
10. The vehicle used by the State Troopers will be returned to the City now that the troopers have a new truck. The Council will decide how to dispose of this vehicle at the next meeting.

11. A check for \$6,500.00 will be issued to Mr. Jim Kohl for the purchase of the new office.
12. The donation of \$100.00 to the St. Micheal's Cathedral fund has been acknowledged and the City will receive a spike when they are available.
13. Mayor Nicholson noted that a letter to Senator Bartlett regarding the buildings to be used for the Pre-natal home was sent and replys from Senator Bartlett and the Division of Buildings have been received but no building has been obtained as yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

A revised resolution from the Alaska State Housing Authority has been received. Mayor Nicholson read the "Resolution of the Council of Bethel Alaska Making Application to the Alaska State Housing Authority for Planning Assistance".

M/M T. Christiansen, M/S H. Elliot that the Council open to the floor discussion of this resolution. Passed unanimously.

Discussion was heard from the floor.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the Resolution be accepted in its first reading. The poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-no, E. Hoffman-yes, H. Elliot-yes, T. Samuelson-yes, and A. Nicholson-yes. The motion was passed by 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

The resolution will be carried to the next meeting for it's second and final reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three letters concerning the Discharge from City Employment of Mr. Guthrie Pratt were read and discussed.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Samuelson that Guthrie be allowed to present his side of the story to the Council. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Pratt related his feelings on why he should not have been discharged from City employment.

M/M T. Christiansen, M/S E. Hoffman that the Council open the discussion of Mr. Pratt to the floor. Passed unanimously.

Questions and answers were directed from the floor and the council to Mr. Pratt and Mayor Nicholson. After a general discussion, M/M T. Samuelson, M/S H. Elliot that we close this discussion and go on to the next item on the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Nicholson presented information on Spraying for Mosquito Control. It seems in the past the City has not used enough DDT to kill the mosquitoes. DDT still seems to be the most widely accepted and most effective means of control.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Christiansen that the City order two 55 gallon barrels of 30% DDT at a cost of \$2.45 per gallon plus freight. This amount plus the left over from last year should be used in spraying immediately after "break-up". Passed unanimously.

M/M E. Hoffman, M/S T. Samuelson that the City approve the application for license of a Game Permit by the school, for the year 1966-1967.
Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the City apply for a Rural Development Grant to be used to extend the River Erosion Wall and also for a drainage project to help control the mosquito problem. Passed unanimously.

Extension of the River Erosion Project was discussed. Art was instructed to secure prices and take inventory of the City's supply of lumber to continue the breakwater another 200 feet. It was suggested that 20 foot pilings be used instead of 16 foot. The possibility of constructing a guard rail along the new portion of road was considered. Prices and suggestions will be considered before the next meeting.

M/M T. Christiansen, M/S E. Hoffman that the meeting extend after 10:00. Passed by a vote of 3 Ayes and 2 Nays.

The Status of the City Books was discussed and promises made by Dick Jones to complete and put in order the books by December 31st were reviewed.

M/M T. Christiansen, M/S E. Hoffman that a letter be sent to Mr. Jones stating that the Council is dissatisfied with the work done so far. If he doesn't set up the General Ledger and bring the records up to date by March 31st, the City will be seeking a new accountant. The City Books will not be allowed to leave the City for any reason at any time. Passed unanimously.

Consideration of constructing and improving the road between Roy Atkins and Gus Ephamka's was discussed. This would be for a length of 690 feet. The standard construction used by the City in the past is 12 foot wide roadways with 1 foot sand fill.

M/M T. Christiansen, M/S E. Hoffman that Art be instructed to make up for public bid the documents necessary to construct a road 690 feet long between the homes of Roy Atkins and Gus Ephamka. These documents are to be ready for the next Council Meeting. Passed unanimously.

The need of a Standby Sanitation Truck was presented after review of the many problems confronted this winter. Altho the tank used on the present truck could be used on another truck also, it was the general feeling of the Council that a new tank also be considered.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman, that the City secure prices on the latest models of GMC trucks with tank and 4 wheel drive which could be used for sanitation purposes. Passed unanimously.

Because of the dilapidated condition of and the cost of fuel to heat the garages which now house the sanitation and fire trucks, M/M T. Christiansen, M/S E. Hoffman that we obtain estimates of cost for steel and/or wood frame buildings which would be suitable for a three-stall garage to house the sanitation and fire trucks.
Passed unanimously.

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M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Samuelson that the City pay \$110.00 to Ed Hoffman for purchase of the 330 gallon Oil Tank used at the office. Results of the poll vote were: T. Christiansen-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, H. Elliot-yes, T. Samuelson-yes, and A. Nicholson-yes. Passed unanimously.

Consideration was given the purchase of supplies for the New Office. The first consideration was given to shelves and work table which could be purchased from Sears & Robuck. For two 4 foot sections the cost would be approximately \$128.00 plus freight. The possible wording of a sign to hang above the front office window was discussed. A bulletin board with window front, lock door, and light was considered to be used to post agenda and other City business. The exterior finish of the building was considered with the general opinion that stain and varnish would be most attractive.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the City purchase cabinets, sign, varnish, stain and exterior bulletin board for the new office. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, H. Elliot-yes, T. Samuelson-yes and A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimously in favor.

M/M E. Hoffman the meeting adjourn at 10:45 PM.

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