

CITY OF BETHEL

THURSDAY

AUGUST 11, 1966

8:00 PM

CITY OFFICE

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order at 8:15 PM by Mayor Art Nicholson. This was a special meeting as the regular meeting was unable to convene due to lack of quorum on August 8th.

Roll was taken and present were: Joe Andrew, Al Laroux, Howard Elliot, Ed Hoffman, and Art Nicholson. Absent were: Tilly Christiansen and Joe Mandola.

The minutes and supplements of the July 18, 1966 council meeting were read and approved as read.

Communications:

A letter from the Fairbanks Insurance Agency was read regarding the summons received by the City Clerk from Trooper Korhonen. Mr. Cathcart assured us every thing is in order and being handled by U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. on the State vrs. Bethel, U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co., etc. complaint.

A letter from the Bureau of Land Management was read offering the purchase of Lot #15 for use as a City Park. M/M H. Elliot, M/S A. Laroux that we purchase Lot #15 for a park site for \$50.00. Poll vote results were: A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Andrew-yes, H. Elliot-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. It was unanimously passed.

A letter from Rev. Korts, Director of the Moravian Church was read relating that the Moravians would not allow the City to retain the Army Buildings on the church property for the Prematernal home. They offered a sum of \$350 to help cover the cost of moving these buildings. After discussion, it was decided to turn down this offer as the City will probably not use the buildings for the home.

City Administrator's Report:

1. The A.S.H.A. planning study has left Juneau and is on its way to San Fransico for approval.
2. The teacher housing situation is under control as the State is renovating eleven units for rental.

Mayor's Comments:

1. The Boy Scouts have returned from an enjoyable experience at the encampment and will be asked to report at the next council meeting.
2. Northern Commercial Co. will be asked to rewrite the lease including two 10-year renewable clauses.
3. \$4600 was put into a separate account for the Bethel Museum.
4. As a result of the Juneau delegation, one of Bethel citizens has received a Small Business Loan in the amount of \$11,000. He had previously been turned down.

Old Business;

Cowan Hut Bid was discussed and then John Acton, President of the Bethel Teen Club related the feelings of the Club that they would rather set aside the money budgeted for the Cowan Hut addition and use it for a new Community Center. M. Rowan has already applied to the Neighborhood Community Center in hopes of receiving a matching funds grant for such a building.

M/M A. Laroux, M/S J. Andrew that the City put the existing receptacles in the Cowan Hut into operation, add a heavy line with four outlets, add a light in the entry way, check the furnace from the old school, and install that furnace if feasible. Poll vote results: A. Laroux-yes, J. Andrew-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, H. Elliot-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

M/M E. Hoffman, M/S J. Andrew that we add to the previous motion the repair of the Cowan Hut roof and reattach the porch to the building. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman accepting the Teen Club's offer of not building the Cowan Hut addition but to work towards an adequate building. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman setting aside \$4500 in funds towards a building for teen club and other community uses. Poll Vote results: Laroux-yes, Andrew-yes, Hoffman-yes, Elliot-yes, Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

The Plugging of the Slough is completed. M/M H. Elliot, M/S A. Laroux that the City pay Joe Andrew \$18.00 for the sheet iron he furnished on this project. Poll vote results: Laroux-yes, Andrew-yes, Hoffman-yes, Elliot-yes, Nicholson-yes Unanimous.

The exact Location of the City Garage on the lot leased from Northern Commercial Co. will be determined by the City Administrator.

New Business:

The City of Anchorage has offered to sell us a pumper truck for \$3000. After a report from Ray Baxter regarding the condition and adequacy of the truck for our fire needs, M/M H. Elliot, M/S A. Laroux that the City purchase the Fire Truck from Anchorage. Poll vote results: Laroux-yes, Andrew-yes, Hoffman-yes, Elliot-yes, Nicholson-yes. Unanimous. It is hoped the National Guard will fly the truck out to Bethel.

After reading communications from several attorneys and considering the subscription to the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers (N.I.M.L.O.), M/M E. Hoffman, M/S H. Elliot that we hire Burton Biss as a City Attorney and also subscribe to N.I.M.L.O. for \$67.50 per year. Poll vote results: Laroux-yes, Andrew-yes, Hoffman-yes, Elliot-no, Nicholson-yes. Passed by 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

M/M A. Laroux, M/S E. Hoffman that the City issue an invitation for bid for construction of the City Garage. Passed unanimously.

The City Dump is not usable at the present and there is no equipment available in town to push the dump back. United Transportation requested use of the City's blade hanger to put their D-8 cat into operation. M/M E. Hoffman, M/S J. Andrew that the City loan the hanger blade to United Transportation so they can move the dump. The blade would be removed and replaced by United at no cost to the City. Passed unanimously.

Sanitation Meeting will be discussed next meeting.

M/M E. Hoffman, M/S J. Andrew to extend past 10:00. Passed by 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S A. Laroux that we buy a new Dry Photo Copier for the Office at a cost of \$359.00. Poll vote results: A. Laroux-yes, Andrew-yes, Hoffman-yes, Elliot-yes, Nicholson-yes. Unanimously passed.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S J. Andrew that the City Clerk cash \$10,000 worth of Time Savings Certificates and deposit them in the general checking account. Also the City Clerk is authorized to transfer another \$10,000 when needed to meet the obligations made by the City. Passed unanimously.

After discussion whether or not it was proper for the City Council to circulate petitions, M/M E. Hoffman, M/S H. Elliot that the City circulate a petition by the City Council for placing the liquor question on the ballot for the coming City election in the same manner as the previous Liquor Store operation. Passed by 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

Placement of the Foster Child Care Home will be discussed next meeting.

After receiving a call from the election chairman in Bethel, it was brought to the attention of the Council that it would be desirable to have about five Election Booths for private voting, M/M H. Elliot, M/S A. Laroux that the City Administrator make inquiries regarding availability and price of portable voting booths. Passed unanimously.

There are State Statutes to cover the hazard of Old Freezers and Refridgerators being left outdoors where children can get trapped. It was suggested we remind the citizens of this hazard in the "Bethel City News".

M/M H. Elliot that we adjourn at 10:40.

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