

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL

Monday

May 9, 1966

Northern Commercial Theater

8 PM

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM.

Present: J. Andrew, H. Elliott, A. Laroux, T. Samuelson, A. Nicholson.

Minutes of the May 2, 1966, special meeting were read and accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from the Bethel Women's Club was read requesting support for the Spring Clean-Up.

Mayor Nicholson pledged support and cooperation in any way possible to make the clean-up a success.

A letter from Bethel Sales, Inc., regarding the payment of rent in the amount of \$32,257.43 to the City was read.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Cowan Hut addition.

Howard Elliott reported that \$4600 would <sup>cover</sup> the cost of a 16' X 24' addition one foot above the existing floor of the Cowan Hut, with three additional pilings one door on the side and a folding door.

M/M H. Elliott M/S A. Laroux that bids be put out as soon as possible so that materials can be ordered in time to make the spring boat. Poll vote results were: J. Andrew-yes. H. Elliott-yes. A. Laroux-yes. T. Samuelson-yes. A. Nicholson-no. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

H. Elliott volunteered to chair a committee of his choosing to prepare the necessary drawings for the project.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The sanitation truck has been out of order but the police vehicle is being used but is unable to completely load the tank.

M/M H. Elliott M/S J. Andrew that a short block be purchased for the sanitation truck. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliott M/S A. Laroux that the tapes used for recording Council meetings be erased as needed. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Nicholson reported that the Nelson Amendment project has been turned over to Don Johnson for completion. He further stated that the report will be submitted regardless of Mr. Gifford's negative letter on the Army Advisor Building.

A letter has been written to Mr. Gifford with copies to Bartlett, Miss Felk, Dr. Browning, and Dr. Wherritt that the city is still interested in obtaining the building.

The Corp of Engineers will be here May 24. The City should have a prepared presentation for them at that time. He stated hope that the businessmen will make up presentations themselves to tell of their yearly losses from erosion and flooding.

The election ballots have been burned.

A letter has been written to Swede Johnson requesting permission for constructing a road on his property.

M/M H. Elliott M/S T. Samuelson that two men be hired for the time sufficient to get caught up with the garbage removal. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes. H. Elliott-yes. A. Laroux-yes. T. Samuelson-yes. A. Nicholson-yes. Passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Final reading of Election Ordinance amendment:

M/M H. Elliott M/S A. Laroux that Ordinance #29 be accepted in its third and final reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Taxi Ordinance:

M/M A. Laroux M/S T. Samuelson that an Ordinance be prepared with the figures of \$50,000 per person for personal injury and \$25,000 per person be provided for property damages arising in any one accident as stated in Repealed Ordinance #26. Section 15., P. 3. Passed unanimously.

Road bids, opening:

M/M T. Samuelson M/S H. Elliott that the bid from United Transportation Inc., in the amount of \$2357.50 for approximately 690 feet of roadway be accepted. Poll vote results were: J. Andrew-yes. H. Elliott-yes. A. Laroux-yes. T. Samuelson-yes. A. Nicholson-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's office:

M/M H. Elliott M/S A. Laroux that the City try to obtain someone to work for \$900 per month to take care of the duties of the mayor's office. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott further stated that this individual would work from 8 AM-5PM, 6 days per week, Sundays and holidays excluded and would have authority over the City employees. He would have the right to hire and fire city employees with the exception of the individual handling city funds. Applications would be accepted or rejected by the Council at the special meeting to be held Monday, May 16, at the City office.

M/M H. Elliott M/S A. Laroux that if legal, hiring of a city manager government be presented to the people on the ballots next October. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliott M/S T. Samuelson that the City manager position be advertised as soon as possible and that a meeting held Monday, May 16, at the City office be held to reject or accept applicants. Passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Centennial project for Bethel:

Mike Rowan, chairman of the Bethel Centennial Committee, presented the proposal of the Moravian Church being used as a museum be the Centennial project for Bethel.

M/M H. Elliott M/S A. Laroux that the Council resolve to participate in the proposed museum. Passed unanimously.

Gambling Ordinance.

M/M A. Laroux M/S T. Samuelson that the meeting continue beyond 10 PM.  
Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliott MS A. Laroux that the Council proceed to the next item on  
the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Council Meeting Place.

M/M H. Elliott M/S J. Andrew that Commander Wagenius be contacted for  
permission to use the VFW front room for meetings with the stipulation that  
the City will pump their septic tank as payment. Passed unanimously.

Payment of Nelson Brothers.

M/M A. Laroux M/S T. Samuelson that the Nelson Brothers be paid promptly to  
receive the 10% discount if the company will guarantee responsibility of the  
lumber until it is shipped on the spring boat. Passed unanimously.

Date for preparing new budget.

Item to be put on the agenda for the next regular council meeting for further  
discussion.

Deposit of funds from Bethel Sales Inc.

M/M H. Elliott M/S A. Laroux that \$25,000 be deposited into Time Saving  
Certificates and the remainder of the \$32,257.43 be deposited into the general  
fund. Passed unanimously.

M/M A. Laroux that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 PM.

*A. L. M.*