

Minutes of the City Council Meeting 2-1-5960

Present-Christiansen  
-Jackson  
--Miller  
-Sirilo  
-Persons

Absent-Guinn

-Hopstad

Approximately 100 others

The meeting was called to order at 8 pm by Mayor Jackson. The minutes were read and approved except for the report of the telephone conversation between the Mayor and Attorney McNealy concerning the special election petition. The minutes should read that the only question on the petition which would legally require a vote would be on liquor.

The reports by the two liquor committees were given, Major Ellis reporting first, then Mr. Elliott. Copies for the Council were given by The Major. Elliott requested that if liquor were voted in that he and Miller be given the license for both the package store and the bar.

No discussion of the liquor reports was held as agreed at the previous Council meeting.

A resolution was presented by Persons to have a ~~xxxx~~ Special Election for the sole purpose of determining the wishes of the Bethel residents on the question of legalized liquor. Miller moved that the resolution be accepted. Sirilo seconded. The Council was polled. Christiansen -yes

Miller-yes

Sirilo-yes

Persons-yes

Persons moved that the judges be appointed for the Election. Christiansen seconded. All ayes. No naves.

Persons will have the ballots ready. Miller nad Elliott will arrange for the place and will set up the booths. Mr. Skeen said the Cowan Hut would be available from 8 to 5 on the first Tuesday in March and others should be contacted for the remaining three hours.

The judges were appointed by the Mayor-Mr. Ellis

Otto Schutlz

Eddie Hoffman

Paul Grgory

Tom Atwood-Foreman

Carpenter raised the question of length of residence for judges. This will be checked by the secretary.

A resolution was read by Persons that the Council will not accept anymore liquor petitions prior to the General City Election of 1960 and thereafter only for the inclusion on the ballot of the General Election of 1961. Miller moved that the resolution be accepted. Christiansen seconded. Vote-Christiansen-yes

Miller yes

Sirilo-yes

Persons-yes

The Finance Chairman reported. Mr. Jones balanced the books and will return to Bethel in April to audit the books. The balance December 30th \$25, 928.10. The total as of Feb 1st-\$29, 601.30.

Miller presented the bill for Street lights from the N.C. Co. and questioned the amount on the bill for cost and installation. He felt the bill too high and no discount had been given. He suggested that this be discussed at the Finance meeting the last Mon. of Feb. at Dr. Jackson's at 8 pm.

The Police report was given by Sarge Connick.

The Police Committee report was given by Mr. Schottsneider with a recommendation that a telephone be installed in the jail with an extension to the policeman's house to ring simultaneously, to obtain a typewriter for the policeman, to obtain

a side arm for the Policeman, to hire a deputy for the policeman's day off and as needed for emergencies, and to order some necessary office supplies for the jail. Much discussion was held with the floor. Persons moved that the telephone be installed in the jail with an extension to the policeman's home, to obtain a typewriter, and to obtain a side arm for the policeman, and if feasible to have a light on a pole to summon the policeman. Christiansen seconded. All(4) ayes, no naves. The policeman and secretary are to order the things mentioned. The REA Report was given by Mr. Swanson. He stated that the outlook for this is most favorable from one of his letters and he will have a complete report for the next meeting.

Garbage and Sewage Committee-no report.

Road Commission Committee report by Miller. The Road Bureau would not san in areas for parking unless the obtained title to the land. They will try to help as they can however. The N.C. Co. is to be asked about the land on the riverbank between N.C. and NCL for parking.

Jail Committee-no report.

Letters from Senator Weise and Commissioner Underwood were read concerning the State Policeman and the jail. Apparently the City will have to run the jail with the State reimbursing the City for State prisoners. Housing for the State Policeman was discussed and the Chamber of Commerce has already sent a wire that housing is available immediately. Mr. Swanson would have an apartment and Don Shantz will have a new two bedroom house ready in two weeks for rent. The secretary is to write Weise, Hoffman, and Underwood to reaffirm the Chamber of Commerce's wire, to urge again that the State Policeman be placed in Bethel and to offer all cooperation.

Miller moved that the City lease the front part of the jail so that the city policeman would have the present office for his work and that the City sublease the remaining rooms to the Deputy Magistrate and the State Policeman for offices. Christiansen seconded. 4 ayes. 0 naves. This is to be added to the letter about the State Policeman.

Don Shantz reported for the Lands for Public Recreation Committee. There are a number of sites under consideration, the one which will have work completed for the Council review is the old Bethel Airfield. Others include the lake area north of the hospital, a portion of the block near Art Dull's, an area near Hanger Lake, the Gravel lake. Also under consideration is draining of several lakes and using them for garbage and refuse.

The Borough Committee Report was given by Mrs. Crane. An open Borough Meeting is to be held at NO Theater at 8pm Mon Feb. 8th since there is so much involved. Copies of the Constitution of Alaska may be obtained from Mr. Cuddy at the 1st National Bank in Anchorage. A letter from the committee was sent to the legislature boundary committee to withhold legislative action on the question until more can be known about boroughs.

The Health Council report was given by Diane Carpenter and many problems discussed. A Committee to discuss the problem with ADH was drawn-Mrs. Carpenter

- Mayor Jackson
- Mrs. McCracken
- Mrs. Gamble
- Mrs. Shantz.

Christiansen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Miller seconded. 4 ayes 0 naves.

Jean C. Parsons, MD  
Secretary