

City Council Meeting
At
Northern Commercial Theatre

November 9, 1964

7:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M.

Present: Mendola, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, H. Elliott. Absent: Sallison, Schimmer

The minutes of October 12 and October 19 were read and approved as read.

A bill in the amount of \$1,450.00 from the auditor was presented. The City clerk had written a letter asking for an itemized statement since the bill was far in excess of anything charged to date. The firm has not replied. The bill was tabled for this meeting, until the auditors itemize the statement.

A Bill from Earth Moving and Construction in the amount of \$450.00 was presented. They had cleared the property of Willie Thomas for a playground site and this site had not been approved by the Council.

MM E. Hoffman/Elliott that the bill of \$450.00 be paid when the contracts are signed by Willie Thomas. E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Elliott, Mendola. MC

A letter from John Cates was read by the Mayor. Mr. Cates assures the use of the \$8,000 funds until after December 31.

It was suggested that the plywood owned by the state might be used for the construction of the retainer wall. The mayor will write to John Cates to see if the wood is available. It was also suggested that the Alaska Steamship line might haul the lumber from Sitka to Seattle as a good will gesture.

Ben Wilkins was asked to present the problems of the fire department until a councilman is appointed to chairman the committee. The needs of the department were discussed. They are: Sirens, and an adequate house for the truck. It was noted that many times the truck wont start because of the cold. Trooper Tew has been asked to start the fire truck occasionally to assure it's readiness when a fire occurs.

Roads- The possibility of a Federal grant to maintain the road from the Airport to Hangar lake was discussed. A letter will be written to Mr. McKinnon to ascertain what funds are available for reconstruction.

2 light plows are already at H.B. Lake - these will be used.
Recreation- The need for clearing the snow off the lakes was discussed. Joe Mendola will see Al Foss to see if the small tractor with a snow plow can be used.

For matter
Bids for warm up huts were presented. They re: Bethel Trading, \$970.60 Northern Commercial, \$998.00, Swanson Brothers, \$920.00 Mr. Mendola also offered a building on skids. The size was undetermined.

The materials varied in each bid. Mr. Mendola suggested that a committee study the bids and make a recommendation. Earl Coulthard will study the bids and will notify the City Clerk who has the best structure. *

Mr. Mendola had included an estimate for building the warm up hut. Luke Demientiff will build it for \$350.00. Some felt it could be done cheaper. Peter Abruska's name was mentioned. There was a discussion on re-submitting the bids. It was pointed out that it would not be fair to ask for more bids after announcing the bid of Demeintiff.

MM J. Hoffman/Elliott that the bid be awarded to Demientiff for \$350.00. E. Hoffman, no. Elliott Yes; J. Hoffman Yes; Mendola, No. The mayor broke the tie; Yes.

The bid is given to Gemeintiff.

Bart Graves submitted several recommendations for the council's consideration on: a recreation director, Community Youth Center, the temporary use of the Cowan hut as a youth center. The City Clerk will make copies of the recommendations and submit them to the councilmen to study before the next regular council meeting

MM Elliot/J. Hoffman that the meeting be continued.

Street lights- E. Hoffman requested a street light by Don Shantz's house. Mr. Shantz would pay \$50.00 toward the installation. MM/E Hoffman that the light be installed where Shantz specified. There was no second. The recommendation was tabled.

The Council wishes to know the results of the letter written to Bethel Sales in regard to Frank Walker's occupying both positions as an employee and as a Public Member. The City Clerk is to write a letter to Butch Laroux and include a copy of the original letter.

Vehicle Bids- Item 1. Elliott, \$51.80 Item 2 Nicholson \$25.00, Item 3 Hoffman \$151.99, Nicholson \$151.00- Hoffman winner. Item 4, Nicholson \$1.00.

Sanitation contract- The contract was read. Jimmy Hoffman suggested a committee to study the contract. Father Mueller wanted to know why the payments are made to the Nicholson Company instead of the City. The committee members are: Jimmy Hoffman, Ben Wilkins and Father Mueller.

Armory- It was announced that the Council will not be able to use the Armory on Monday nights because of drill. Major Pike has told the Mayor that they have always drilled on Monday and there were no council meetings. It has been ascertained that there were 24 meetings at the armory during the past 16 months. It was brought out that when meetings were held last year and the Guard was drilling, a room was assigned as usual. There is a question of why since the City had deeded the land for the armory with the idea of using it for a meeting place, why is the council not permitted to meet there. The Mayor will talk to Major Pike and if no satisfaction is given, he will write a letter to the National Guard Headquarters.

The need for a mineo machine was discussed. Mr. Mendola has a Gestetner machine, Stencils, 5 cases of paper, cutter, ink and stencil holders for \$541.00

MM E. Hoffman/ Elliott that the machine be purchased. Mendola, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Elliott in favor. MC

A need for two foot bridges for the children to cross the sloughs was discussed. Mr. Hoffman will study the need and report at a later meeting.

It was noted that the P.A. system was running more than the \$400.00 that had been allocated. MM J. Hoffman / Elliott that additional money may be spent, not to exceed \$100.00 on the P.A. system. Mendola, E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Elliott. MC

MM E. Hoffman/ Mendola that the meeting be adjourned. MC

E. G. Mendola