

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY

DECEMBER 13, 1965

8:00 PM

NORTHERN COMMERCIAL THEATER

ROLL CALL

READING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS- filing of proposed Ordinances and Resolutions

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Sanitation, Roads, Rivers and Harbors, Recreation, Police

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS- School Bus, Tumbling Mats

MAYORS COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Andy Edge's Salary
2. City Office
3. Dog Pound
4. City Planning and Resolution to Alaska Housing Authority

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Village Attendance in Bethel School
2. Taxi Ordinance
3. Use of Cowan Hut for Winter Carnival
4. Christmas Party?
5. Employee Holiday Policy
6. Jail Guard pay scale

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TUESDAY

DECEMBER 12, 1965

8:00 PM

NORTHERN COLLEGE PLAZA

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM

Present were T. Christiansen, H. Elliot, E. Hoffman, T. Sanderson, R. Miller and A. Nicholson.

The minutes for November 8, 15, and December 6th were read and approved after one correction.

There were no reports by the Council on Regular Committees.

T. Christiansen gave a summary of the findings of her Special Committee on a School Bus to transport the possible 49 children between grades Kindergarten and third grade from across the slough to and from school. After discussion of the \$2,000.00 plus cost, it was decided that this was too large an undertaking for the City at the present time. Ed Hoffman quoted a price of 20¢ per child offered by Mr. Andy Edge to transport the children on cold days.

M/M R. Miller, M/S T. Christiansen that the City check into the rules, regulations, and advice of the City's Attorney on transporting the children via Andy Edge's Taxi Service. Passed unanimously.

The committee on Tumbling Hats will present their report at the next regular meeting in hopes of having Mrs. Tex present.

Mayor Art Nicholson Comments included:

1. The State Troopers make daily checks on the fire equipment to make certain it starts.
2. After several nights of leaving the lights on at Honeybucket Lake, the State Troopers have taken the responsibility of turning them off.
3. The final bill from Haffer and Beckman was presented.
4. A summary of the B & C Electric bill was presented.
5. The Jail Feeding Contracts were mailed this afternoon.
6. The City Employee Contracts are ready to be signed in the next few days.
7. Mayor Art reminded the Council that there is a possibility that if the Board of Directors of Bethel Sales, Inc., will follow procedures recommended by their Auditor and Attorney, that Bethel Sales would not have to pay income tax for this year.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S R. Miller that the City write a letter to each member on the Mayor Board requesting that the City retroactive to January 1, 1965, acquire the lease on the building which now houses Bethel Sales, Inc. before December 31, 1965. The City would then charge rent on the building. Passed unanimously.

8. No reply has been received from Sears & Roebuck on prices and availability of Heating Plants for the new office.
9. No favorable reply has been received regarding the leasing of the old buildings belonging to the Army Advisors.
10. Dick Jones will be here on December 22th to complete the City Books.
11. The Council still has not heard from their Attorney regarding insurance on the Cowan Hut.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andy Edge's Salary for the period last September was discussed.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the City pay Andy Edge for 3 days which include Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The Poll vote was unanimously in favor of this motion.

The Sales Contract for purchase of the City Office building was not ready for the meeting. A Poll vote by telephone will be taken on this matter.

An estimate of \$300.00 was presented by Mayor Art for the building of a Dog Pound.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the Council discontinue any further consideration of the Dog Pound. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of the City Planning and Resolution to Alaska Housing Authority was heard from the Floor and the Council members at great length. Many suggestions and questions were presented.

M/M R. Miller, M/S T. Christiansen that this discussion on the City Planning and Resolution to Alaska Housing Authority be tabled until the next regular meeting of the Council. Passed unanimously.

M/M, H. Elliot, M/S T. Christiansen that the meeting be continued past 10:00 Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Maxwell Fancher presented the topic of Village Attendance in Bethel School. He gave many reasons for the City's consideration and efforts to promote the Regional High School concept. There has been a committee formed by the Advisory School Board to explore this situation. T. Christiansen will be the Council's representative on this committee. It is hoped that boarding facilities for at least 20 students from outlying villages will be available to enable these students to attend High School in Bethel.

Mr. Andrew Edge requested that the Council set an Ordinance to regulate Taxi requirements regarding insurance, operation, and legal aspects for Taxi services here in Bethel.

M/M R. Miller, M/S H. Elliot that this question be tabled until the next regular Council Meeting. Passed unanimously.

A letter from George Kreig, Winter Carnival Chairman, was read by A. Nicholson. This letter requested use of the Cowan Hut for concessions and booths during the Winter Carnival to be held February 4-5-6.

M/M R. Miller, M/S E. Hoffman that the Cowan Hut will be available for free use by the Winter Carnival Committee for the period of February 3-7th. Passed unanimously.

Discussion was heard regarding a Christmas Party for the children of the community.

M/M R. Miller, M/S T. Christiansen that the city provide the same amount of funds as they did last year for a Christmas Party. The Poll vote was unanimously in favor of this motion.

A. Nicholson read a letter from Guthrie Pratt and Joe Link regarding Employee Holiday Policy.

M/M R. Miller, M/S T. Christiansen that the City give Christmas and New Years off with pay this year. The City will establish a continuing policy for the future. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the Jail Guard Pay Scale item be discontinued completely. Passed unanimously.

M/M R. Miller, M/S T. Christiansen that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 PM. Passed unanimously.

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