The first meeting of the Village Council of Bethel was called to order by Jimmy Hoffman at 8:00 p.m. on Sept 12, 1957.

Howard Elliott was nominated for Pres. & unanimously elected by the Council. Howard took over the remainder of the meeting as Chairman & Pres.

Twenty-five people attended.

Agnes Harrison unanimously agreed upon by the Council to act as Sec-Treas.

Many letters were read - One from Wilkins pertaining to roads. A letter from Superint. Eng. of B.P.R.

Letters were written to Homer, Anchorage, Cordova, Palmer, Nome and Fairbanks asking for methods of organizing a city council & ordinances.

A letter was written to Attorney-General Williams by Howard asking for his assistance & help us organize. A carbon copy of the letter was read to the attending group.

Suggestions by several of the attending group asked the Council to write the Sen. Gruening Eng. for verification of the letter written concerning the proposed roads of Bethel. Howard said he would do this.

Mercantile business license monies

were brought up and a suggestion to write a letter to the Attorney General concerning a kick-back of these monies was voiced by the group. Also the legality of this was questioned.

Suggestions were made as follows:

1. Get estimate of cost of well
2. Canvas Estimate of business to ~~the~~ determine about how much would & could be collected from them for a 2% Sales Tax.

Unanimously agreed Council would meet every other Thursday at 8 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by
Agnes I. Harrison
Councilwoman

3. Check on availability of pumps & screen.
4. Letter to Dr. Hayman, Commis. of Health to announce our incorporation
5. Roy Eaton maybe able to give us a rough est. of cost of labor on well.