

CITY OF BETHEL

Box 626
Bethel, Alaska

Minutes Of Councilmeeting Monday Augsut 7, 1961.

Meeting started at 9.15 Present Hall, Miller, Shantz, Jackson, Smit.

Mminutes of Council Meeting of July 11, 1961 read and approved.

Communications were read.

Charles O'Brien of the Bureau of Indian Affairs present the Council with his view of the possibility of obtaining some planning help for the Community. He says that the first thing will have to be a survey of the town and its resources, next a comprehensive plan and then approach to proper authorities for help.

After his statements, MMS Smit/Shantz to ask Mr. O'Brien to head a committee to make a survey and to investigate possibilities for economic improvement of the Community. MC.

A copy of letter of the City Attorney regarding absenteeism is to be mailed to the Schoolboard. No action is taken by the Council at this time.

Write Sen. Gruening about disaapointinglyh short visit of his assistant to Bethel.

MMS Shantz/Hall to authorize payment of Bill from McNealy. Hall, Miller, Shantz, Smit in favor.

After passing around election tallies and asking if anyone wanted to canvass the ballots MMS seconded Shantz/Smit that the Council accepts the election results of 79 to 29 in favor of extending the City Sales tax of 2% for three years. MC.

MMS Smit/Shantz to transfer City Funds to local bank and open a safety deposit box. MC

MMS Smit/Hall to declare Donald Shantz highest bidder on truck body at the price of \$57.00. Only one other bid has come in at \$56.00 from Northern Consolidated. MC.

Police Report asks for replacement of broken panes in City Jeep. MMS Shantz/Miller to replace. Hall, Miller, Shantz, Smit in fav r.

Shantz reports that sewage truck is ready to go and that Tom Pace has not indicated any further interest in its operation, but that Lawrence Paquette was interested. Paquette was present and asked to be considered as lessee for the sewage truck.

MMS Smit/Shantz that a Councilmmeting be held on Monday August 14, at 8.00 PM in the NC Theatre to amend, enter into and sign a contract with L. Paquette for operation of the garbage ~~truck~~ and sewage truck, provided that if no quorum be present on that night, the members present could sit as a Committee of the Whole with the same authority to act in this matter and on that night only as the full Council. MC.

Ordinance No. 16 on Maximum Fines is placed in first reading by President. After full reading, MMS Shantz/Smit to pass Ordinance No. 16 to second and final reading by title only. Motion parries unanimously.

The Deep Sea Port of the Kuskokwim

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After final reading Ordinance No. 16 is passed by voice vote Hall, Miller, Shantz and Smit voting aye, none apposed.

The question whether there should be a Community Cemetery with sections for each church or denomination is brought to the floor. It has been suggested that there should be place for ~~burial~~ non-affiliated or non-deniminational burial. Father Hargreaves suggests that City should accept responsibility for the whole cemetery plot and assign space to various groups, provided competent persons are selected to make the proper division of the cemetery.

MMS Smit/Shantz that Fãther, Hargreaves, Rev Schattschneider, Rev Gamble with a representative of the Russian Orthodox Church if such a representative can be found willing to serve, be appointed to form a Cemetery Committee to work out a satisfactory arrangement for the future cemetery in Bethel, with authority to establish property lines in consultation with the Bureau of Landmanagement and to prepare a sub-division of the property, all this with the understanding that the work of the Committee will be under the sponsorship of the City Council.
MO.

Shantz produces an outline of a proposed zoning ordinance for the City. After some initial discussion this proposal is held over for a time at which there shall be more time, and in the meantime, Shantz will post copies of the proposals around town.

MMS to adjourn, Smit/Shantz MO.

J. Shantz
Secretary
9/11/61

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