



# City of Bethel

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 29, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Swanson. Roll was called.  
Present: Bruce Crow, Ed Hoffman, Art Nicholson, Gene Peltola, Dave Swanson.  
Absent: Al Laroux.

The invocation was given by Reverend Owens.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Snodgrass read the following letters: 1) from Mrs. Judith Kleinfeld, of the University of Alaska regarding a manpower need questionnaire for the Bethel area; 2) from C. S. Matlock, Dept. of Highways, to the mayor regarding their need for data on City roads and streets; 3) from Dave Webb, Division of Corrections, regarding the jail contract; 4) from Peter L. DeGroot, International City Managers Association, regarding the possibility of listing Bethel in the International City Managers directory; 4) from V. W. Cameron, EDA, approving final payment of \$61,735.77 to Braund, Inc.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: None.

TREASURERS REPORT: None.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Snodgrass gave the following report: the election will be held Tuesday, October 7, 1969; the first School Board meeting will be held Oct. 9; the auditors have arrived and are working on the city books; the road to the dump is in; \$50,000 in time certificates have been deposited in the bank; the estimate on the garage doors should arrive shortly. He lastly report that a meeting will take place between HUD and Braund, INC. in San Francisco to resolve the question of the amount of payment owed to the City of Bethel for the houses in the project and recommended that the council authorize the city attorney, Burton Biss, to represent Bethel at this meeting.  
M/M Crow, Nicholson that this item of BISS REPRESENTING CITY be placed on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Hoffman reported that the AVCP passed three resolutions at their last meeting: 1) on a home for dependent children; 2) for a new city jail; 3) to get the dog salmon run for 12 hr./day one day a week for four weeks in July.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### JAIL CONTRACT:

M/M Nicholson, Peltola that this item be tabled until the auditors' report. Unanimous.





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## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:

Larry Keil, Recreation Director, asked approval for cost of fill for playground area in Bethel Heights. He said estimates have been from \$1800 to \$2000. He also asked for approval of installation costs but had no estimates.

M/M Peltola, Nicholson that this item be tabled until after election.

Poll vote: Crow no, Hoffman no, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson no. Motion not carried. 2 ayes, 3 neys.

M/M Crow, Hoffman that the City Administrator prepare specs for bids on sand fill for playground equipment and an estimate of installation for next meeting.

Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Unanimous.

## SANITARY FACILITIES IN COWAN HUT:

Keil asked approval for installation of sanitary facilities in the Cowan Hut but had no cost estimate. No action taken.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### RECEIVING HOME: (see attached)

The Bethel Receiving Home Administration Committee presented their proposal for a receiving home and asked the council for the rental use of the Log Building at a reasonable rate not to include utilities. Discussion followed.

M/M Crow, Peltola to open discussion to the floor. Unanimous. Discussion took place.

M/M Swanson, Nicholson that this item be placed on the agenda for next council meeting. Unanimous. Council felt that a decision should not be made until they take care of a previous commitment to the M.D.T.A. program.

## BUILDINGS ON CITY STREETS:

Nicholson said that the city attorney should be instructed to draw up an ordinance for encroachment of buildings on city streets. Discussion followed.

M/M Nicholson, Hoffman that the city attorney be consulted and asked to present appropriate ordinance. Unanimous.

## CITY CENSUS:

Swanson stated that in order to get the most out of the State revenue sharing plan the city should have a accurate census. He suggested forming a census board and hiring qualified people to take the census.

M/M Crow, Peltola that discussion be opened to the floor. Unanimous. Short discussion.

M/M Crow, Nicholson that the City Administrator prepare proposal for the taking of the census for next council meeting with an attempt to define what requirements are necessary to conform with state regulations. Unanimous.

## ELECTION BOARD:

M/M Crow, Peltola that Council appoints election board from the list of 12 people drawn up at the executive session held September 22. Unanimous.





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M/M Crow, Hoffman to extend meeting beyond 10 P.M. Unanimous.

#### DELEGATE TO AFN:

M/M Peltola, Swanson that Ed Hoffman be appointed as Bethel's delegate to the AFN conference in Anchorage Oct. 13 to 18.

Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes.  
Unanimous.

#### LIQUOR PETITION:

Snodgrass read a petition submitted to Council requesting that the question of sale of intoxicating beverages be placed on a separate ballot for the election.

M/M Nicholson, Peltola that this petition be accepted and this issue be placed on a separate ballot as requested on October 7. Unanimous.

#### \$500 FOR KVNA RADIO STATION:

George Hohman stated that the Ford Foundation has a ground receiving station available for Bethel. It is capable of receiving satellite signals and would enable people in Bethel to receive University programming, major networks and local networks. Ford Foundation is asking the community to come up with \$3,000. Discussion followed.

M/M Crow, Hoffman that the Bethel City Council express its interest in the establishment of an area radio station & will look favorable on the expenditure of \$500 of city funds BISS REPRESENTING CITY: for such a project. Unanimous.

M/M Crow, Nicholson that city attorney, Burton Biss, be authorized to represent the City in negotiations with Braund, Inc. and HUD in San Francisco. Discussion.  
Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes.

Swanson brought up the possibility of using Studnek's available dirt for city property. Short discussion. No action taken.

M/M Peltola, Nicholson for adjournment. Unanimous.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Joanne McCabe  
Joanne McCabe, City Clerk

