



CITY of BETHEL

P. O. Box 537 • Bethel, Alaska 99559

April 28, 1971

Regular Council Meeting
26 April 1971

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Bruce Crow at 8:03 P.M. April 26, 1971, VFW, Bethel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jack Baxter, Bruce Crow, Ben Dale, Eddie Hoffman, and Kevin Murphy.

Absent: John Guinn and Bill Zadradnicek(late)

M/M Crow/Baxter that Ed Hoffman be appointed mayor pro-tem in place of Mayor Zadradnicek and to proceed with the meeting.

INVOCATION

Presiding Office Hoffman asked Father Gurr to give the invocation.

Mr. Zadradnicek arrived, M/M Crow/Murphy to retain Mr. Hoffman as the chairman.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MINUTES

Minutes of April 12, 1971, Regular Council Meeting, were read and approved as read on a M/M by Zadradnicek/Baxter.

The Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

M/M Crow/Dale to record councils first motion regarding the chair.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr Stryken complained of not being able to hear council.

Diane Carpenter asked about the \$400,000.00 community facilities building grant.

Mr. Hoffman registered a complaint about the Bethel Heights Roads.

Art Nicholson said there would be no water service to Bethel Heights that the rear end had been torn out of one of his trucks today up there.

Mayor Zahradnicek stated money was authorized today, up to \$30,000.00 to fix the roads in Bethel Heights.

There was mention of unavailability of sand to fill roads, that water must drain off the fill at the sand pit, so it could be spread and dried. Installation of culverts was badly needed. Mr. Webb said the money was made available today, that work would start on the roads early in the morning.

M/M Hoffman/Dale that the City Administrator be authorized to see what he can do about the road situation in Bethel Heights.

M/M Crow/Baxter, to amend the motion stating the City Administrator be authorized to expend up to \$30,000.00 immediately to repair Bethel Heights roads.

The amendment to the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

TREASURES REPORT

NONE

MAYORS REPORT

NONE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Kuskokwim Kronicle Agreement- Basic outline of the agreement described by the administrator.

Councilman Crow questioned the purpose and use of the \$525.00 city subsidy. Mr. Larry Fulton, Editor of the new Kuskokwim Kronicle gave a financial breakdown on costs of publishing and printing.

M/M Crow/Hoffman moved the council accept agreement with the last sentence of the third paragraph deleted from the agreement.

Motion carried by unanimous rollcall vote.

Garbage Contract

Mr. Webb's additional comments included a new estimate on the side loader garbage truck of \$12,340.00 Freight costs via Northland Marine, estimated at \$1,000.00. Possible garbage contracts still to go to bid for new fiscal year include Public Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Mr. Tom Howell, the present contractor has already negotiated the Federal Aviation contract, consequently the estimated contractual revenue of \$7,200.00 should be cut by one third, bringing the total for estimated revenue to \$35,900.00.

M/M Hoffman/Baxter moved the city go into the garbage business, and acquire a new garbage truck.

Bud Jepson of Northern Commerical Company, Keith Swanson, pf Swanson Bros., both indicated they would be interested in commercial accounts and rates of garbage service.

Councilman Murphy indicated he would like to see the City purchase a back-loader type garbage truck, rather than the side loader. Quotes for a back-loader truck were estimated at \$10,000.00 more than for the side loader.

Roll Call Vote

Yes - Baxter, Crow, Dale, Hoffman, and Zahradnicek
No - Murphy

Second Avenue Easement Request - Mr. Webb read a letter from the Catholic Parish and Father Gurr regarding the request by Swanson Brothers for Twenty feet of the 60 foot easement for second avenue. Mr. Webb also said that Swanson Brothers had decided to contact their architect and order a plan change on the expansion, designing the extra space to the side instead of the back of the store. David Swanson was present at the meeting and confirmed that for council. The matter was considered resolved.

Alcohol Resolution - Council subcommittee. Council Crow stated he would like to hold the resolutions until such time as they could be circulated and publicized for the public.

Councilman Hoffman requested a public meeting on alcohol, to discuss the resolutions, the proposed bar closing ordinance and the AVCP resolutions on the bar. There was concentrated discussion about the advisability of holding another meeting on alcohol.

Councilman Crow indicated he was against lengthy discussion on the issue without a motion on the floor.

M/M Hoffman/Baxter, to hold a public meeting in Bethel so the people of Bethel can speak on these resolutions and set a date so the meeting can be publicized. Councilman Hoffman proposed May 8th at 8:00 PM.

Councilman Crow voiced objection to the public meeting on alcohol, reminding that the public meeting had already been held on alcohol at the school. He felt the issue had been hashed over enough.

Councilman Hoffman said he didn't think the meeting at the school was a turnout of enough people.

Councilman Crow withdrew his objection.

The motion to hold a public meeting passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting will be held at the KVNA Building.

Mr. Webb read the ordinance relating to intoxicating liquors, bar closing hours etc., and the cover letter from Mr. Biss.

Councilman Baxter said the ordinance falls into the category of the resolutions on alcohol and should be considered at the public hearing afore scheduled.

M/M Crow/Baxter to table the proposed ordinance on alcohol until a subsequent meeting.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

Termination of Nicholson water service to City of Bethel.

M/M Baxter/Murphy moved for the short executive session with Mr. Nicholson.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council recessed at 9:15 PM and reconvened at 9:50 PM.

The City Administrator read the memorandum to council regarding the termination of water service, his report of actions taken already and a proposal regarding the purchase of water delivery vehicle and city delivery service as apposed to purchasing Art Nicholson's water service.

There was correction to the memorandum regarding Mr. Nicholson's proposed interest rate on the sale, the memorandum indicated a 7% interest and should read 7 1/2% interest rate.

M/M Crow/Hoffman, that the meeting continue past 10:00 PM.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Administrator read Mr. Nicholson's itemized listing of equipment included in the sale of Nicholson's water service.

Baxter seconded by Murphy moved to open the issued to floor discussion.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the pro's and con's of the city investing \$143,640.00 plus interest, bringing the total cost of purchasing Nicholson's company to \$180000.00. Also was brought out that the city could not acquire what Art Nicholson had for sale in capital outlay for the proposed \$67,032.00 designed for trucks, transportation of trucks and ramp for Braund Building.

M/M Murphy/Crow, that the city buy Nicholson Water Service for \$143,640.00.

Roll Call Vote

Yes - Murphy

No - Baxter, Crow, Dale, Hoffman, and Zahradnicek

Motion failed.

M/M Baxter/Dale, the city Administrator be authorized to negotiate for purchase of two trucks and negotiate with Public Health Service to open up the well.

Roll Call Vote

Yes - Baxter, Crow, Dale, Hoffman, Murphy, and Zahradnicek

No - none

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of the members present.

The City Administrator asked for a determination of expenditures, and guidelines for expending funds.

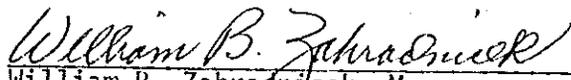
Council agreed, the Administrator would have authority to make whatever arrangements were necessary to put the City in the Water business. There was no objections heard.

M/M. Crow/Baxter for adjournment, Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment. - 10:00 PM.

I certify these minutes to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Kathleen F. Heddeitt, City Clerk


William B. Zahradnycek, Mayor