SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Northern Comme cial Theatre

January 25, 1965

8:00 P.M.

Present: E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Don Schirmer, Elliott, Mendola.
Absent: Sallison

Correspondence- A letter from Max Fancher was read. The letter expressed appreciation for the recently purchased blinds for the school.

A bill from Eddie Hoffman in the amount of $135.00 was presented. Mr Hoffman had cleared roads when they were closed because of snow. The bill was for 9 hours of cat time at $15.00 per hour. A discussion ensued, on whether Mr. Hoffman should have cleared the roads without prior consultation with the council. Mr. Hoffman asked to have the bill withdrawn. There was no motion for tabling the bill.

MM Elliott/H. Hoffman that the bill be paid. Mendola, Elliott, J. Hoffman Schirmer in favor. Eddie Hoffman opposed. MC.

Eddie Hoffman states he is too busy to try to kill dogs. He resigned as dog exterminator. The name of Tom Haley and Bill Forbes were mentioned as possible replacements. The Mayor will talk to Dick Parks and Jerry Buterin to see if they will kill dogs at large, but will not insist on their doing it as a part of their job with the sanitation service.

Fire Department- The many problems of this depertment were discussed. The lack of volunteer personel, the heating problems and the hose that freezes were the big problems. The Mayor cited, as example, when there is a fire there are not enough people to adequately man both hoses. When the fire is burning out or is under control, these people leave, leaving Keith Swanson, Rev. Gamble and himself to wind up the hose and do the other odd chores alone. The Maoyr called for suggestions on how to organize a more efficient department. The problem of children was mentioned. They come to a fire and get in the way of the men and hoses. It was suggested that the names of these children be taken and then cite the parents into the Magistrate's Court.

The hose that is currently being used requires proper drying or it will freeze. Then, when used again, the water pressure causes the hose to tear and it was estimated that from one to two legnths of hose are lost at each fire. It was suggested that a different type of hose be purchased, probably rubber. Eddie Hoffman mentioned that Kayser and Lottsfeldt in Anchorage have such a hose in stock. The City Clerk is to write a letter to ascertain if the hose is available and the prices.

Office Furnishings- The need for several pieces of furniture was brought up. A typewriter and adding machine were stressed. The present typewriter is a pre-war machine that will not print more than three readable carbons. The adding machine is not working properly and as a result, it is almost impossible to keep the books and do the billing. The City clerk expressed the desire for a machine that will divide and multiply as well as add and subtract. At present, there is not a safe for keeping either the books or monies. Cash is kept in the filing cabinet and the books are kept in an open cabinet. It was mentioned that the sales tax records are

confidential and should be kept locked up. The need for an chair was mentioned.

Jimmy Hoffman questioned the need for a typewriter and, since the price is approximately $100.00 more, he questions the ordering of an electric machine. Prices for these various articles were quoted. Mr. Hoffman would like Mr. Mendola to check with various wholesale houses in Seattle to see if these articles can be purchased at less cost.

Committee appointments- The Mayor requested that Joe Mendola continue to serve as a member of the board of Bethel Sales, Inc. Don Schirmer was asked to continue as chairman of the Police committee.

River Erosion- The Mayor announced that the materials for 2,000 feet of control have been ordered, at the prices quoted for the larger order. He says that there are not enough funds available at present. Only approximately 640 feet could be done with the present funds. It is hoped that more state funds can be obtained and that N.C. Company will participate in the cost. There are additional materials to be ordered. They are: Backing on the lumber, (masonite was suggested) cable, nails, spikes, clamps, turnbuckles, and bolts. Jimmy Hoffman says he has some cable. It is not new, but it is felt that it would serve the purpose. He estimates that they have 10 spools or 100,000 feet. He will give this to the City.

The Mayor will write various firms to determine the cost of the above mentioned items and submit the cost to the council.

The need for expediting the new addition to the school was discussed. The Mayor will write Senator Bartlett, stressing the fact that our children are going half days and the need for an addition is great.

Jimmy Hoffman mentioned that many children have to stand and wait for the school bus by Svengards. A small building, possibly the warm up hut, could serve as a wind break. Howard Elliott suggested building a small building, possible a 4'X8'. Don Schirmer says he has some insulated material that could be used as a floow and ceiling. Mr. Schirmer will ask Luke Demeintiff for an estimate and submit the cost to the council for a pole vote.

The City Clerk mentioned that she has had many requests to use the stencil machine. The Mayor pointed out that it could be used by such clubs as the VFW, Lions, women's clubs, etc. The Clerk feels that it would take no more than two to three minutes of her time to run a stencil. It was mentioned by Mr. Elliott that if this started, then it could grow into a problem. Everyone and every petition or cause would request the use of the machine. It was decided not to permit the machine to be used for purposes other than City business.

MM Schirmer/J. Hoffman that the meeting be adjourned. MC

C. L. G.