

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Connick at 7:00 P.M., KVHA Building.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: All members except Cooke.

READING OF MINUTES

M/M Crow, Hoffman, I move that we accept the minutes of the regular council meeting 5-22-73 as written. Voice vote carried.

M/M Crow, Hoffman, I move that we accept the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 6-2-73 as written. Voice vote carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shuler stated that he had enclosed with the mailings to the Council a letter from Dr. John Lee to Frederick McGinnis regarding the hospital security guard for Bethel. It was suggested that the City of Bethel fund the position of the security guard.

Frank Estes stated that the previous week a nurse on duty was attacked. He at this time would like some suggestions from the Council members what action should be taken.

Connick asked Estes if any of the nurses had received any responses from the Senators and Congressmen on their request for funds to hire a security guard. Estes replied that they had received some responses but not all of them.

Hoffman stated that he had received a letter from Don Young on that matter.

Estes also brought out that locking the doors and putting in a TV would not help much since the nurse on night duty will have to go alone to open up the front door. Estes felt that the City Manager and Chief of Police could get together to get more ideas and then set up a contract.

Connick recommended that the councilmen and Chief of Police get together with Estes and get ideas; also a representative from the Sleep-Off Center.

Shuler reported that there is an agreement with the City and United; this was enclosed for review and information for the council members; this agreement being that the United contract for the use of the riverfront to load and unload cargo during the summer for 2 years.

Also enclosed in mailings was a letter from Byron Mallott to Margaret Cooke and in that letter he pointed out that the City needs to update its OEPD plan. Also a letter was enclosed from Leta Brown regarding dog control at the Trailer Court. It was brought out by Shuler that we don't have a dog catcher at the moment. Shuler suggested that a \$25 fine be levied and each time the same dog is caught make the fine larger.

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The new Chief of Police, Dale Van Sandt, brought out that the option of shooting the dogs is illegal. After being held for 8 days dogs can be shot. The state law requires that the dogs be caught. Van Sandt suggested that the Council draw up an ordinance with a very stiff fine and that a dog catcher be hired.

MANAGERS REPORT

Shuler reported that he will be leaving for Fairbanks to attend a Seminar on Title 29 and how it affects the City of Bethel. Shuler also reported that he has been negotiating a contract with the Department of Highways for the maintenance of dirt roads in the City of Bethel (this does not include the BIA road) for \$11,500 per year. City is in need of a new dump truck; the old one being costly to the City. Shulers recommendation is that the old one be put up for bid. PEP, Public Employment Program, is putting out funds for a summer type program. Shuler requested for 9 positions; 24 hours @ \$2.10 an hour for the months of July and August. The state will provide ID cards for the citizens of Bethel and July 1st is the starting date for this. The lots across from the Braund Building are ready for lease.

Shuler also reported that he had met with ASHA to acquire land on Brown Slough (right-of-way). Statter feels that the steel cell method is best for the dock project. George Silides is to give Shuler more information on this and the ship proposal. The Finance Report was passed out to the Council members for review and their information. The City will complete the fiscal year "in the black".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Crow reported that the Economic Development Committee recruited a policeman from Kasigluk and Napakiak to help the Bethel Police force last weekend since they are understaffed.

Murphy reported that when the police committee members met the setting up of a auxillary police force for Bethel was discussed. The City should have men on standby and work at nights with patrolmen since our police force is understaffed now. Murphy also said that traffic signs had been discussed and that more signs should be put up around town.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Shuler stated that Rex Mathlaw had bought a lot and found out it was pretty low and Mathlaw wanted to know if he could change it. Shuler also reported that about 5 of the lots in the subdivision are in low areas and most of them are in swamps. A person buying a lot at the new subdivision also wanted to know if he could buy his lot for less than 5¢ a square foot since he has to do a lot of filling.

M/H Hoffman, Gregory; I move that we give Rex Mathlaw one of the lots that people have applied for but have moved out of town. Roll call vote with all council members voting yes.

At this time Hugh Short wanted to know if he could upt up a gas tank for his cabs down by Jimmex Samuelsons residence.

M/H Crow, Hoffman, I move that the city rent the land to Hugh Short on a 1 year basis at \$50.00 a month and this land for rent be 30'x50'. Roll call vote with Connick, Gregory, Hoffman, Crow and Romer all voting yes and Murphy voting no. Motion passed by a 5-1 vote.

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Father Peterson at this time stated that the cemetery needs survey done on it. The roads at the cemetery are hap-hazardly formed. Registration of graves is needed and control of the cemetery is also needed.

Connick felt that the cemetery is the responsibility of the City. In the past there has been talks about expanding the cemetery. Connick felt that a committee should be formed to look into this and report to the Council. Hoffman, Shuler, and clergymen are to look at lot on Sunday the 17th.

A representative for Helen Bautista at this time read a letter that was written to Shuler regarding water deliveries. In that letter it stated that they, the people at the Halfway House, were not getting adequate water service from the City of Bethel and the reason was that Shuler was discriminating against Blacks. During discussion it was brought up that the Halfway House has only 1 tank (a 50 gallon capacity).

Shuler suggested that the Halfway House get more tanks in there since they are calling for water everyday; 6 times a week.

Tom Anderson speaking in favor of Shuler stated that in the past couple of months he has seen a lot of improvements in the Public Works Department. Tom also brought out that the only time when the trucks don't go to housing is when the ASHA people closes all roads at housing to city vehicles.

Pat O'Rourke at this time said that what had been discussed should never have happened since we were being broadcasted over the Yukon and Kuskokwim areas. He suggested that a committee be formed to investigate the discrimination charge.

Connick appointed Murphy, Romer, O'Rourke and Father Peterson to investigate this.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 54 - Public Hearing

Shuler stated that Hoffman had requested that Ordinance 54 be put on the agenda.

Hoffman brought out that he would like Ordinance 54 regarding the mooring of barges be passed.

At this time the City Clerk read the Ordinance.

Shuler stated that anyone wanting to moore at a particular location along the waterfront would have to have prior say so by the Council to do so. The City Attorney had suggested that this Ordinance not be passed since it could cost the City a lot of money in legal fees and suits if passed by the Council. The City will need evidence that the dock is being damaged by barges moored on the riverfront.

M/H Hoffman, Crow, I move that we accept Ordinance 54 as written. Roll call vote with Hoffman, Crow and Connick voting yes; Romer, Murphy and Gregory voting no. Motion failed by a 3-3 vote.

2. Contract: Police Chief/City

Shuler stated that the contract was included in the mailings to the Council and this has to be approved by the Council.

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M/H Hoffman, Crow, I move that we accept the contract with Dale Van Sandt. Roll call vote with all present members voting yes.

Connick suggested that the meeting be adjourned after the discussion of the 1st item under New Business.

3. Lots Across from the Braund Complex

Shulers recommendation is that these lots be sold at 5¢ a square foot to the people who are now living on these lots. Shuler also brought out that the cost of the survey that was done on these lots is \$4700. It was decided 4¢ a square foot was adequate.

Connick suggested that the council have a work session on each individual lot.

M/H Hoffman, Romer, I move that John Gregory be given 1 year to raise the money to purchase Block 4 Lot 3 at the survey costs and to build a residential unit; this lot not being for resale. All members except voted yes. Motion passed by a 5-1 vote.

4. Taxi Permits - Monte/Cilette

Connick brought out that Monte had purchased a cab from Richard Cilette back in January.

Cilette said that the check was voided and therefore Monte did not purchase that cab.

M/M Murphy, Hoffman, I move that we give Richard Cilette his 2 permits back.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: M/H Gregory, Murphy, I move that we increase Richard Cilette's permits to 2 and Monte's to 4.

Roll call vote on the amendment with Crow, Romer, Hoffman, and Gregory voting no and Murphy and Connick voting yes. Motion failed by a 4 no and 2 yes vote.

MAIN MOTION: Murphy withdrew his motion and Hoffman withdrew his second.

M/H Gregory, Murphy, I move that we continue the meeting; past 10 pm. Voice vote carried.

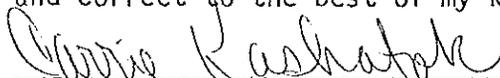
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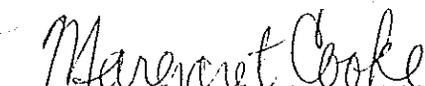
M/M Hoffman, Crow, I move that all items under New Business be put on the agenda for the next regular council meeting. Voice vote carried.

M/M Gregory, Murphy, I move that we adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:25 P.M.

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


Carrie Kashatok, City Clerk


Margaret Cooke, Mayor