

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 24, 1972

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Guinn, K.V.N.A. Building, Bethel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Guinn, Hoffman, Murphy, Romer, Zahradnicek.
Absent: Cooke, Dale.

READING OF MINUTES

The Mayor asked the Clerk to read the minutes of the regular meeting of 7-10-72, which she did. He asked for additions or corrections. Councilman Murphy asked that the bids mentioned in the minutes be identified as the bids to straighten 4th Avenue. The Mayor approved the minutes as corrected.

The Clerk was asked to read the minutes of the Emergency Meeting of 7-18-72, which she did.

M/M Zahradnicek, Romer the minutes of 7-18-72 be approved as read.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATION

A letter from City Attorney, Harland Davis, re: A trip to Bethel. He will be in Bethel the 7th and 8th of August, if that is acceptable with Council.

A letter from the ABC Board, re: Denial of Club Licence to VFW. There was a little discussion about this with Councilman Zahradnicek making a motion to place it on tonights agenda for discussion, which died due to lack of second.

A letter was read from all the members of the Fire Department, thanking the Council for the purchase of the New Crown Fire Truck.

A letter from the Board of Reigents, U of A, re: Notifying the Council formally that the Kuskokwim Community College is going to be placed in Bethel.

Mr. Benson stated he received a phone call from Senator Stevens Office in Washington, D. C., this a. m., re: Coming to Bethel, August 23rd and 24th. re: Model City Program.

Councilman Zahradnicek reported under communications that a group of 4 men would be in Bethel tomorrow the 25th to work on loaning money to people who wanted to purchase homes or build them.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilman Zahradnicek wanted to report that two local people went to Washington, D.C. to lobby for the Sea Mammal Act that was in Congress at this time. They are Mary Gregory and Sylvester Ayek.

Councilman Romer wanted to know if anything was being done about pathways next to the paved highways.

Paul Gregory translated.

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Councilman Hoffman complained that the Police were not patrolling the roads good enough. He reported on people running stop signs. Councilman Zahradnicek stated the Police were strapped to the fact that they had only one vehicle running.

Elena Tikiun wanted to say something on the parking problem at the show hall. Mayor Guinn stated a complaint will go thru the City Office to the State Police.

Paul Gregory translated.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Benson passed the state of the budget for the 4th of July from B.S.S.

He also wanted to get authorization to move the City Office into the Braund Building and moving the old City Office building up to that same area and rent it to the Division of Corrections.

John Guinn entertained a motion to put the Braund Building and City Office on tonights agenda.

M/M Murphy, Hoffman so moved .

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Benson also wanted authorization to negotiate land leases with people setting on city owned property now.

M/M Romer, Hoffman, since we charge C and S Service \$50.00 a month now, we charge them all the same.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Benson was also looking to authorization to purchase the land in the immediate area of the sea wall since the city has to own the land before the State could expand money into it.

M/M Zahradnicek, Hoffman that the Council authorize the City Administrator to negotiate leases with property owners along the water front for the purpose of repairing the Sea Wall.

There was more discussion on why it had to be City owned and that the City would not go after the property until we were sure the money would come in from the State.

Question on the motion resulted in a unanimous voice vote.

MAYORS REPORT

John Guinn stated the city needed another member for the board of YKHC representing the City of Bethel. He recommended that we advertise for it and go from there. Bill Zahradnicek and Al Romer stated they would like to be considered for it.

He reported on the meeting with the Corps of Engineers. He felt the meeting was held with hostile feelings of the property owners effected in the Brown Slough Project.

Some points were brought out at the meeting that the Corp was going to consider and report back.

On the B.S.S. Contract, he entertained a motion to put it on tonights agenda at the beginning of Old Business, and go into executive session.

M Murphy, Romer so moved motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

All had nothing except land use, Councilman Romer requested. a meeting with the New Sub Division Land Use Committee.

Mayor Guinn asked City Office to get in touch with the people on that committee and inform them of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The council went into executive session at 8:50 pm and reconviend at 9:20 pm.

Mayor Guinn called for a special meeting for Wednesday night at 8:00 pm, KVNA Building.

- A) 4th Avenue Bids, Review.

Mr. Benson just asked for approval to accept the low bidder and negotiate with them.

M/M Zahradnicek, Romer that United Transportation be awarded the bid for straightening 4th Avenue of \$8,750.00 with the proper contract form and performance bond with the City of Bethel.

Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Bids on Subdivision Roads.

A letter was read from Dickenson & Oswald concerning the bids received. They were looking for authority to accept the low bidding also which was United Transportation at \$114,408.00. The engineers estimate was \$117,000.00. Walsh & Company bid \$349,640.00 and Central Construction bid \$296,000.00.

M/M Hoffman, Romer we accept the low bid from United Transportation with the proper bonding at the negotiated price of \$114,408.00.

Motion passed by unanimous rollcall vote.

- B) Braund Building and City Office.

M/M Zahradnicek, Hoffman the City Administrator be authorized to move the City Office into the Braund Building and renonate to meet the needs and move the present City Office Building into that area to rent to the Division of Corrections.

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

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

Ruth M. Richardson
Ruth M. Richardson, City Clerk

John P. Guinn
John P. Guinn, Mayor