

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke at 7:32 P.M. at the KVNA Building.

ROLL CALL

All seven members present.

READING OF MINUTES

On page two the word fiscal year was misspelled. On the last page the word fiscal year was again misspelled. Page 2 paragraph referring to the Brown Slough project, should be two paragraphs on two different topics. In the roll call it should be noted that Councilman Murphy did attend the meeting, but was late.

M/M Connick, Crow, I move that we accept the minutes as amended. Voice vote, all present members voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Mrs. Bertha Kristovitch was read by Shuler. The letter expressed Mrs. Kristovitch's concern over the Faulkner rentals being so close to the road. She stated that she felt the buildings were a safety hazard to the public. Shuler then introduced Mr. Harlen Davis, City Attorney. Shuler stated that both he and Mr. Davis had gone down to the location of the buildings and they were in fact a danger, and that door ways to the buildings were facing the road. There was a question as to who owned the road right-of-way land. Mr. Davis stated that he could not find on a map where the road was dedicated as a City road. Connick suggested that we check the B.I.A. records. The width of the road was discussed and it was also suggested by Connick that legal action be taken. Shuler asked if the City could demand that Faulkner turn his buildings around so that the door ways were off the road. Davis stated that the City could take the same action that the City did, when Faulkner had his buildings on City property, which was that Faulkner move the houses at his own expense or pay rent on the land as long as his buildings were on the property. Shuler said that he and Mr. Davis would look into the matter and action be taken.

A letter from the Division of Aviation to the Council, also enclosed with the letter was a map of the airport. The letter was read to Council and the map reviewed. The letter was asking if the City was interested in funding the building of a new terminal at the Bethel airport. The location and lots available for the new facility were explained. Murphy stated that the City did not have funds and suggested that we write to George Hoffman and see if legislative funds were available. Hoffman suggested that the Chalista Corp. might want to build a terminal, and serve the people. Shuler stated that the Division of Aviation wanted a reply in 30 days. Murphy stated that Chalista should be approached and that an answer could be given at the next council meeting. Shuler Agreed

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MANAGERS REPORT

Shuler introduced Mr. Harlen Davis, City Attorney. Shuler state that Mr. Davis would be in Bethel until the following Wednesday, to give legal advise.

Shuler explained the budget finance report page by page. A discussion followed.

Shuler reported that Mr. Gary Waldner and an assistant would be in town the following day to obtain land in the Brown Slough right-of-way. Connick suggested that they have

a qualified interpreter with them to talk with the people, so that the people understand that these men were here to buy the land for the Brown Slough Project. Hoffman brought up the subject of the dredge has been sitting on Joe Chief's land and that he was told that he would be paid rent, for the time that the dredge sat on his land. Shuler said that he would look into this.

The subject of the guard rails and speed limit signs were brought up, also the shoulders on the roads. It was asked that they be installed on the housing road before winter sets in.

Shuler stated that there were 8-11 lots in the subdivision and that there are 17 requests for the lots. He stated that the council would have to decide who gets what lots.

Shuler reported that there would be a bid solicitation for the clearing of the dump for the winter months. Murphy stated that there was no heavy stuff up at the dump and asked if the City loader couldn't be used to push back the dump. Shuler said that he'd hate to see the expensive tires on the loader get cut up at the dump. Shuler said that he would get a bid solicitation out for the clearing of the dump.

RDA Proposal in boardwalk construction. Jan Malone drafted up a grant to apply to the state for \$20,000 for materials. Connick suggested that bids for boardwalk construction be opened at the next council meeting.

Shuler stated that the lot markers in the new subdivision were fading due to weather. He also suggested any one not sure of the lots land markers should come to the City office for assistance. Council recommended that all lots on up hill grade have culverts installed in the drive ways.

Shuler stated that he and Mr. Davis would draft up an ordinance on the sale/lease of City land. The ordinance was explained by Shuler and Davis. Connick suggested that Shuler and Davis go ahead and draft up an ordinance and the council would review it and make any amendments they felt should be made.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Romer - None

Hoffman - Hoffman asked if any thing has been done on the street lights. Shuler stated that they have contacted Bethel Utilities, and that the partolman were giving him a daily list of the street lights that are out.

Connick - none - there hasn't been time for the transport commission to meet.

Murphy- Murphy asked that the appointment of a new fire chief be put on the agenda for the meeting tonight.

Crow- at the last meeting the subject of dog control was brought up. It was suggested by the committee that with school starting, the kids would need protection from the lose dogs in town. It was also suggested that it be announced over KYUK that all lose dogs would be shot. Connick brought up the subject of the dogcatcher not being used by the police department, as he should be. He felt that the dogcatcher was spending more time as a partolman than a dogcatcher. He also brought up the fact that the dogcatcher was paid by P.E.P and should be used as one. He also suggested that the dogcatcher devote half of his day to dogcatching. Murphy suggested that all lose dogs be caught and that the dogcatcher go by the ordinance in handling the dogs after they are caught.

Councilwomen Crow also brought up the subject of liquor being sold to intoxicated people. Mayor Cooke suggested that any person seeing this being done should report the violation, make a note and get a witness.

Gregory- reported that the recreation committee had met August 24th and she then read the minutes . She stated that the Campfire girls have done a good job and that there have been 10 girls here and that 2 more were due in Saturday, to stay for the winter. The 10 girls have been here for two weeks, the two that are to arrive on Saturday are here to help with the recreation committie activities for the winter months. Gregory went on to say that it was felt that the 2 girls would not be enough and that one of the girls that has already been here two weeks was interested in staying and she asked the council if they could fund her stay, which would be room and board. Gregory then asked if it wouldn't be to time consuming that Cooliedge translate the minutes of their last meeting. Gregory reported that there would be a fish fry - potluck , city wide to thank the girls that are leaving and welcome the 2 arriving girls.

Mayor Cooke then asked Joe Cooliedge to translate. Cooliedge translated in Eskimo.

On of the girls of the campfire group was available to make a report to council. She then passed out a calander of events and went on to explain what events were held and when. Connick asked if there was to be any Senior Citizens activities this winter. The represenative from the Campfire group said that as far as she knew that they did plan to have one for the Senior Citizens.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mayor Cooke introduced Mr. Dan Johnson, Director of the Regional Dorm. Mr. Johnson, then stated that the dorm was operating under limited funds. He requested that the council consider giving the dorm free garbage service for the school year. Connick stated that he felt they should help the dorm, and that it is a asset to the community. M/M Connick, Crow, I move that we provide free garbage service to the Dorm for this school year. Voice vote, all present members voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Cooke asked that Anderson report at the next meeting and that it would be put on the agenda.

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Peter Seton then asked for the floor. Seton spoke in Eskimo. Joe Cooliedge then translated in English, what Seton said. Seton stated that he had lived in Bethel for so many years and there was no liquor store then. He stated that he has watched closely, he said that the sanitation in the bars was filthy, people get disease, he felt that the business should provide for the customers. Seton went on to say that he has been living at housing, he was concerned about the road and the hazard of no guard rails being on the section of the road where the slough is. He went on to say that the cost of his rent at housing is too high, and he pays \$200.00 a month and that the houses are not kept up and the windows are broken. He welcomed any one to his home to see the conditions and asked if there was any thing that could be done.

Seton said that he was walking to the N.C. store one day with his son and a dog attacked his son. he said that he hit the dog and did not hurt it. He went on to say that he has not seen a policeman with a gun to catch and control the dogs.

Connick suggested that the City request state to put a guard rail up on the Housing road where the bridge is, because it is a dangerous spot in the road. He went on to explain to the guest what was being done about this.

Mayor Cooke said that the sanitation in the bars is a problem. Mr. Davis then stated that the business could be reported to the Alocoholic Borad on facility sanitary conditions on bars. Wayne Bruha of the Wild Goose then stated that when he took over the management of the Wild Goose, that the sanitary conditions were terrible. He stated that he is aware of the problem and has been working on the bathrooms in the Wild Goose. Bruha went on to explain the work being done and said he has no contol over the people. He stated that the facilities were not clean and he had replaced and remodeled to improve but he felt that the public should be a little more educated on the use of the restrooms in the bars.

Richard Swanson presented a petition to the council for the sale of intoxicating liquors, yes or no. M/M Connick, Hoffman I move we have a special council meeting on Wednesday night to review and decide what action should be taken. The meeting to be held at the Braund Building at 7:30 P.M.. Voice vote, all present members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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Miles Hagen then asked the council for a decision on the taxi permits. He stated that he had an expensive automobile sitting waiting to use after the decision of the council was made. Hagen then stated that he had all legal rights to the permit and asked Mr. Davis. Davis stated that he had no comment to make personally to Hagen. A discussion followed, with council members and Hagen. The question of how many permits were approved by council, was brought up. Hoffman stated that a total of 27 were approved. Connick stated that a committee was appointed to meet with those concerned and that 27 permits were approved.

M/M Gregory/Hoffman, I move we go past 10 o'clock. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Cooke then deleted items b and c from the agenda.

Mr. Rutledge of the Assembly of God church presented to the council a proposal, for land to build a new church in the new subdivision. He stated that he felt it would be an asset to the subdivision. The council decided that they would come to a decision on this after the ordinance on the sale/lease of city owned property was drafted by Shuler and Davis.

Paul Gregory then had the floor. Gregory spoke in Eskimo. 1. his concern was the public safety committee did not have a report for council at each meeting. He would like to see the public safety committee in action again. 2. the alcohol resolution had not been worked on since Jan. or Feb. He would like to see the council work on it at each meeting. he suggested that the council review 1 or 2 at a time per meeting. Connick agreed. Gregory also stated that the resolution had been presented to council in '51 or '52 and no work has been done on it since. 3. he was concerned over the Brown Slough project and the Seawall. He stated that the river has changed and that it would cut more of the land away, and it would have an effect on the river. 4. Gregory also stated that he was concerned with the equal opportunity program, and that the city should be protected against discrimination. Gregory stated that nothing had been done on this topic and asked what was to be done.

Coolidge translated what was said by Gregory in English.

Cooke and Connick agreed with Gregory that at each council meeting, the council should review two sections of the alcohol resolution. They asked that it be put on the agenda for the council meetings.

Maggie Lind asked if a guest could speak at this time. Another guest with Maggie then had the floor. The Guest spoke in Eskimo. Coolidge translated in English. The guests concern was that the other villages around Bethel could not vote on the liquor issue. The guest also stated the misfortunes of individuals, that came to Bethel and had frozen to death or drowned on the way back to their village. Mayor Cooke then explained in Eskimo to the guest why the people in the surrounding villages could not vote in the City of Bethel.

Tom Anderson had the floor. He stated that he was asked by several people at housing to represent them. Their main complaint was that the roads to the housing area was recently closed and that they had no warning of the roads being closed and the people at housing were with out water for days. He stated that there was no excuse for this. He said that it should be announced on the radio and in the newspaper when the roads would be closed.

Anderson also stated that the roads were built up so high to the courts, that no trucks could get to the houses.

Maggie Lind asked that the Police patrol her area, because the little children were out after cerfew. Connick stated that the siren was to be fixed. Shuler said that it had been done and that the cerfew could be enforced.

OLD BUSINESS

Shuler read the jail contract. He stated that the set price was \$17.50 per man/day. There was a discussion on the contract. The wording retroactive to July 1, 1973 was added to C on page 4. M/M Connick, Murphy, I move we accept the Jail Contract as ammended. Roll Call vote. All present members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Cooke stated that she would delite items b, c and d.

Shuler explained to council the boardwalk progress. He stated that the materials for the boardwalk had been purchsed, and that he would contact Gary Nelson in Aniak, to purchase logs from him. It was suggested that bids be posted for the construction of the boardwalk. M/M Connick, Crow, I move that we advertise bids for the boardwalk construction. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

Shuler reported that Commisioner Easley would be here for the public hearing on Oct.22. He also stressed the fact that a decis ion had to be made then or we would lose funding on the dock facility. A discussion followed on the buying of the land and the location of the dock facility. Connick suggested that a date be set at the next council meeting for the hearing and also suggested that the facility be discussed the first thing after roll call, so that the public attending the meeting would not lose interest and leave.

The dog ordinance was to be discussed at the second council meeting in September, as suggested by Murphy. He felt that there were more important items on the agenda this evening and that it was getting late.

Shuler read Resolution 97. A discussion followed on the ownership of land, and what the Corp of Enginerrrs are doing on the problem of purchasing the land.

Hoffman wanted to make sure Joe Chief go his money due him for the dredge sitting on his land.

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Resolution 97 was discussed which enters into an agreement between the City and ASHA whereby ASHA will, on the City's behalf, purchase the land in the Brown Slough Right-of-Way. The resolution was ammended to read as follows in the last paragraph: "Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Bethel enter into an Agreement with the Alaska State Housing Authority (ASHA) such that ASHA will acquire the property for the City within the framework of the law, all the costs of which are to be financed from State funds."

M/M Murphy, Hoffman: I move we accept Resolution 97 as ammended. Roll call vote with all voting yes except for Gregory voting no.

New Fire Chief: When Jim Savaria resigned as Fire Cheif the fireman elected Mike Stichick as Fire Chief. Larry Wetzel served as acting Chief this summer.

M/M Connick, Gregory, I move we approve of Mike Stichick as Fire Chief. Voice vote with all voting yes.

Margaret Cooke

meeting adjourned 11:45 P.M.