

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke at 8:10 P.M., Braund Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Connick, Guinn, Hoffman, Murphy, Romer and Cooke.  
Absent: Gregory

READING OF MINUTES

M/M Guinn, Connick, I move that the minutes be accepted as written. Voice Vote and motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was read by Shuler from ASHA. In that letter it stated that ASHA refused to pay a bill in the amount of \$2500.00. During discussion Connick brought out that if the City doesn't get satisfaction on this the council should contact the City Attorney.

ADVISERS REPORT

Shuler reported that he and Al Smith had gone into Anchorage for a Civil Defense Disaster Seminar. This was a training seminar for 3 days. They will prepare a plan and will be surplusng equipment. This will be used by the City in case of Emergency. Shuler met with ASHA about their Bethel Heights Housing Project. He met with Corps of Engineers to establish a timetable for action. He met with Alaska Title Guaranty discussing a title search on some river front land. He also reported that he and Lyman Hoffman finished the Budget Status Report and this will be ready for the Work Session at the next Council meeting. Shuler stated he would like a Work Session with Council between now and the next Council meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

Cooke read a letter addressed to John Shuler from PHS regarding hospital ambulance. In this letter, Joe Franklin, Acting Administrator, suggested that a meeting be held with the City Manager and others interested about the ambulance problem. Cooke also brought out that the deadline for lot selections is March 1st and they still don't have City ordinance on this. It was suggested that the work session be held in or around the 12th of March with George Holman attending. Murphy suggested having it held on a Saturday or Sunday to schedule for Holman.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD AND COMMENTS

Murphy wanted to know why the place and time had been changed from KVIA Building to Braund Building at 7:30 P.M. Shuler replied that he had just found out at noon that the KVIA Building was being used by an X-ray team. Murphy asked if future meetings should be held at 7:30. Cooke said that the next Council meeting would be held at 7:30 P.M.

Mike Patton asked if the City grader could be used to grade river trails to villages like Napaskiak, Kwethluk and Napakiak. He also wanted to know what the cost would be to use grader and Shuler replied it would be approximately \$40.00 an hour.

Connick suggested that those villages involved talk to the Department of Highways for river snow plowing.

It was brought out that the people from the outlying villages are charged Sales Tax when they are not supposed to be. Guinn brought out that it is the merchants who charge sales tax to out of towners and he also suggested that the City investigate the ordinances and send a notice to all businesses in town regarding the present sales tax status.

Bertha Anderson wanted to know if a letter had been written to PHS about the sewer and water problems at the Bethel Heights Housing Project. Shuler replied that he had wrote a letter that the City would not assume responsibility for sewer and water project for at least 2 years.

Mrs. Anderson stated that there have been a lot of freeze-ups and that they have had no water for at least 3 weeks now. She had talked to a man from PHS about this problem and they said it was too cold to work on this.

Guinn asked that if people at the Bethel Heights Housing Project are not getting what they are paying why should they pay rent for homes?

Connick suggested that the City contact PHS by letter expressing concern about the freeze-up problems.

Guinn suggested that a feasibility study be done with the funds in the PHS water account to determine if the system will ever work. Council is willing to do whatever is possible to help the people at housing.

Cooke stated that the City Manager write a letter to PHS and look into the possibility of having them do a feasibility study on the water and sewer problem.

Tom Anderson during the discussion of the water/sewer problem brought out that HUD will not fund any new programs for the Bethel Heights Project.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Guinn reported that the KYUK staff members are being invited to the next Economic Development meeting which would be on Thursday, March 1st.

Romer reported that he had requested to have a Land Use Committee Meeting. Larry Fulton brought out that during Romer's and Hainwright's absence the members of the Land Use Committee had decided that they would not do anything until the ordinances have come out.

Hoffman reported that he had gone into Juneau. During that time a number of bills were passed and also that all second class cities in Alaska may become boroughs. SOS had asked for another \$20,000 to pay for bi-lingual teachers in the villages. He had also checked on the New City Manager type government and will have more information on this at the next Council meeting. During that time he also found out that the City Council has to put in ordinance for the responsibility to hire and fire. Hoffman also talked with Don Slater and was informed that the City of Bethel was to get a sea port but not as large as was expected.

Guinn stated that some money had come from the Brown Slough Project to be used for repair of the sea wall. Questions were raised about an emergency repair fund and the City Manager was requested to check on it.

Hoffman also reported that during a recent RurALCAP meeting with the PHS they had asked that 2 well paid surgeons be placed in the Bethel Hospital instead of sending the patients into Anchorage that require operations.

Shuler asked Hoffman if the new hospital had been discussed at that meeting and he replied that he felt there were funds for this at this time but that he had not checked completely.

Tom Anderson reported that he had an opportunity to meet with the Fire Department in Anchorage and at that meeting it was suggested that the City adopt a standardized building code which would include fire codes, electrical codes, plumbing codes, etc. Anderson also said he would like a Work Session with the committee members sometime in the week and Shuler was asked to contact the committee members on this. Wednesday, February 28th was set.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Brown Slough

Shuler stated that action on Brown Slough had been postponed at the last meeting for tonight's meeting. He also recommended acceptance of the Agreement and Resolution per the City Managers request.

M/M Murphy, Guinn, I move that the City accept the agreement between the United States of America and the City of Bethel for the local corporation of Bethel's small boat harbor project. This was a roll call vote with Cooke, Guinn, Hoffman, ~~Romer~~ <sup>Murphy</sup> and Romer all voting "yes" and Connick voting "no".

##### 2. Motor Musers

M/M Guinn, Romer, I move to table the discussion of Motor Musers and put them on agenda for the next council meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

##### 3. Lions Club: Games Chance/Skill

Charles Klunder reported that this had been presented at the last Council meeting. He had brought proper forms to the City Managers Office. Klunder also stated that the money that comes in is used for raffles, heart funds, needy families, and most important for sight conservation. All money that comes in is returned to the community in various forms.

M/M Connick, Romer, I move that the City Council approve the request for application for the Lions Club. Voice vote and motion carried.

##### 4. Civil Defense Ordinance

Al Smith stated that the basic need is based primarily on nuclear attacks, floods, fires, etc. He said that the ordinance that was developed covers every disaster that was thought of.

Shuler stated that an Emergency Plan is being worked on and that this is applicable to the whole community of Bethel.

Smith also reported that the City would be eligible for surplus equipment if such a Civil Defense Plan is implemented. The only problem would be the cost of getting the equipment, such as an ambulance vehicle, to Bethel.

M/H Guinn, Connick, I move that the City publicize an ordinance before the next council meeting and that this be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

M/H Hoffman, Guinn, I move that the discussion of a new cemetery be placed on the agenda for tonight. Motion passed by voice vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Moving Museum/ Old City Office Building

Shuler gave his reasons why he had put this on the agenda for discussion. His recommendation was that the Public Works Department move the old city office to the Water Works/Fire Department and the museum to the Grand Building area. Discussion followed involving Public Works ability to move the museum.

M/H Hoffman, Guinn, I move that the City contract bids for moving the museum and the old city office. Motion passed by voice vote.

Connick suggested that the City Manager advertise bids on moving buildings; specify where to move the buildings and specify where locations would be.

M/H Connick, Guinn, I move that we continue; past 10 P.M. Voice vote and this carried.

#### 2. Municipal League Census Request

Shuler stated that the Alaska Municipal League wanted to know what the Bethel City Council considers their population. He also stated that AML wanted action taken on this.

#### 3. Contracts: Wien/Division of Aviation

Shuler reported that the old contract with Wien had terminated as of the 15th of February, 1973. Shuler reported that two contracts were now needed for electronic screening: one with Wien for one patrolman and the other with the State Division of Aviation.

M/H Connick, Murphy, I move that we accept these two contracts as we did the previous one with Wien. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### 4. City Cemetery

Hoffman stated that the City of Bethel needs a new cemetery. The old one is getting too close to the swamp area. Hoffman stated that he would talk to Phillip Guy to find out how this can be worked out on the Native Land Allotments. By the next council meeting Hoffman hoped to have more details on this.

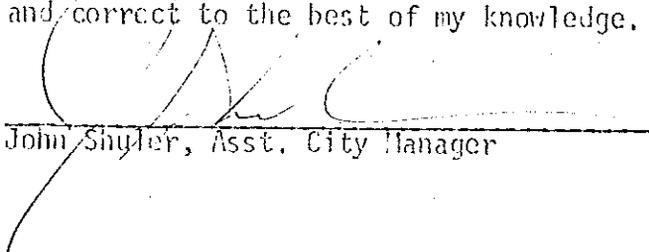
Cooke stated that AVCP does not designate lands this was only up to the Village Corporation to do so.

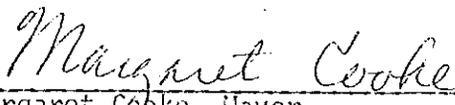
M/H Guinn, Hoffman, I move that we put the discussion of a new cemetery on the agenda for the next council meeting. Voice vote and this passed.

M/H Connick, Hoffman, I move we adjourn meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:25 P.M.

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

  
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John Shuler, Asst. City Manager

  
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Margaret Cooke, Mayor