

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY

JULY 18, 1966

8:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order at 8:05 by Art Nicholson on July 18, 1966 at the V.F.W. Hall.

Present were E. Hoffman, J. Andrew, A. Laroux, and A. Nicholson. Absent were: H. Elliot, and T. Christiansen.

Joe Mendola was sworn in as a new council member by the City Clerk. Mr. Mendola will replace T. Samuelson until the next election in October.

Minutes and supplements of the June 20, 1966 Council meeting were read and approved as read.

Communications:

A letter from the Alaska Fire Marshalls covering suggestions for the Bethel Volunteer Fire Dept. was presented by the City Administrator.

M. Rowan read a letter from Gov. W. Egan acknowledging the City's invitation to him to visit Bethel.

L. Scott read a letter from the Boy Scout Troop #658 thanking the Council for the donation of \$500.

City Administrator's Report:

1. M. Rowan made note of the fact that thru Housing plans, Boat Harbor plans and City planning it is hoped that the area behind Bethel will be opened up ~~as~~ part ~~of~~ our townsite.
2. A review of the delegation sent to Juneau was presented. It was noted that the State will make efforts to supply trailers for a period of one year if adequate housing can not be found.

Mayor's Comments:

1. The delegation to Juneau and Anchorage was assured the ASHA Planning Study would be forth coming within two weeks.
2. McKinnon, Commissioner of Highways, has assured A. Nicholson that the funds for the secondary road to the airport and placing the gravel have been appropriated and construction will be started next year.
3. The lease with Northern Commercial Co. has not been signed as the City is waiting a change allowing for two 10-year renewable clauses.
4. The Army Advisory Buildings have not been purchased as we do not have definite permission to leave them on Mission ground yet.
5. The auditors arrived today.
6. The Police contract was changed and signed as Council voted.
7. Mr. Benson, Division of Buildings was here to study available teacher housing. B.I.A. has offered 5 buildings for \$1000. each and the Moravian Church has offered 2 buildings to house teachers. If this is not adequate, the State will supply trailers for one year.

Old Business:

Cowan Hut bid was held over until next meeting.

Resolution #27, "City Check Bank Authorization" was presented in its first reading by Mayor Nicholson. M/M J. Mendola, M/S J. Andrew that Resolution #27 be accepted in its first reading. Passed unanimously.

Resolution #27 was offered in its second reading. M/M J. Mendola, M/S A. Laroux that Resolution #27 be accepted as read. Passed unanimously.

Ordinance #2 section dealing with air rifles was discussed and found to be adequate for the City's needs.

Budget for Fiscal Year 66-67 was discussed and compared to last years budget and expenditures. After discussion from the floor and a motion made by E. Hoffman, seconded by J. Mendola to open the bid for road construction on 6th Ave. (which was unanimously passed), discussion of the Cowan Hut improvement, fire equipment, and proposed Community Projects; a budget was arrived at.

M/M J. Mendola, M/S E. Hoffman that the budget as proposed be tabled and gone over again at the next regular Council Meeting. Rescinded.

M/M A. Laroux, M/S J. Andrew that the Council approve the budget as written and exhibited. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-no, A. Nicholson-yes. Passed by 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

As the Centennial Project has funded \$5500 in matching funds for the Bethel Museum, M/M A. Laroux, M/S E. Hoffman the City spend \$4600 cash and \$900 in kind (land) for the City Participation in the Bethel Museum. This cash to be set up in a separate account at the bank. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-no, A. Nicholson-yes. Passed by 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

M/M A. Laroux, M/S J. Mendola that Ray Baxter, biologist, be appointed chief of the Bethel Volunteer Fire Dept. Passed unanimously. Fire equipment will be considered next meeting.

As in accordance with the Office of Economic Opportunity funding of \$137,000 for a Foster Child Care and Præmaternal Home the City is required to furnish buildings for these projects and the City will be reimbursed in rent, M/M J. Mendola, M/S E. Hoffman, that the City spend the necessary monies to construct a new log structure for the Foster Child Care Center at a total cost of 8 or \$9000. The supplies to be ordered from Gary Nelson, Aniak and Seattle to be brought up on the Fall boat. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

M/M J. Mendola, M/S E. Hoffman the City order the materials to renovate the Army Advisor Buildings if the buildings can remain on the Mission ground. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

M/M A. Laroux, M/S J. Mendola that the City order four drums of Prestone at \$94.00/drum for delivery on the Fall boat. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

A contract with the Alaska Disaster Office was presented and explained by M. Rowan this contract would allow the City to participate in Civil Defense funds and programs. M/M J. Mendola, M/S J. Andrew that we accept the contract with the Dept. of Public Safety (Alaska Disaster Office) at a cost of \$100. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

A Letter from the Bureau of Land Management was read and discussed regarding the picnic ground by the swimming hole. M. Rowan will write and inquire if purchase of this land is necessary or if the land will be given to the City.

The Bid for the road extension of 6th Ave. to Ridgecrest is in the amount of \$4120.00 and includes supplying and placement of three culverts. M/M E. Hoffman, M/S J. Mendola that the City accept the bid from the United Transportation Co., Inc. Poll vote results were: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-yes, A. Nicholson-yes, it was unanimous.

United Transportation Inc. will give us an estimate for constructing a culvert and placing it on the road to Elia Sallof's. A poll vote will be taken on this matter.

Repairing the Garbage Truck was discussed. It needs an overhaul of the motor, door glass, heater, wipers, short block and possibly a generator. M/M A. Laroux, M/S J. Andrew to purchase the necessities for repairing the garbage truck. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

The City Garage has been ordered and will be on the boat, it was recommended that a Hot Water System with coils and unit heaters with blowers and a shower stall be ordered from Sears for delivery on the boat. Estimated cost to be \$550. A water tank and pressure pump would also be needed. Possible placement of this building on the old school ground was considered. M/M J. Mendola, M/S A. Laroux that the City purchase a hot water system, blowers, shower, pressure pump and water storage tank for the City Garage. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

M/M E. Hoffman, M/S J. Mendola that the administrator write Washington D. C. and request we combine the Boat Licensing with the vehicle licensing located here in Bethel. Passed unanimously.

M/M J. Mendola, M/S E. Hoffman that the dump be pushed all the way back and that the road be built up with sand to make it more usable. The City will consider the bill. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, J. Mendola-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

M/M J. Mendola, M/S A. Laroux that the City set aside \$150 to be used for plugging the slough behind Ted Samuelson's and Joe Andrew will supervise the job. Poll vote results: J. Andrew-yes, A. Laroux-yes, J. Mendola-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

Letters will be written to several attorneys to inquire if they are interested in handling the City's legal affairs and give us ideas of their fee schedules. The Council will make the decision whom to hire.

M/M J. Mendola that we adjourn at 11:45

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