



# City of Bethel

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Swanson. Roll was called.  
Present: Bruce Crow, Ed Hoffman, Al Laroux, Art Nicholson, Dave Swanson.  
Absent: Gene Peltola.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Two corrections were made:  
1) In the amendment to Ordinance 43 "section 17" should be section 18; and  
2) Crow felt that the minutes should reflect the reaction of the audience to Ordinance 44.

COMMUNICATIONS: Snodgrass read the following letters: 1) from Mel Braund regarding the insurance on the Community Center Building; 2) from Moses Paukan, AVCP President, regarding the Village Council Presidents meeting to be held September 10-12 in Bethel; 3) from Dupere & Assoc. regarding management and planning consultants. Swanson read the following correspondence: 1) from Mike Gravel regarding the Internal Revenue Service and the Liquor Store; 2) from Major Shantz inviting the mayor to a luncheon on September 15 when Governor Miller will be in Bethel. Nicholson asked that the City Administrator check into Braunds insurance policy.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Pat O'Rourke asked why the furnace has still not been installed in the museum. Snodgrass replied that he has not been able to find someone with the time to do it.

TREASURERS REPORT: None.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Snodgrass reported that the new sanitation truck from the N. C. Co. will not be on the fall boat; EDA has accepted the Housing Plant and it is now up to the Council to make their final acceptance; new garage doors for the City Garage are needed before winter; no reply from Youth and Adult Authority has been received on the jail situation; the bond sale will take place sometime around October 1.

MAYORS COMMENTS: The mayor asked Ben Marsh to give a report. Mr. Marsh stated three problems facing the City in regard to the housing project: 1) the future of the housing factory; 2) reoccupancy of vacated substandard dwellings; 3) design of the commercial district.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Laroux stated that many complaints have been received about the garbage dump and it should be cleared.

M/M Nicholson, Laroux that GARBAGE DUMP be placed at the end of New Business. Unanimous.

Nicholson reported on a Recreation Committee meeting which was held several weeks ago. The committee recommended that sanitary facilities be added to the Cowan Hut entrance area. There should be space for two buckets in each facility and an outside door.





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## OLD BUSINESS:

**REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL:** Mr. Harper, head of regional and vocational schools, reported on the culmination of plans and specs for Bethel Regional High School. He said that construction on the building should begin in the spring of 1970.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### **BETHEL HEIGHTS AMBULANCE:**

Willie Nicolai requested that the City of Bethel pay half of the freight on an ambulance which would also be used for other transportation. Discussion followed. Council felt that the hospital, police, and trooper vehicles adequately served the need for a vehicle in an emergency.

M/M Crow, Laroux to table this item. Unanimous.

### **RELOCATION OF MAIN STREET:**

(The street in question is actually 4th St. not Main)

Fancher stated that the current road is running through School and Armory property and is too close to the school play area. Discussion followed.

M/M Crow, Nicholson that the City Administrator be instructed to prepare specs for straightening of 4th St. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ROAD ON MORAVIAN PROPERTY:**

Reverend Trodahl presented a general plan for the Moravian property which included a road that would bisect the property from Main Street to Willow. Discussion took place. Council felt that funds should not be appropriated for the construction of the road until more definite plans are developed. No action taken.

M/M Crow, Nicholson to extend the meeting beyond 10 P.M. Unanimous.

M/M Crow, Laroux that CITY EMPLOYEE RAISE be placed on the agenda. Amended by Nicholson, Crow that the motion include CITY FUNDS. Amendment passed unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CITY EMPLOYEE RAISE:**

M/M Hoffman, Nicholson to raise the City Clerk's salary to \$700/month and the head sanitation truck driver to \$750/month and the helper to \$600/month effective September 1, 1969.

Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Laroux yes, Nicholson yes, Swanson yes. Passed 5-0.

### **CITY FUNDS:**

M/M Nicholson, Laroux that \$50,000 from the City checking account be placed in a savings account. Passed unanimously.

### **GARBAGE DUMP:**

M/M Nicholson, Crow that the garbage dump be pushed back and that a well-drained road be established from the entrance of the dump to the back, approximately 400 ft.;





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and that the City Administrator be authorized to negotiate this. Passed unanimously.

M/M Nicholson, Crow to add OVERHEAD DOORS FOR GARAGE to the agenda. Motion carried.

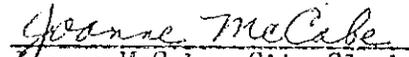
OVERHEAD DOORS FOR GARAGE:

M/M Nicholson, Laroux that a figure be obtained from Overhead Door Co. in Anchorage for insulated doors and installation, and be presented to the Council. Carried unanimously.

M/M Crow, Laroux for adjournment. Unanimous.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

  
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Dave Swanson, Mayor

  
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Joanne McCabe, City Clerk

