

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY

APRIL 11, 1966

8:00 PM

NORTHERN COMMERCIAL CO. THEATRE

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order at 8:05 PM on April 11, 1966.

Roll was taken and present were: T. Christiansen, H. Elliot, E. Hoffman, T. Samuelson, and A. Nicholson.

Minutes and Supplements of the March 28th meeting were read and corrected.

There were no special committee reports.

Mayor Nicholson filed a Civil Defense Ordinance and a Resolution from the Bethel Teen Club.

Mayor Nicholson's Comments:

1. We received a letter from the Army Advisory Board to Dr. Wherritt, Director of Medical Services at the A. N. Hospital in Anchorage. This letter requested information on the medical feasibility of the proposed pre-natal home. The letter has been brought to the attention of Dr. R. Fortune.
2. The DDT is here and available when needed.
3. The lights for the new office were ordered and received but they sent the wrong lights. We will have to see how General Electric Supply wishes to handle this matter.
4. Mayor Nicholson was not able to contact Nelson Bros. in Aniak, therefore he had no information available at this meeting regarding lumber for the River Erosion extension.
5. No prices available on the City Garage as yet.
6. Dick Jones, the City Account passed away on April 10th.
7. A plea for courtesy to pedestrians by drivers during this muddy season has been posted around town.
8. The City Clerk will be gone on vacation during the month of May and first week in June. The City will have to find a replacement for her for this period.
9. There will be a formal hearing by the Corps of Engineers to be held on May 24th regarding the River Erosion. This Public Hearing should be well planned and it is hoped the citizens of Bethel will cooperate by bringing information to the City Office regarding their land and personal belonging evaluation. There will also be an informal hearing at the same time regarding the Small Boat Harbor.

Communications:

Mayor Nicholson read a letter from Rev. Cecil Owens regarding the Sanitation policies of the City.

A letter from J. Bruce Crow and Mike Rowan regarding the freezing unit offered to the City by O.E.O. was read. M/M T. Christiansen, M/S T. Samuelson that this letter be opened to the floor for discussion. The motion was defeated by a vote of 3 Nays and 2 Ayes.

A letter from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce requesting a supply of brochures from Bethel to be handed out to tourists was read. A. Nicholson pointed out that the present booklet is outdated and the updating of this booklet could be a good project for the City.

T. Christiansen inquired whether all communications to the City are read at Council Meetings. Art said only those that are of general interest to the Council as a whole. Tilly had a phone call from Mrs. Nora Guinn requesting her letter be read at the meeting. After discussion, M/M A. Nicholson, M/S H. Elliot that the communication from Mrs. Guinn be held back to be read at the special meeting to deal with Sanitation. Motion passed by 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Resolution from A.S.H.A which is "A Resolution of the Council of Bethel, Alaska Making Application to the Alaska State Housing Authority for Planning Assistance" was read *for its second reading.* M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the Resolution #25 be accepted in its second and final reading as read. The resolution was passed by a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

Mr. Andy Edge presented the Council with a discussion of why the City needs a Taxi Ordinance. Mr. Edge gave some ideas on what the Taxi Ordinance should include regarding insurance. The Mayor will prepare an Ordinance to be read at the next Council Meeting for consideration. Mr. Tony Lewis was given an opportunity to relate his feelings to the Council, this he did.

An invitation for bid on the Alder Street Extension was read. After discussion of the addition of a "Turn-around" and getting easements to allow the new extension to be above where the road is surveyed, M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the specifications be accepted with the above mentioned additions and advertised for bids to be opened at the next regular Council Meeting to be held on May 9th. Passed unanimously.

A summary of the prices on the new Office Equipment was given: The exterior finish will cost appx. \$60.00, the cabinets and work table appx. \$137.60, the 2' x 8' sign appx. \$25.00 plus lettering and the exterior bulletin board appx. \$72.25. These prices do not include freight.

Discussion was held regarding the conversion of the former police vehicle into a Standby Sanitation Truck. By cutting out a portion of the top, installing a tank similar to the one now used, adding overload springs and dual tires, the police vehicle could be suitable for sanitation purposes at an approximate cost of \$1,000.00. M/M A. Nicholson, M/S H. Elliot that the City convert the old police vehicle into a standby sanitation truck. That we go ahead and purchase a new tank similar to the one now being used. The poll vote results were:

T. Christiansen-yes, H. Elliot-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, T. Samuelson-yes, A. Nicholson yes. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Extension of the Bulkhead will be discussed via telephone as soon as the availability and cost of lumber is secured.

M/M E. Hoffman, M/S T. Christiansen that the meeting extend past 10:00 PM. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held regarding the control of the Cowan Hut by the City. It was pointed out that at the present the City could be liable for accidents occurring in the building. Altho the City has a general liability policy it does not have any fire insurance on the Cowan Hut. Mayor Nicholson read a proposed resolution for the Bethel Council from the Bethel Teen Club.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that we open the discussion of the Cowan Hut to the Teen Club members and their VISTA advisors. Passed unanimously. Julie Davis questioned the possibility of having parents sign release forms to release the City from liability in case of accidents. The general feeling of the Council was that this could be done.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the BTC would get a Blanket Release for Mondays and Thursdays for recreation from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, realizing that chaperonage is required at all times. The motion also included that the BTC's suggestion that three keys be available to the Cowan Hut, one in the City Office and two keys to be kept by the Bethel VISTAs be accepted by the Council. Passed unanimously.

An Ordinance Creating Civil Defense as an Agency of Government for the City of Bethel, Alaska, and Providing for a Civil Defense Organization with a Director and Staff was put into it's first reading by Mayor Nicholson.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Christiansen that we adopt the Civil Defense Ordinance in it's first reading. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, H. Elliot-yes, T. Samuelson-yes, A. Nicholson-yes. Passed unanimously.

The Ordinance which would become #28 was offered in it's second reading by title only. M/M T. Christiansen, M/S H. Elliot that we accept the ordinance in it's second reading. The poll vote results were unanimously in favor by all present.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Christiansen that we open the discussion to the floor regarding Ordinance #28. Passed unanimously.

Discussion was heard.

Mayor Nicholson put Ord. #28 into it's third and final reading by title only. M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that we accept the Ordinance in it's third and final reading by title only. Poll vote results were unanimously in favor by all present.

A request was made that a letter be written to Jimmy Hoffman and Ray Miller asking them for their resignations now that they definately decided to move. After the resignations are received, the next two runner-ups will be appointed to the Council in accordance with Resolution #21.

After discussion regarding the hauling of Septic Tank contents by the Sanitation truck, M/M E. Hoffman, M/S T. Christiansen that the Council charge a \$15.00 per hour fee (with a minimum of \$15.00 charge) for hauling septic tank contents. Passed unanimously.

A letter will be written to Bureau of Land Management to settle the question of ownership of land along the slough banks.'

A special meeting for the Examination of Delinquent Sanitation Accounts will be held on April 25, 1966 at the City Office.

Discussion was heard regarding the continuation of Garbage Haul by the City. M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the clerk send out mailers to all citizens advising that garbage haul is available and stating the prices and directions for getting the service. The motion included that the City continue the garbage service. Passed unanimously.

A letter will be written to Air Taxi operators to determine if they are interested in contracting with the City for the Mosquito Spraying. If no party is interested, the contract will be given to Jimmix. If there is one or more interested parties, the item will go out for bid.

The spraying should be done between the 15th and 20th of May while the snow is still on the ground. Two passes will be made during this period if weather permits.

Because one Election Official has requested pay for her services, the Council decided to set a policy. M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that we pay \$15.00 to each of the five Election judges and \$5.00 to each counter. This item should be made into an amendment for the Election Ordinance. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-yes, E. Hoffman-yes, H. Elliot-yes, T. Samuelson-yes and A. Nicholson-yes. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliot that we adjourn at 11:10 PM.

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