

# City of Bethel

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"



• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

26 March 1971 .

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 22 March 1971

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zahradnicek. Roll was called.  
PRESENT: John Guinn, Bill Zahradnicek, Jack Baxter, Ben Dale, Bruce Crow,  
Eddie Hoffman,; Kevin Murphy came in late.  
ABSENT: None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Webb read the following communications: 1) Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, requesting Council's selection of two applicants to be seated on their Board of Directors, as representatives of the City; 2) Bethel Development Corp., stating their policy on Sunday closing; 3) Mr. Charles Blomfield, architect for the library, listing the tabulation of bids; 4) Mrs. Jean Faulkner's resignation as City Clerk.  
M/M Baxter, Guinn that the selection of representatives for the Y-K Board of Directors be placed on the Agenda.  
POLL VOTE: Baxter, yes; Dale, yes; Guinn, yes; Zahradnicek, yes; Crow, no; Hoffman, no; Murphy, yes. Motion carried; 5 ayes, 2 nays.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Paul Gregory raised the question of children under 16 years of age being allowed to handle snow-machines. He asked if the age law was going to be enforced. Discussion followed.

TREASURERS REPORT: None.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Mr. Webb informed Council that Mr. Gene Stone had resigned as editor of the Kuskokwim-Kronicle. Mr. Larry Fulton of Anchorage has been brought to Bethel to put out a sample issue of the paper for Monday, April 5th. After this publication, Council will then make a decision concerning the newspaper.

MAYORS REPORT: Mr. Zahradnicek reported that the "502" Corp. has been duly incorporated and officers have been elected.

The Corps of Engineers informed the City there would not be any financial help from them for the repair of the seawall. The City Administrator has been successful in securing a postponement of 30 days on the hearing to be held in Washington, D. C., and he is currently working for another 30 day extension, which would give the City until May 5th for the preparation of testimony. This past week, letters have been sent to our Congressional delegates in Washington, the major shippers and carriers serving this area, and concerned businesses', asking for their assistance in preparing testimony for this hearing.



Letters have also been sent to various State and Federal agencies, as well as concerned local people and businesses', inviting them to attend a flood disaster control meeting, here in Bethel on March 30th.

STANDING COMMITTEES: Bruce Crow reported that the Ad Hoc committee on a firm liquor policy for the City, has been meeting regularly and productively. At this Thursday's meeting, they will consolidate their thinking and planning into firm resolutions to be presented to the various agencies in town, including Council, who will be directly affected by the resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Hoffman voiced his displeasure at the attitude of the Bethel Development Corp., but stated that Council couldn't take a stand on this, until the Ordinance was received from Mr. Biss. The AVCP meeting being held here this week, will have liquor resolutions to present to Council. Further discussion followed.

The Mayor took this opportunity to congratulate Councilman Hoffman on his appointment to the State's Comprehensive Health Planning Board; Charles Guinn has been appointed to the Alaska State Housing Board; and Elizabeth Beans from Tosook Bay, to the Alaska Advisory School Board for State Operated Schools; and Mr. Zahradnicek was appointed to the Alaska Educational Broadcasting Commission.

NEW BUSINESS: Jail Guard Pay Raise. M/M Hoffman, Crow that the jail guards pay be raised .25 cents an hour. Discussion followed. Mr. Webb stated that he is working on a new pay scale for City employees, which will be presented to Council for approval, once it's completed. Mr. Webb stated there were not any provisions for pay raises in the current budget, and he did not recommend approval of this request at this time. Councilman Crow withdrew his second of the motion and Councilman Hoffman withdrew the motion; pending the completion of the new wage scale. Mayor Zahradnicek then suggested that the City Administrator might also look into the possibility of sick and hospital insurance for employees with tenure. Mr. Webb stated he was working on this and hoped to have some firm cost figures to present to Council before the ~~budget~~ finalizing of the new budget.

M/M Guinn, Baxter that Council go into Executive Session to discuss the Brown Slough Project and Library Bids.  
Motion passed; 6 ayes, 1 nay.

Meeting re-convened at 9:10 P.M.

LIBRARY BID: Low bidder for the Library Project was Bachner-NW Joint Venture of Anchorage, with a bid of \$168,000.00. This bid is \$48,000.00 over the amount allocated for this project. Mr. Blomfield suggested that a new site would reduce the bid by ~~\$12,500.00~~. Discussion followed. Mr. Webb requested Council's permission to take \$10,000. out of savings, making the City's contribution to this project a total of \$28,000. Councilman Crow raised the question of the City's contract with Mr. Blomfield. Mr. Webb stated that the City is indebted to Blomfield and Assoc. by a fixed fee contract in the sum of \$11,000. minus 20% of the contract, if the building isn't built. Councilman Crow then inquired about an alternative, and Mr. Webb said the alternative was to re-design and go to bid again; and he feels such a delay

would encourage the State Division of Libraries to look elsewhere for expending their funds.

M/M Dale, Baxter that the City Administrator be authorized to investigate the management of Bachner-NW Joint Venture to determine the role of Mel Braund in this organization; and also that the City Administrator be authorized to use \$10,000. of the City's savings to negotiate this contract.  
Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE FOR WORK FURLOUGHS AND REHABILITATION: M/M Guinn, Baxter this Ordinance be put in its 1st reading. Mr. Webb read the Ordinance.

M/M by Baxter, Hoffman that the Ordinance be accepted in its 1st reading.  
Motion passed unanimously.

M/M Dale, Guinn this Ordinance be placed in its 2d reading by title only.  
Motion passed unanimously.

M/M Baxter, Murphy the Ordinance be accepted in its 2nd reading and placed on the Agenda for the next meeting for the 3d and final reading.  
Motion carried unanimously.

REPAIR OF 955 BUCKET LOADER: Mr. Webb read a letter from Emmett Roetman, listing the needed parts and repairs necessary to put this piece of equipment in operable condition. Total cost, including labor, will be approximately \$5,114.46. Mr. Webb requested Council's authorization to spend up to \$6,000. for the repair of this loader. Discussion followed.

M/M Guinn, Baxter that the City Administrator be authorized to spend up to \$6,000. for the repair of this loader.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Zahradnicek introduced Larry Fulton, who will be putting out a sample edition of the Kuskokwim-Kronicle on April 5th. Mr. Fulton stated his aims and goals for the paper and his opinion on the policy of the paper and what it should do for the community.

DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION: Paul Gregory presented the Council with a list of needs for the Dog Musers, which they feel necessary to encourage and retain the art of dog mushing.

M/M Crow, Hoffman that Council proceed past 10:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

M/M Crow, Hoffman that the City donate \$200.00 to the Dog Musers Assoc. at this time, and their request be given consideration in the next fiscal budget.  
POLL VOTE: Zahradnicek, yes; Guinn, yes; Dale, yes, Baxter, yes; Crow, yes; Hoffman, yes; Murphy, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO Y-K BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

M/M Crow, Murphy this item be tabled till next council meeting.

POLL VOTE: Baxter, no; Murphy, yes; Dale, no; Guinn, no; Zahradnicek, no; Crow, yes; Hoffman, no. Motion didn't carry.

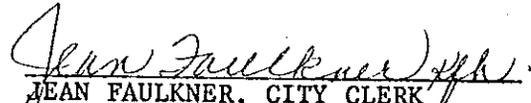
M/M Baxter, Hoffman that Rae Baxter and Andy Anderson be appointed as representatives of the City .

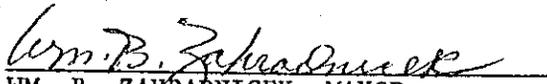
POLL VOTE: Murphy, no; Dale, abstain; Guinn, yes; Zahradnicek, yes; Crow, yes; Hoffman, yes; Baxter, yes. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 nay.

AVCP Meeting: M/M Crow, Baxter that the selection of a City representative to the AVCP meeting be placed on Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.  
M/M Crow that John Guinn be authorized to represent the City at the AVCP meeting. John Guinn declined due to his work schedule.  
M/M Crow, Guinn that Eddie Hoffman be authorized to represent the City.  
POLL VOTE: Guinn, abstain; Dale no; Murphy, yes; Baxter, yes; Hoffman, yes; Crow, yes; Zahradnicek, yes; Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 nay.

M/M Crow for adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

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

  
JEAN FAULKNER, CITY CLERK

  
WM. B. ZAHRADNICEK, MAYOR