

The Bethel City Council Meeting

October 12, 1964

N.C. Theatre

8:00 P.M.

Present: Schirmer, Sallison, Eddie Hoffman, Jimmy Hoffman, Art Nicholson, Howard Elliot.

Donald Schirmer was selected as President pro-tem. The new Council members were sworn in by Mr. Schirmer.

Canvass of Election ballots: City Council

Howard Elliot, 201; George Hale, 85; Edward Hoffman 222; James Hoffman, 210; Al Laroux, 125; Jerry McGovern, 115; Arthur L. Nicholson, 233; Jerry Sommers, 116 Frank Walker, 113; Jack Weise, 184; Mel Troseth, 1

Winners: Art Nicholson, Eddie Hoffman, Jimmy Hoffman, Howard Elliott.

Bethel Sales Public member: Frank Walker, 185; Kevin Murphy, 170.
Winner; Frank Walker

Proposition 1. (Sales Tax: Yes 269; No 166

Proposition 2 Liquor: Yes, 248 No, 191

The chair then entertained motions for Mayor. MM Elliot/E. Hoffman that Arthur Nicholson be Mayor. There were no other nominations. The nomination was passed with 5 ayes and no naves. New Mayor,; Art Nicholson.

The minutes of Sept. 8 and 28 were read and approved as read.

Correspondence- A check in the amount of \$20,000.00 was presented from Bethel Sales, Inc. for the Bethel Youth Activity fund.

A bill in the amount of \$5.27.00 for DDT was presented. MMElliot/Schirmer that the bill be paid.

A letter from The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board was read, pertaining to the reissue of their liquor license. The City Clerk is to write a letter and enclose excerpts of these minutes and the canvass of the ballots of the recent election. There was no objection to the reissuing of the license for Bethel sales, Inc., from the Council or the spectators.

The Sanitation committee reports that collections are not coming in and something will have to be done on collecting the past due accounts.

Howard Elliot was appointed by the Mayor to chairman the Rivers and Harbors committee.

Bart Graves gave a report and estimates on the sand lot program for the small children.

Site I. Willie Thomas' property and the end of the new road; 30'x60' with 1½' fill. Estimated cost: \$450.00

Site II. Lena Link's property. 35'x60' with 1' of fill. Estimated cost: \$375.00

Site III. John Samuelson and Eddie Hoffman's property; 35x70 with 2' fill, estimated cost: 650.00

Site IV. Ted Samuelson's property, 40x60'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' fill, Estimated cost: 520.00

Site V. Moravian Property. 60'60' Estimated cost: \$425.00.

The committee strongly recommended the use of local labor and materials when possible, for the construction of the sites. They also suggested that the

City enter into a five year agreement with the owners that the property not be used for any purpose other than a playground, as long as the City maintains them.

The Committee recommended that some of the playgrounds be fenced with posts and rope or wire. The Council feels that they should be properly fenced. The City has some fencing material left over from the dump. It was suggested that this fencing be used.

One saking- Lighting was discussed at some length, as to what type of bulb and how many. Mr. Wilkins will figure estimates to be given later at this meeting. MM J. Hoffman/EHoffman that up to \$400.00 be used for a PA system to cover both honey bucket and Mission lakes. Mr. Schirmer will investigate prices and order these systems. Hoffman, Elliot, Schirmer, J. Hoffman, Sallison in favor. MC

MM Schirmer/E. Hoffman that expenditures be authorized on the playground sites for clearing, leveling and filling, not to exceed the stated prices. E. Hoffman J. Hoffman, Schirmer, Elliot, Sallison in favor. MC

The three sites to be started now are: Eddie Hoffman and John Samuelson's property, Ted Samuelson's, and Mission Row. The committee will get the releases and authorize Earth Moving and Construction Co. to start the leveling and filling.

MM Elliott/Schirmer that \$1,000.00 be given to the Women's club for the purchase of books for the library. Sallison, Schirmer, E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Elliott in favor. MC

MM/Elliott/Schirmer that the former teen club, offered by Fr. Mueller be used part time as a warm up hut for Honey Bucket Lake. 5 ayes and no nays. MC

Bart Graves is to get estimates for a frame hut, made of 5/8" plywood, for use as a warm up hut on Mission Lake.

Mr. Schirmer reports that the police radios have arrived and be n installed. The Police now have good radio contact.

It was announced that Trooper Clare is leaving. The Council was unnaamous in desiring that a letter of gratitude be written to Trooper Clare.

Mayor Nicholson reports that the fire station will use the heating plant from the sanitation building.

Dog Control. E. Hoffman reports that he has had many complaints about dogs running around wild. There was a discussion on the liabilities involved when shooting a dog. The City Clerk is to write an authorization to E. Hoffman, Authorizing him to shoot dogs that are running loose.

E. Hoffman suggested that the Council members visit with the various village councils and explain that the liquor store was voted in by the people, giving them the purpose and stand on the store. It was suggested that the council presidents should be seen when they are in Bethel for their meeting in November.

Liquor Store- There was a lengthy discussion on the operation of the liquor store, and the apparant lack of enforcing ordinance 22. There were also many questions on why Mr. Walker could be permitted to be both a paid employee and a member of the Board of trustees. There were reports that Mr. Walker is not having people sign for their liquor nor is he investigating the liquor permits. T

MM Elliott/Schirmer that a letter be written to the Board of Trustees to the eff at that Mr. Walker be given a choice of positions, but should not be allowed to serve in both capacities. M.C.

There was a discussion on the possibility of having the liquor store stay open later and possibly on Sundays to compete with the bootlegger hours. This was tabled for the present meeting.

MM H. Hoffman/ Elliott that the meeting be continued.

MM Schirmer/J. Hoffman that the three old vehicles be put up for bids. Mr. Nicholson will furnish the information and the city clerk will post the bid notices. MC

The need of street lights was discussed. They are: By the jail, in back of the cowan hut, by Mendola's, on hangar road, mission road and the new road behind Maggies.

MM E Hoffman/J. Hoffman that the seven specified street lights be installed. Schirmer, Elliott, J. Hoffman, Sallison, E. Hoffman in favor. MC

MM/ Schirmer, /Elliott that Jean Graves be reappointed as City Clerk. MC

Mr. Wilkins returned with estimates for the poles to be installed at honey bucket and mission lakes.

MM Elliott/E. Hoffman that two poles at Mission and 3 poles at honey bucket be installed. The poles are to be equipped with weather proff switches. Cost of the poles, installation and switches are not to exceed \$100.00 per pole. E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Sallison Schirmer, Elliott in favor. MC

Mr. Wilkins will get the cost of lights and submit them to the City Clerk. A poll vote will be taken by telephone.

J. Hoffman was appointed to chariman the sanitation Committee.

MM Elliott/Schirmer that the meeting be adjourned/ MC

Job will be taken by phone - Light fixture \$80.00 each
Subst. 15.00
65.00 each

or a total of \$355.00

Sallison, Schirmer, E. Hoffman, Mendolas + Elliott
in favor. Unable to contact J. Hoffman - M.C.

Wirt Nicholson