

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1965

H. C. MCMAHER

8:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM

PRESENT: J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Elliott, J. Mendola and Ar Nicholson

ABSENT: J. Sallison, Ben Wilkins

The minutes were read from the meeting of August 12, 1965
They were accepted as read

The minutes of the meeting of August 30, 1965 were read and the following exceptions were made. Albert Schmidt corrected to say that 7th St. should be called 6th St. This could not be proved at the time and Art Nicholson said at least the intention was to extend the road on which Don Schantz lives to the Elia Salaffi residence. The second exception was made by Art Nicholson to change to read that it should have been written that we request a price asked from Earth Movers on the road work that is to be done. There were no objections to this exception.

Report from Andy Edge At the request of the council I instituted action to upgrade the deputy magistrates court to that of a district magistrates court. I wrote a letter to Buell Nesbitt, Chief Justice of the Alaskan Supreme Court, concerning this matter. I received correspondence from Wendell P. Kay and Robert J. McNealy both attorneys. Andy read the letter from Buell Nesbitt. I had conversation on my recent trip with Mr. Kay and Judge Robinowitz reference this request. I wrote to Hugh Wade regarding the vote requirements as contained in the Alaskan Constitution and Bethel Ordinances. I received the following reply. The letter was read

I received the Police Report from the Dept. of Public Safety which dealt mainly with numbers rather than a narrative of what the police are doing. I spoke to the troopers and the sergeant and contacted Captain Hayfield in reference to a narrative rather than a factual type report.

On the River Erosion - the work is coming along very nicely except we are now out of money from the State funds and the NYC boys have returned to school.

Andy Edge said if you still want me to write an ordinance on the fares, I will do so.

Jimmy Hoffman asked Andy Edge to work with the owners on setting these fares. Andy offered to write it and the Council could fill in the amount of the fares to be charged. ~~Andy said he will write it and the~~

J. Hoffman asked Andy to make a later type report to the council on his findings

Art said I don't think the city should get involved unless there are complaints.

H. Hoffman said at one time the charge to the airport went up from \$1.50 to \$2.50 and to \$3.00 and mentioned that these charges should be kept within reason. The competition may have regulated this.

Art said Any Committee Reports?

Mendola asked who will set up the play ground equipment?

Art said Andy can secure the help to set this up as to the labor.

Andy said he was holding off on the 2 sets because the season is late.

Elliott said the should be put in immediately.

Art - the equipment is being used greatly in most of the areas.

OLD BUSINESS

Taxi Ordinance was read in its entirety by the secretary and the city clerk.
 MM Mendola /S/J. Hoffman I make a motion we go ahead and put this into
 the 3rd reading. All in favor 4 AYES. 0 NAYS MC

Sec. IV H to be changed to read "Rejection of vehicle permit, subsequent to the
 granting of a vehicle permit, the City Council may reject the application for
 a vehicle permit for any of the following reasons:"
 Andy submitted this amendment on Sec. IV (h).

Art said it seems that this change would clarify this to a great extent.

MM Elliott/S/Mendola I make a motion that section (h) of Section IV be changed
 to read as amended as read here. All in favor 4 AYES 0 NAYS MC
 It will be amended in accordance with the motion

Art said we have one taxi cab operator within this evening - "do you have have
 comments to make?" Ronnie Peltola said "I would go along with the ordinance.

MM J. Hoffman/S/Elliott I make the motion we adopt as amended as the 3rd reading
 Ordinance #26. All in favor 4 AYES 0 NAYS MC

Elliott asked if the council had ever done anything on retaining this Attorney,
 Robert Beckman?

Andy answered "no" the council never acted on this matter.

Elliott said he had a letter from J. Richard Kulerski, attorney from Chicago.
 He read part of the letter in which he referred to communications with Robert
 Beckman, attorney, from Washington D.C. This Kulerski is the attorney
 representing the pilots of Northern Consolidated.

Elliott said I feel that we should retain Mr. Beckman from Washington D.C.

J. Hoffman asked if you would do so, would you instruct him as to the course to
 follow?

Art said we requested certain information.

Andy read Mr. Beckman's letter. and stated that he had sent Mr. Beckman the copies
 of the minutes of the special meeting with the NCL officials. It might be of
 interest that the hangar is well underway for the maintenance at Aniak.

MM Elliott /S/E. Hoffman K make a motion that we do contact and retain Mr. Beck-
 man of Washington D.C. to represent us in accordance with his terms on the matter
 of Northern Consolidated Airlines. poll vote J. Hoffman yes; E. Hoffman yes;
 H Elliott yes; and J Mendola yes. MC

J. Hoffman stated that the cost may run up to \$2,000 before it is through. *Have Beckman*
 J. Hoffman recommended to our city clerk, Andy Edge to coordinate with the
 ALPA Lawyer in Chicago. the representative in Bethel is Ray Miller.
 Vic Fondy, representative in Anchorage, of N.C.J. pilots. Andy Edge is to
 write a letter on this.

ELECTION JUDGES

Art said there are 3 councilmen to be elected on this ballot. The ordinance
 calls for not less than 3 or more than 5 judges.

Elliott presented a list of judges. He read the list and their names were
 discussed. The list of Judges is as follows:

Marie Swanson, inspector, Alice Miller, Mrs. Schottscneider, Alice Herby and
 Betty Adkins. A list of alternates follows: Martha Foss, Mrs. DeBay, Mrs.
 Mulchay, Mrs. McGinnis and Mrs. Marilyn Laroux.

someone from the audience asked if any of these judges could speak the Eskimo language? Elliott said that 1/2 of these women can speak Eskimo.

Eddie Hoffman - pointed out that if the retaining wall is not back filled this fall that Bethel might very well lose the wall completely and all the money spent so far would be down the drain. He suggested asking Bethel Sales for \$15,000 for funds to use to backfill (partially) the retaining wall.

Art asked Andy - did you get ahold of John Gates? Answer "No".

There were two suggestions made previously to backfill the wall. One was to get ahold of some trucks using the NYC drivers to fill in the wall. Or to possibly get some funds to use for renting trucks. If either plan is to be put in affect, it must be done immediately. During one summer storm, the wall was really working with the great pressure from the water being almost up to the top of the wall.

Art asked Jerry Miller who was in the audience, is with the State of Alaska, he is also in charge of the VISTA project nowand NYC.

J. Miller said that 2 men from NYC offices out of Washington will come in tomorrow and he will tell them of the need on this fill and ask if we can met some backfill there.

J. Hoffman make a suggestion, if there is any way possible that we could get the sand fill from the river bank that is washing down the river the Federal Gov't and use this for filling - you should contact the local representatave in it will be close and cut the cost.

Art before making a price we would have to have a little engineering guess to see how much fill we might need to get the desired results. There is no chance of getting this from Bethel Sales.

J. Hoffman said about \$75,000 or \$80,000 for a complete backfill to complete the wall.

J. Hoffman asked any chance of your speaking to the Governor or copr of engineers on this?

Art said we might get some funds out of Rural Development for this fiscal year. May be only \$5,000 .

Art asked if there are funds available for rental of equipment - maybe we could do it in this manner. If the council wanted me to call the Governor - I would do so.

Jerry Miller said that John Gates has been in the hospital - but he is back in Juneau now.

J. Hoffman said call him to see if you can get ahold of him. - explain this to him. He would see and he may be able to help and assist us in this matter. Lt. Col Buchanan

Congress would approve the engineering to reopen this for river erosion control but that would not come up with any funds for this.

Art said we will have very close to \$70,000 already invested in this project from using HCY help and the state grants.

Art said he will make the calls tomorrow. If not, we could have a special meeting as to whether we could get some funds from Bethel Sales.

Cowan Hut for VISTA people E. Hoffman said we should fix up the hut for the VISTA people to use this building for some recreation for the people of Bethel. This building would also be used for meetings and dances to get the kids off the streets.

Art asked the VISTA people if they thought of this building as suitable for the plans they had in mind?

Julie Davis, VISTA said the Cowan Hut would be a very nich building to use providing the repairs were made.

Andy said the budge of the council allowed \$1,500 for repairs on the Cowan Hut.

Julie David said the VISTA people would appreciate to have some money if there was any money left ofer to purchase some of the materials they might need to use on some of these projects.

Andy suggested to use a reostat on the lighting system to adjust to the desired brilliance.

MEM E. Hoffman/S/Elliott I make a motion that we repair the Green Unit and put in a back door, repair entrance to porch, repair the lighting system and repair or replace the heating system. All in favor 4 AYES 0 NAYS MC

The VISTA representative asked the councilmen if they had any particular wishes or plans that would like initiated.

MEM Elliott/S/E. Hoffman I move that we continue beyond 10:00 PM. 4 AYES 0 NAYS MC

6:30 7:00
Betty White of the VISTA said this would be a good time to discuss this as to what you would like us to be doing during the winter. Our programs concern the whole community.

Art said anyone could pass on any ideas you might have to the VISTA girls. The C.A.P. meeting will be at the Library Tues. Sept. 14, 1965, it will be open to anyone who might wish to attend.

Art Nicholson announced that he had 1 application for the position of City clerk. Is a city clerk needed? Yes
J. Hoffman asked how long the notice of the position had been posted?
Art said he thought that it had not been posted.

This application is from George Krieg.
MEM Elliott/S/E. Hoffman I make the motion that we consider the application. All in favor 4 AYES 0 NAYS MC
See attached application.
Art read the letter from George Krieg.
Art said he comes with very high recommendations from the Navy

Dew Baxter suggested that it should be posted because possible the city could get someone qualified from this area who would perhaps work for less money. He said the job offer has not been posted in Bethel.
J. Hoffman said to post the notice in the meantime and act on this at the next meeting.

J. Mendola said he does not think that this is a full time job now.
Andy suggested in lieu of the fact that the majority of the coordination with the other governmental agencies, ^{also} that the job could be parttime for about six months and ^{would be} with the probability of the Behtle Sales issue appearing on the ballot in the coming election and the possibility of it being voted out, *IT could be* ~~would make~~ a part time city clerk ^{more} feasible.
J. Hoffman said to post the notice and act at the next council meeting.
The council was in full agreement.

Joc Mendola asked Andy Edge if he would consider taking the job as city clerk on a parttime basis?
Andy Edge replied "I do intend to stay in Bethel. I would stay until they find a replacement. I would accept it on a 4hr aday basis.
Art Nicholson asked if the job should be posted as a part time or full-time job?

And/ MEM J. Mendola/S/J. Hoffman I make a motion that we post it on a fulltime or a parttime basis. All in favor 4 AYES 0 NAYS MC

Das concerning c.f.c. has been accomplished

Materials

J Mendola we have about 350 pieces of rod and 3 cases of washers
 J. Hoffman asked - did we order it?
 Art Nicholson explained that ^{excess} on the rod that was ordered - there should
 have been 40 20 ft. lengths of this ordered. I worked out the order with
 Keith Swanson and when Keith made out the order he misinterpreted our
 rough notes and he ordered 400 rods instead of 40 rods and ordered 3000 lbs
 of washers instead of 300 lbs.

which seem to be in
 excess of our need on
 the water front.

J. Hoffman suggested they should write and ask if they will accept the
 materials to be returned?

Art called on Albert Schmidt and he replied that there were 12 cases of
 washers yet unopened. We have only used about 20 rods to date. But we
 still don't know how many we will use to finish the wall.

Art Nicholson said we figured about 24" of rod ^{per bank} and this came out to 40
 rods.

It was suggested that maybe Ole Sumpstad would take this back on his boat.

J. Hoffman said to call them and ask them if they would accept the material
 back.

Art Nicholson asked Marie Swanson if she knew if Keith had written and
 asked them if they would accept the return? Marie said she knew nothing
 about it.

J. Hoffman suggested that Andy Edge or Art Nicholson could call tomorrow
 morning and find out the Sumpstads boat leaves Bethel.

J. Mendola pointed out that he had given Art catalogs to order from for
 the City.

Art said he had tried to get some assistance in making out the order.

J. Mendola said I came to your house and you were not home.

Art said this was ordered through Swanson's at no cost to the City.

Art Nicholson said to J. Mendola the playground equipment that has been
 ordered might not have been ordered at wholesale cost?

J Mendola told him to check the invoices in the city files.

J Mendola requested the secretary to bring the invoices to the next
 meeting to show them to the Mayor.

ROAD BID

Art said this is not a bid - it is a price for consideration.

The secretary checked her notes of the meeting and verified that this had
 been referred to as a bid.

Art said it still should not have been written down as a bid it should have
 been called a letter for a price consideration.

J. Hoffman said that several times we have been asked to make a bid on
 jobs and after the council sees the bid if they decide it is too high they
 say it will be used as a letter of a price and then it is sent out as a bid
 again to get a lower bid.

J. Hoffman checked with Al Laroux if he would consent to let the council
 open this as a bid. Al Laroux said go ahead and open it.

HEI J. Mendola/S/E. Hoffman I make a motion that this bid be opened.

All in favor 4 AYES 0 NAYS HC

Art opened the bid. It read as follows: "In answer to your request for a
 bid dated September 8, I submit the following bid "Extension of road on 7th
 St. east of Main St. 250 ft. with a 2 ft. fill bed and 12 ft. wide)

Total amount of Bid: (Includes grading) is \$827.50. Submitted by Earth
 Moving & Construction, Inc.

HEI H. Elliott/S/J. Mendola I make a motion that we accept the bid.

All in favor 4 AYES 0 NAYS HC

Art Nicholson said he wanted to point out for the records whether it was called 5th St. or 7th St. to clarify this 3rd road work that was bid on is the road that goes passed Don Schantz's house to Ella Salaffi's place.

HM Elliott - make a motion that we adjourn.

Supplement to the minutes of 9/13/65

Art Nicholson make a polled vote of the Councilmen. It was decided to purchase a light control if the cost is approximately \$75.00. All in favor
5 AYES 0 NAYS J. Hoffman yes, E. Hoffman yes, Elliott yes, Mendola yes, Sallison yes

In another polled question of the Councilmen by the mayor, Art Nicholson, as to whether to retain the services of Mr. Edge on a half time half pay basis until after the next regular meeting of the council to be held October 11, 1965. All in favor J. Mendola Yes, J. Hoffman, yes, Joe Sallison no, E. Hoffman no, H. Elliott no. ~~carried~~ failed

October 1, 1965

Another supplement to the minutes of the meeting of 9/13/65

HM/H. Elliott

JH/S/E. Hoffman motion make to hire George Krieg temporarily as City Clerk all in favor H. Elliott yes, E. Hoffman yes, J Sallison yes, Mendola no, and J. Hoffman no. HC information attached