

EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 1972

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM by Mayor Guinn at the City Office, Bethel.

ROLL CALL

All council members were present

Mayor Guinn stated the reason of the meeting was that the Council had had a meeting with Lotti Edelman and Boyd Karrer concerning the PEP program. They stated that the PEP Program was not being run right. There had been 14 hired with only 4 being eligible. Mayor Guinn also stated he heard that the City was in the hold from the program around 10 or 11 thousand dollars.

Mr. White questioned the figures stating that all monies that went into Bethel Broadcasting would be reimbursed. He stated it was agreed upon by Bethel Broadcasting and the Broadcasting Commission.

Councilman Zahradnicek wanted to know who at BBC and Jerry White replied, George Charles and also Kathy Herold was aware of the possibility that she and Moses Wassilie were not eligible. Both positions were budgeted for so there would be no problem in hiring them back under their own funds.

Jerry White stated the total disbursements under the PEP Program were \$13,000 and around \$3,000 of that was for BBC, which would be reimbursed. He also stated the problems that had arisen were due to the lack of communication between Juneau, Anchorage, and here at City Office, they were not intentional. He then explained the contract the way we at City Office interpreted it and that we had asked the Anchorage office about it. The Anchorage office did say it was Okay the way we were doing it. Then they turn around and say the way we were doing it was wrong after 2 months.

There was a discussion on who were illegally hired and also some discussion on the problems of having the bookkeeper at a different office.

Then there was discussion about what Lotti Edelman had stated about City Office not cooperating with her. Jerry White stated that was not true because we at City Office gave her all the records we had concerning the PEP Program.

Ben Dale stated what the PEP people said and that was that they were going to cease funds from the PEP Program for Bethel unless there was a different administration of these funds.

There was more discussion on people who had been hired illegally which brought out the fact that a person who had been employed by a federal or private agency had to be unemployed 7 days and any state agencies or state agencies funded with federal monies (such as ASHA) had to be unemployed for 30 days, before these people could be hired under the PEP Program.

There was more discussion on verbal communication, different grants and specifically jail grant, and all up coming grants.

M/H Cooke, Joffman for my fear of losing the program, I would like you to consider resigning from the City Administrator today.

The chair called for discussion. Mr. White's reply was that he'd consider it.

John Guinn had something to say. He said to Jerry that it was not only the PEP Program but also other reasons why they came to ask for his resignation. He was hard to get ahold, not only out of town but also in Bethel, and this thing about the PEP Program was just the crowning blow.

There was discussion on the Jail grant, Brown Slough and how much the people were unhappy with Mr. White because of various reasons and they found it difficult to approach him.

M/M Dale, Cooke to amend the main motion to read, to give Mr. White severance pay to the end of the month due to the lack of notice.

Motion passed by a unanimous Roll Call vote.

Main Motion called for a roll call vote.

Yes: Cooke, Dale, Guinn, Hoffman, Romer, Zahradnicek
No: Murphy

Motion passed.

The chair then entertained a motion to continue Anne Patch here in the City Office

M/M Dale Romer so moved.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

M/M Cooke, Joffman that Tom Dillon be present when Jerry White leaves the office.

Motion resulted in 5 yeas and 2 nays which called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Cooke, Guinn, Hoffman, Romer, Zahradnicek
No: Murphy, Dale

Motion passed.

The chair then entertained a motion to raise Wally's pay comparable to Anne Patch's pay which is \$943.00 per month.

M/M Cooke, Hoffman so moved

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Due to a lack of quaron at the end of the meeting, the chair adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM

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

Ruth M. Richardson
Ruth H. Richardson, City Clerk

John P. Guinn
John P. Guinn, Mayor