

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 1972

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke, KVNA Building, at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cooke, Connick, Guinn, Hoffman, Murphy
Absent : Gregory, Romer (late)

READING OF MINUTES

The Clerk read the minutes of 11-27-72. Councilman Guinn asked that "Resolution" be changed to "Ordinance".

M/M Guinn, Connick, we accept the minutes as corrected.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

She then read the minutes of the Special Meeting of 11-30-72.

M/M Connick, Murphy, I move the minutes be accepted.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Hohman stated the communication received will be in his Managers Report.

COMPLAINTS AND/OR PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Councilman Connick stated that there are too many street lights out all over town and that something should be done immediately on replacing them. Mr. Hohman presented a map showing the lights that were out and street lights that were in working order. Also, areas where new lights should be placed. He stated that the City owns 77 Street Lights with 19 lights out. He had reported the lights that needed to be replaced to Mr. Borrageo of Bethel Utilities, Mr. Connick asked again if they were being replaced with Mr. Hohman stating yes.

Nels Alexie translated.

Peter Black asked when a Chief of Police would be hired. Councilman Romer asked how many applications had been received. Mr. Hohman stated 10. He also stated that he had planned to interview the applicants in Anchorage with Eddie Hoffman and Gary Gregory, since all three would be in Anchorage at the same time.

M/M Connick, Murphy, we place this as the last agenda item and go into executive session with the City Manager.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

John Guinn asked if any answer has come back regarding the gas station next to Harold Sparcks home. Mr. Hohman stated none as far as he would remember the Clerk concurred. There was a possibility that no letters had been sent out at all.

Paul Gregory wanted to know if the road from the H. C. Company to the Book Store had been closed off yet. Also, if anything could be done about the yellow vans that were down in the same area.

Discussion followed about who owned the vans and that the road should be closed as soon as possible.

M/M Connick, Murphy, a letter to Northland Marine be written asking that the vans be moved or demolished.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Romer wanted to find out the status of the Lot-Selection Committee. He was getting a lot of questions from the people about the subdivision on when they would be available. John Guinn stated that he had picked a lot selection committee when he was Mayor but those people never acknowledged the fact. So he suggested that the Land Use Committee start working on the Subdivision land. Mr. Romer asked if he would enlarge his committee then. He was told he could have as many as needed. Discussion followed with other people in the audience on land easements for water and sewer. Mr. Hohman stated that a water and sewer project should be considered in the piece of each lot, for the future, or else the City would have to pay for it alone. This way, money could be saved for such a project. There was concern on whether a water and sewer plan could be incorporated into the sub-division even the way the lots were laid out. Councilman Murphy stated that when the council was presented these maps to chose from showing layouts for the sub-division a water and sewer plan was in all three.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Hohman stated he had received a letter from Ken Walch of Dickenson-Oswald & Partners, dated 12-1-72, stating the road construction for the Sub-division had been shut down for the winter.

Also, on the Bethel Heights water and sewer system, he had received a report from Jordan Suhr on the system, a time table on the City take over of the system, but a total cost has to be figured yet on the operation costs. Mr. Guinn asked how binding was the City in taking over the project because he thought the City agreed to take it over after all the houses were hooked up and the entire system had been operating in good condition for one full year. Mr. Connick thought that the Council bypass this item until they had time to look over the information and then brought it out at a later time. Mr. Hatten of PHS stated that the trial period was from January 1972 to July 1973 and he thought that was sufficient time and that the City was making money off the project now so we should take it over. He also stated that PHS would drop it (water/sewer system) in the cities lap with or without the cities consent. Mr. Hohman stated that all the money that had been received from that project had been placed in a separate account at the bank and if PHS wanted the money, all they would have to do is ask for it. Mr. Hohman stated again that there had not been adequate information and that the City did not have a chance to be included in the negotiating process of water rates. He thought \$25.00/house was to low. That would mean the City would have to subsidize and we were not in the financial position to do so.

Nels Alexie translated.

Discussion followed on who was responsible for pipes in the houses. Mr. Hatten stated that PHS was responsible for the exterior and either ASHA or the homeowner was responsible for the interior.

M/M Guinn, Connick, I move we table this item until we can get more information that the City Manager wanted.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

On the budget, Mr. Hohman stated he had a budget review worked-up and if they had any questions he and Lyman Hoffman were willing and able to answer them. Sarge Connick stated that the Council should have a work session on this item.

M/M Guinn, Hoffman, we table this until a work session on Monday the 18th at 8 p.m. at the City Office.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hohman introduced Millie Tomaganuk to the council as the present clerks replacement. He also read a letter from Guinn Construction regarding renting the old City Office Building. Also, he reported the Library finally received the \$35,000 that was a grant from the State for educational materials. He complimented Marie Swanson on working so hard on this and finally receiving it.

Mr. Hohman reported that the emergency sea-wall repair money was being sent back to us and we should receive it any day.

Nels Alexie translated.

Mr. Hohman wanted to remind council that a replacement for the YKHC Board had to be chosen since Tom Dillon was one of the Board members. The Council asked City Office to ask for applicants for that position and that George Hohman attend the YKHC board meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Hohman also stated that the first check for Federal Revenue Sharing had been received.

MAYORS REPORT

None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Economic development- Mr. Guinn stated that his committee was supporting the City Manager as best as they could. Also his committee was looking into the problems the School Board was facing.

Road- Eddie Hoffman wanted the Alcoholism Resolution placed on the next regular Council meeting Agenda and at the work session, screen them. Sam Dinsmore stated all the resolutions were agreed upon but he would answer any question the council had.

Nels Alexie translated

All other committees had nothing.

OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE #50 - CLOSING BARS ON HOLIDAYS
The clerk read the ordinance for discusstional purposes. Discussion followed with the Council and Ordinance and the pro's and con's of closing the bars on holidays.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move the meeting extend passed 10 P.M.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There was a question on the procedures of passing an ordinance in the new municipal code. Mr. Hohman looked it up. He stated that it had to be posted for 5 days before a hearing could take place then have it read twice before passage.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, this be published (posted) tomorrow with natives out and have a Special Council Meeting next Monday night and have this on the agenda.

Discussion on the motion that was passed to have a work session that same night, with Mr. Guinn and Mr. Hoffman withdrawing their motion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. VFW LIQUOR APPLICATION

Mr. Art Bauer spoke under this item. He stated that the VFW needed revenue to keep on supporting the community functions they have been. He also explained that the size of Bethel, according to the ABC Board, warranted 4 liquor applications. 1 license for a package store, 2 bars and 1 club license. This club license was not a bar but a club with members only and one guest. He stated that \$3,206.00 is given out by the VFW yearly and that they would have to stop if they couldn't get the revenue. With the loss of their old building, they would have to get a new one and it cost money. This club license was one way to collect revenue. Discussion followed about the distance between the proposed new VFW building and the Baptist Church. Mr. Bauer stated it was 220' between the two buildings and 200' was the required distance. Mr. Sleppy from the Baptist Church stated 180'.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move this item be tabled until the distance be clarified and place it on the next regular council meeting agenda.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. KVNA - GAMES OF CHANCE AND SKILLS

M/M Guinn, Connick, we accept this application.

Councilman Murphy asked for a copy of the application. Mr. Hoffman stated that he did not receive a copy from Mr. Watson. Mr. Murphy stated he was not going to vote on something like this until he saw a copy. Mr. Guinn and Mr. Connick withdrew their motion.

~~M/M Guinn, Connick, we place this on next regular council meeting agenda.~~

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. KUSKOKWIM COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAND REQUEST

Mr. Romer read the letter from Mr. Pat O'Rourke from the Community College on the land request and the land use recommendations.

M/M Guinn, Hoffman, the council approved the Land Use Committee recommendations on the Kuskokwim Community College Land Request as outlined in their report and take necessary steps to provide any public notice.

Mayor Cooke instructed the City Manager to look into the necessary steps on how the City goes about selling land according to the Municipal Code. Mr. Pat O'Rourke showed on the map where the land was.

Question was called on the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION #80

This was supposed to be on the agenda but was left off.

M/M Hoffman, Guinn, we place Resolution #80 in its first reading.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read Resolution #80 in its entirety.

M/M Murphy, Hoffman we accept Resolution #80 in its first reading.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

M/M Guinn, Murphy, we place Resolution #80 in its second reading.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read the resolution.

M/M Guinn, Murphy, we accept Resolution #80 in its second reading.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. CHIEF OF POLICE SITUATION

Mr. Hohman stated that he would be in Anchorage to interview applicants with Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Gregory. Mr. Romer stated he would be in Anchorage, ~~AT 10~~ so he would meet with them also.

M/, Guinn, Connick, we go into executive session.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Council went into executive session at 11:15 pm and reconvined at 11:50 p.m.

M/M Guinn, Hoffman we adjourn.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

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

Ruth T. Richardson, City Clerk

Margaret Cooke
Margaret Cooke, Mayor