

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke, 8:15 p.m., KVNA Building, Bethel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Connick, Cooke, Gregory, Hoffman, and Murphy.
Absent: Romer and Guinn.

Reading of Minutes

After reading of the minutes a few changes were made. First on the 2nd page, last paragraph to read "Murphy just wanted to know if council action was needed to expand the \$325 for a feasibility study on the Pension Plan. Mr. Shuler said no, just needed to follow through". Under reports from Standing Committee the word "rolled" was changed to roe.

M/M Connick, Murphy, I move that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Gregory stated that he had given a letter to the Secretary regarding the resolutions and ID Cards, dated 1-11-73 from Greater Bethel Council on Alcoholism, Inc. The letter was read by the City Clerk to council members and guests. Cooke said she had passed out and studied the resolution and asked if ID Cards were the number 1 priority of the GBCA, Inc.

Under Managers Report John Shuler read his report. On overdue Sales Tax, managers office has been billing businesses in the total amount of approximately \$5,000.00. There are also outstanding bills for Sanitation, Water and Garbage in the amount of approximately \$20,000.00. Many lights have gone out in the city due to cold weather according to Hal Borrego. Restrictions have been made on purchasing supplies. The travel policy for City employees is that they will get \$30/day in Alaska and \$25/day in the Lower 48. No cars can be rented unless approved by the City Manager in advance. There will be weekly staff meetings for Department Heads every Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. Each Department Head is presently writing out job descriptions to be reviewed and revised by the City Manager and then presented to the city council for their action, revision and approval. An ordinance is being drafted regarding abandoned, wrecked, dismantled and/or discarded vehicles. This ordinance will be ready for the council in the near future.

Connick questioned if there is an interest penalty for overdue sales tax from any businesses and Wally Richardson replied there is a 6% interest on overdue sales taxes.

Paul Gregory translated.

Murphy then asked the Acting City Manager to explain the financial status of the city and Shuler replied that the city is now operating on existing revenue that is coming in. Connick suggested that a budget control report be given to interested citizens and also put in the Bethel Newspaper.

Paul Gregory translated.

Under Mayors Report Cooke stated that she didn't have anything to report but wants to have a work session with the council on Friday, February 2, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. at the Braund Building. This date will be the best time since George Hohman will be town.

Paul Gregory translated.

Under People to be Heard and Comments; Ed Hoffman said that at times there are no chaperones at the Cowan Hut during dances and kids are drinking. He read a letter from Paul Kiunya of the Kipnuk School Board and also a member of the Bethel REgional High School Board. In his letter he stated that many of the students are given pop which is spiked with alcohol. The letter also stated that the Teen Center hours were too long and asked the Council to do something or cut down the open hours. It was also brought out in the letter that the Liquor Store is not supposed to sell any liquor to underaged kids.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that the letter be directed to the director of BBS and looked over with the Recreation Director to take whatever actions necessary. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Connick stated that the Liquor Store is not selling alcohol to minors. Most of it is done by stopping someone who is older to purchase it for them. Cooke then replied that underaged and minors have been served alcohol in the past. Connick also brought out that in the past they had to sign certain forms if they didn't have proof of their age.

Shuler said that the Police Department is thinking of getting photographic equipment necessary for ID Cards.

Paul Gregory translated.

George Sam brought out that there is support from the villages of Kasigluk, Newtown and Kwigillingok. He read a letter concerning the distribution of alcohol to minors from Village Council President of Kasigluk. Mr. Sam also said that the villages are very much in favor of students getting ID Cards.

Shuler replied that it is difficult to get a meaningful source of ID system in the City of Bethel. Connick also said that when issuing ID Cards priority be given to students at High School.

On the discussion of curfew George Sam reported that the villages wanted the City of Bethel to enforce this law. Shuler replied that there is an ordinance and it will be enforced.

Paul Gregory translated.

Al Weinberg wanted the road barricaded between the Steak House and the Manpower Center for child safety during school hours. Connick then asked if this was only during school hours. Weinberg replied yes. It was suggested that they have a policeman by the road between the State Building and Steak House during recess hours and no barricade.

M/M Connick, Gregory, I move that we accept Weinbergs suggestion of blocking road by Steak House, except for city services from periods 8:30 AM and 4:00 P.M. Roll call vote with Connick, Cooke, Gregory, Hoffman and Murphy voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Economic Development, Bruce Crow: He stated that he had gone to a meeting at Kodiak at the suggestion of the City Council during the early part of December, to see if they can legalize the sale of subsistence salmon roe. Board Member from Kodiak has reported there was \$50,000.00 intake from the sale of roe but this would go to the State. The Alaska Statutes prevent the sale of subsistence roe.

Land Use, Dr. Robert Wainwright: He stated that they had met twice. The Land Use Committee has come up with 3 things: (1) resolved to get property to the people by this summer, (2) will keep official minutes of Land Use Committee at the City Office, and (3) recommend March 1, 1973, as a cutoff date for applications on first selection. First meeting of Land Use was held January 18, 1973, at the City Office said Wainwright. The minutes were then read of by Wainwright. At the first meeting they had found out that 2 different maps had been used in selecting lots. (Minutes of Land Use Committee enclosed).

M/M Connick, I move to continue the meeting. Passed by voice vote.

Wainwright said that 2 letters have been drafted by the Land Use Committee with March 1st set as the deadline date for applications.

Paul Gregory translated.

M/M Connick, Gregory, I move that the council set March 1st as cut off date for applications for lots along the road. Roll call vote with Connick, Cooke, Gregory, Hoffman and Murphy voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Bertha Anderson brought up that the cold weather bus has been going only as far as the Pump House, therefore the kids have to wait in the cold weather or walk from that point.

Connick recommended that the school superintendent inform bus driver on this problem.

OLD BUSINESS

Disposal of D-8 was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS1. Taxi Ordinance Revision

Hugh Short stated that some sort of taxi ordinance be set up and he also wanted to know when it would be completed. Connick replied that since there were other taxi operators at the meeting why not get some ideas from them and some opinions.

Paul Gregory translated.

A representative from Monte's Cab said he really didn't have anything to say. He reported that in the past they have had unsured cabs and unlicensed drivers.

Cooke suggested that the City Manager meet with cab owners for their opinions and feelings on the taxi ordinance.

Shuler said that no vehicle can operate without a drivers permit.

Paul Gregory translated.

Cooke asked the council how they felt about the ordinance and suggested that the existing ordinance be enforced as of 1-23-73. A new ordinance will be brought before the Council by the first meeting in March.

2. Review Liquor License Approvals: Wild Goose Inn/Kashim

Cooke stated that the licenses have been approved for renewal by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. This is in regards to the Wild Goose Inn and Kashim bars. Murphy said that if any protest arises incidences will have to be well marked with the time, place, etc.

Cooke stated that the letter was sent to Ed Benson dated 1-5-73 from James Doogan, Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The council has until February 5th to draw up any protests.

Paul Gregory translated.

3. Agreement - City/Community College

Pat O'Rourke brought out that the Alaska Statutes require the establishment of a college in conjunction with independent school system or local government. He requested \$12,000.00 in funds for non-credit courses. \$5-\$6,000.00 would carry the remainder of the year.

After discussion of the agreement Cooke asked the Council if they wanted to adopt the agreement. Murphy suggested to accept the agreement as amended.

O'Rourke stated that before the next semester the number of staff would possibly be expanded.

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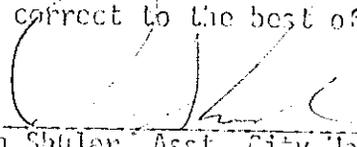
M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that the City accept and sign the agreement as amended by the City Manager. Roll call vote with Connick, Cooke, Gregory, Hoffman, and Murphy voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In further discussions Cooke stated she can't see the City committing any money towards college since there just isn't any money at this time.

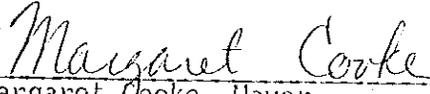
M/M Murphy, Hoffman, I move to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

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



John Shuler, Asst. City Manager



Margaret Cooke, Mayor