City of Bethel "Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 28, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Swanson. Roll was called.

Present: Bruce Crow, Ed Hoffman, Al Laraux, Art Nicholson, Gene Peltola, Dave Swanson.
Absent: Noah Jack.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Snodgrass read the following letters: 1) addressed to the Mayor from the ~~Dept. of Agriculture~~ FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION; 2) from Mike Gravel regarding the Internal Revenue Service and the Bethel Liquor Store; 3) from Crittenden regarding the Neighborhood Facilities building; 4) a schedule for the Neighborhood Facilities Project from J. S. Hong.

COMPLAINTS: Harold Sparck brought up the subject of putting sanitary facilities in the Cowan Hut.
M/M Peltola, Hoffman that this item be placed as the last item on the agenda. Motion carried 3-2.

TREASURERS REPORT: The State of the Budget as of March 31, 1969 was presented.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Snodgrass reported that the Indian Health Comprehensive Plan for Water and Sewerage has been revised, sent to Washington, and will be back in three weeks. The Comprehensive Development Plan for the City of Bethel by ASHA will be ready by June 15. The State has ceased in their attempt to release land for gas and oil lease. At 1 P.M. Thursday an inspection of the Housing Plant will take place and all items on the punch list will be checked. He urged council members to attend.

MAYORS COMMENTS: Swanson made the following comments:
The Bethel School Band received a No. 1 rating at the music festival in Anchorage.
There is a complication with Phase II (asphalting) of the airport construction due to a 66% cut in Federal funds for airport allocation.
There is nothing new on the highway; the land has been released.
Ted Samuelson has asked that the Council complain to Wien Consolidated about Saturday service which should be morning service rather than afternoon.
A bill has gone through legislature making assistance available for police and fire protection.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
Police Committee- Peltola announced the resignation of the Chief of Police.
M/M Crow, Peltola the CONSIDERATION OF HIRING ALEXIE BRINK be added to the agenda. Passed unanimously.
M/M Crow, Peltola that POLICE item be placed on the agenda. Passed unanimously.
Recreation Committee - Nicholson reported that several meetings had been held and the Committee reviewed all 34 applications. At the meeting of April 21 it

was decided that 3 applicants be asked to come to Bethel. Two of the applicants, Mr. Ross and Mr. Strutz, came and were interviewed at a meeting held April 26. At an informal discussion after the meeting it was felt that the the third applicant, Mr. Benson, should be interviewed before a decision is reached.
M/M Nicholson, Crow that selection of the recreation director be made tonite.
Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Laraux yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola no, Swanson no.
Passed 4-2.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUDGET REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT:
Snodgrass recommended a transfer of budget line items to bring the budget in order. (see attach
M/M Nicholson, Hoffman that the recommended budget revision be accepted.
Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Laraux yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes.

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL:
Swanson stated that the funds for the Regional High School have been released; and that the City should direct a letter to Clifford Hartman restating that the architect should design plans for an entire Regional High School rather than a 200 student school, and that the plans should be presented to the City for review before finalized.

FIRE SIREN:
Noah Jack was not present; therefore this item was not discussed.

RECREATION DIRECTOR:
M/M Nicholson, Peltola that the job of recreatinn director be offered to Mr. Strutz. Discussion followed.
M/M Swanson, Nicholson that this item be opened to the floor for discussion. Motion passed unanimously. More discussinn took place.
Motion amended by Crow, Hoffman to add the clause "at a salary of $12,000/yr."
Poll vote on amendment: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Laraux yes, Nicholson no, Peltola no, Swanson no. Amendment not carried. (3-3)
Poll vote on Motion: Crow no, Hoffman no, Laraux, no, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson no. Motion not carried. (4-2)
M/M Swanson, Laraux that Mr. Benson be brought in for an interview. Amended by Crow, Hoffman that the determination of the hiring of the recreation director take place at a special meeting held one week from today and that consideration of the hiring take place at an executive session held prior to the special meeting.
Poll vote on amendment: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Laraux yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Unanimous.
Poll vote on motion: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Laraux yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Unanimous.

ARCHITECT CONTRACT:
Snodgrass presented the proposed contract between the City of Bethel and Crittenden.

M/M Crow, Laraux that this item be tabled until the meeting to be held May 5; and that the City Administrator get in writing an indication of the HUD inspector's time on the job.
Amended by Nicholson, Crow that copies of the proposed contract be made and given to each councilman. Passed unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 51:
Snodgrass said that Resolution 51 was not satisfactory to the Corps of Engineers and presented Resolution 52 which contained the necessary changes.
M/M Nicholson, Peltola that Resolution 51 be repealed in its entirety. Passed unanimously.
M/M Peltola, Nicholson that Resolution 52 be placed in its first reading. Passed.
M/M Peltola, Hoffman that Resolution 52 be accepted in its first reading and be placed in second and final reading by title only. Passed.
M/M Nicholson, Peltola that Resolution 52 be accepted in its second and final reading. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
Swanson read a letter from Mr. Fancher asking for the Council's ideas on a new elementary school which has been requested by the homeowners in the Project area. Discussion followed.
M/M Peltola, Laraux to extend the meeting beyond 10 P.M. Passed unanimously.
M/M Crow, Hoffman that the Council gives general support of the Homeowners' need and desire for an elementary school adjacent to the Housing Project. Motion passed unanimously.

OPENING FOR FIRE ROAD:
Mr. Fancher requested that Fifth Avenue be extended SE to provide a fire lane on the north side of the school.
M/M Crow, Peltola that this item be moved to the last item on the agenda. Passed.

GAMING PERMITS:
Snodgrass said there have been two applications for gaming permits: one for renewal from the Catholic Church, and one from the Bethel Dog Mushers Club.
M/M Peltola, Hoffman that these permits be approved. Passed.

ROAD BID:
Two bids on the road job were submitted: one from United Transportation for $2,597.50 and one from Dale & Dale Construction for $2,982.00.
M/M Crow, Hoffman for the acceptance of the low bid by United Transportation in the amount of $2,597.50 for the road project.
Poll vote: Crow, yes, Hoffman yes, Laraux abstain, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Passed.

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 49:
M/M Nicholson, Hoffman that Resolution 49 be amended; that the following be added; and that this be accepted as the first reading. Motion passed.
M/M Nicholson, Laraux that the amendment to Resolution 49 be placed in its second and final reading. Passed unanimously.
M/M Nicholson, Laraux that the amendment to Resolution 49 be accepted in its second and final reading. Passed.

M.D.T.A. NEWSLETTER:
The continuation of the M.D.T.A. Newsletter with the support of the City was discussed. No action taken.

COWAN HUT:
M/M Peltola, Hoffman that this item of business be given to the Recreation Committee for review. Passed unanimously.

HIRING OF ALEXIE BRINK:
M/M Crow, Peltola that Peter Black's salary be raised to a flat rate of $850/month and that Alexie Brink be hired at a flat salary of $125/week, both of these actions to be in effect for 30 days.
Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Laraux yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Passed unanimously.

FIRE ROAD:
M/M Nicholson, Crow that the City Administrator prepare bids to extend 5th Avenue beyond its present termination eastward 12 ft. wide and approximately 550 ft. long.
Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Laraux yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Passed Unanimously.

M/M Peltola for adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dave Swanson, Mayor

Joanne McCabe, City Clerk

BUDGET REVISION

The following line items show a deficit:

AMOUNT NEEDED	ITEM
$ 750.00	Office Expense
3,000.00	Sanitation Salaries
1,500.00	Payroll Taxes
1,000.00	Sanitation and Garbage
1,000.00	Vehicle Maintenance
1,500.00	Travel and Entertainment
$8,750.00 TOTAL	

The following line items show a surplus:

AMOUNT	ITEM
$ 1,500.00	Library
300.00	Museum
4,000.00	Capital Outlay
8,000.00	Brown Slough
2,500.00	Insurance
50.00	Elections
2,000.00	Waterfront
2,500.00	Boardwalk
$20,850.00 TOTAL	

To revise the budget the following transfer is recomended:

AMOUNT	ITEM
$2,500.00	Insurance
50.00	Elections
4,000.00	Brown Slough
2,000.00	Boardwalk
200.00	Museum
$8,750.00 TOTAL	