

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1965

M.C. THEATRE

8:00 PM

Present: Jimmy Hoffman, Eddie Hoffman, Mendola, Salison, Wilkins, Nicholson  
Absent: Elliott

The meeting was called to order and Ben Wilkins was sworn in as a councilman by Father Paul Mueller, S.J.

The minutes of May 17 were read and approved as read.

Andy Edge made a report to the council. He said that the Community Action Committee had to be incorporated. There will be positions open for 35 boys and girls under the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and Mr. McManus will be in Bethel to coordinate and run the program.

Mr. Edge told the council that Operation F celift was a success, and that the women's club should be thanked. The pools and lakes had oil put on them by prisoners, and Jimmex has been spraying for mosquitoes.

Mr. Edge told the Council that Bill Miller, a small business expert from the Governor's office, will be coming to Bethel soon.

Jimmy Hoffman asked about the possibility of trying to save the road by Army Advisors. He said that the present plans seem to call for protection of the land of the larger businesses. Eddie Hoffman said he didn't think piling could go in by the building, since it is too deep. There was a discussion on the possibility of using 40 foot poles.

Mr. Wilkins/J. Hoffman that the Council have a meeting on June 8, at 10:00 AM in front of Army Advisors, to decide if the road could be saved. MC

Mayor Nicholson reported that a protest has been filed with the Bureau of Land Management over the BIA withdrawal. The Council was told that the first group of VISTA volunteers will be coming in August. The Mayor has been invited to San Francisco for a conference, to be paid for by the Federal Government. The Mayor hopes to get to the OEO to present out Community Action Program.

Dewey Baxter spoke to the Council about the advisability of studying other means of getting rid of mosquitoes other than spraying.

Mr. Wilkins/E. Hoffman that the City Manager begin to compile additional information on ways to get rid of mosquitoes.

Sgt. Dankforth of the Alaska State Police was at the meeting to present charges for the new police contract. Mr. Edge had studied the contract and felt that some charges, such as telephone charges and mileage were not justified. He recommended that the City have their own police force. It was mentioned by Sgt. Dankforth that a part of the higher charge was for a new vehicle that has been programmed for delivery in January, and it is hoped that the delivery could be made by this fall.

Mr. E. Hoffman/Mendola that the police contract be accepted.

Mayor Nicholson asked that Mr. Hoffman amend his motion to read

"---accept the police contract on condition that there are no other changes in the contract other than price". Mr. Hoffman would not amend his motion and the Mayor appointed Ben Wilkins as president pro-tem.

MM Nicholson/Mendola that the police contract be accepted on condition that there are no other changes in the contract other than price.

MM Nicholson/J. Hoffman that the meeting continue past 10:00.

Mr. Edge said that he had made an error in reading the contract and that there was no provision for the return of the vehicle sold to the State for \$1.00

Hoffman withdrew his motion with Mendola's permission.

Nicholson withdrew his motion with Mendola's permission.

*correct #1* *Wilkins Resumed the Chair*

MM Wilkins/Mendola that the City of Bethel accept the contract as stated by the State Police at a cost of \$15,000, with further provision that the City of Bethel secure an amendment or agreement that the vehicle, or a suitable replacement, revert to the City at a cost of \$1.00 upon termination of the Police contract. J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Sallison, Wilkins, in favor.

Dewey Baxter spoke on the necessity of a City Coordinator, saying the alleged salary of \$1,200.00 per month could be much better spent on other projects such as roads. He stated that the council was elected by the people and are supposed to represent the people. Mr. Baxter questioned the appointment of Mr. Edge in a meeting in which there had been no announcement that it would take place. Father Mueller said that he had been at the meeting, and had been asked to leave, and he felt that it was a citizen's right to attend all meetings where expenditures of funds were involved. Mayor Nicholson said that the meeting which Father had been asked to leave was a Committee of the Whole, and that he believed that he was within his legal rights to ask people to leave such a meeting.

Several people mentioned that there was a lack of communication between the council and the people. Most people are not aware of what happens at meetings. Julius Sirilo suggested having a special place where agenda's could be posted and news events posted. Mayor Nicholson recommended that the window of the new city offices be used to post bulletins.

The City Clerk's resignation has been moved forward to June 15th.

MM Wilkins/Mendola that Andy Edge be appointed as temporary City Clerk. MC

MM J. Hoffman/Mendola that Joan Notti be appointed as secretary to the City Clerk at a salary of \$500.00 per month. Sallison, J. Hoffman, Wilkins, E. Hoffman Mendola in favor. MC

It was announced that NCL will cease their bush operations. Andy Edge is to write a letter to Ray Petersen and ask for clarification, and point out

the loss of the payroll to Bethel.

Mayor Nicholson mentioned that a purchase order is needed to enable Mr. Schmidt to make small purchases.

III J. Hoffman/Wilkins that purchase orders be issued not to exceed \$150.00. The request to be made by Schmidt, approved by Edge. Wilkins, E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Sallison, Mendola in favor. MC

Resolution # 17, giving approval to the Bethel Community Action Committee, Inc. was read. The free use of people's names on the board of directors, without their consent, was questioned. It was pointed out that it was the committee that was being approved not the people

III Mendola/E Hoffman that Resolution # 17 be accepted. 5 ayes and 0 nays.

III Mendola/J. Hoffman that the meeting be adjourned. MC

*Correction # 1 to \$15,800.00*

*#2 Mr. Edge:*

*A. L. M.  
7/12/65*