

Regular Council Meeting
August 23, 1971

ALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M., by William B. Zahradnicek at the KVNA Building, Bethel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jack Baxter, Bruce Crow, John Guinn, Ed Hoffman, Kevin Murphy and Bill Zahradnicek.

Absent: Ben Dale

MINUTES

Minutes for regular meeting August 10, 1971 and Special meeting August 16, 1971 were not ready

Mayor Zahradnicek requested additional clerical help for city office be put on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ltr, Dtd, 8/23/71, Burton C. Biss to David E. Webb re: resignation as City Attorney and recommending Harlon Davis as replacement.

Ltr. dtd. 8/18/71 to City Council from Braund Inc. re: Withholding Miller Act.

Ltr. dtd. 8/18/71 Department of Highways to Council re: Project Brown's Slough - acquisition of bridge property.

Ltr. dtd. 8/10/71 to City Council from George Hohman re: R. D. A. resolution for B. B. C. money's building rentovation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk read the treasurers report at direction of the Mayor.

Mayor Zahradnicek and Councilman Baxter, who prepares the treasurers report became involved in a heated discussion over the layout of the treasurer's report. Councilman Crow called for point of order and eventually the dispute settled into a discussion.

M/M Baxter, Guinn to accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. A copy of the report attached and made a permanent part of this record.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

Mayor Zahradnicek

CORRESPONDENCE

Burton Biss
resignation and
recommending Harlon
Davis

Withholding Miller
Act.

Brown's Slough

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The report was verbal and delayed until later under the seawall..

ADM. RPT.

M/M Guinn, Crow to put additional help for City office on the agenda.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Roads - none.

Public Safety - Kevin Murphy asked about the letter in Kuskokwim Kronicle about environmental health in connection with the dump and incenerating as apposed to sanitary land fills. Also about the survey of 4th Avenue to straighten it. The administrator said the Article in Kuskokwim Kronicle had no basis, was unpresidented. Also that Dickinson and Oswald would be here next week to survey 4th Avenue.

Kuskokwim Kronicle

Economic Development

Councilman Crow said, Truman Engeberg of the Fish and Game Board would be at this weeks Thursday's luncheon. An effort would be made to form an advisory Fish & Game Board at that time.

Crow

Land Use Committee

On the agenda, Bethel Heights Land Policy.

Recreation _ None

OLD BUSINESSOLD BUSINESS

Bethel Heights Land Policy, Recommendation of the Land use Committee for City owned land in Bethel Heights is to hold on to any of the lots incorpated in the project. The five acre tract by the "Y" could be leased or rented.

Bethel Heights Land Policy

M/M Crow, Baxter City Council accept the recommendation of the Land use committee as to disposal of the land in Bethel Heights.

Crow

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes: Baxter, Crow, Guinn, Hoffman Murphy and Zahradnicek.
No: None

Seawall Report

George Siledes, the engineer, hired by the City at the direction of Council 8/16 was present along with his associate, Harold Galliett to report to Council verbally on the seawall.

Seawall Report Cont.

SEAWALL REPORT

Both Mr. Siledes and Mr. Galliett gave involved and comprehensive verbal report to council reviewing the activities of Mr. Siledes, Mr. Galliett and Mr. Webb relative to the seawall crisis. Conclusions reached were that the seawall should be repaired, but that private owners should dump no more money into the bank stabilization. That State or Federal money could be procured to make emergency repairs as well as permanent, long time renovation of the bulkhead. That it would take the work of a professional engineer and someone knowledgeable in grants and government funding to "babysit" the project. They did emphasize that government funding is entirely possible from three or four agencies with a minimum out put by the City. They also reported on testifying before the Senate Sub-committee on public works in Anchorage. The testimony was well received and the result was two changes in outlook by Corps of Engineers.

Stabilizing the seawall

- (1). That the previous bank stabilization report did not consider the impact on the whole Kuskokwim area, with poor dockage and warfage in Bethel.
- (2). Bethel being considered the center for trans-shipping to all 68 villages, puts a much stronger emphasis on the need for an efficient facility.

M/M Baxter, Murphy to continue the meeting past 10:00 P.M.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There was additional discussion about engineer cost and appropriations. Mr Siledes assured there would be some re-embursable costs, some additional costs too, like for sail tests, construction surveys etc.

M/M Crow, Guinn Council meet in special session Monday night to implement action on a written report from Siledes and Galliett.

Crow

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Dump Truck

M/M Crow, Hoffman to table the item.

Motion carried by Unanimous voice vote.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S RESIGNATION

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M/M Baxter, Guinn for Council to meet in executive session with the administrator to discuss personnel matters.

Baxter

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Council reconvened at 10:40 P.M. following a 20 minute executive session.

M/M Crow, Baxter that the City Administrator's resignation be accepted effect December 1, 1971.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes: Baxter, Crow, Guinn, Hoffman, Murphy, Zahradnicek

No: None

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

M/M Guinn, Baxter the City Administrator advertise for employment of a new City Administrator.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Guinn

CITY EMPLOYERS MEDICAL HEALTH

M/M Guinn, Baxter to table in the absence of councilman Dale who put the item on the agenda.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION ORDINANCE

M/M Baxter, Murphy the ordinance be placed in its first reading,

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read the ordinance in its entirety.

M/M Baxter, Hoffman this ordinance be adopted in first reading.

M/M Crow, Guinn to amend the ordinance:

- (1) Changing reference of voter to elector.
- (2) Section 6, appoint of judges add "in each precinct",
- (3) Section 9, indicate candidate placement and rotation on ballot to conform a AS 15.15.030.

ELECTION ORDINANCE

Baxter

Clerk

Crow

ROLL CALL VOTE (Amendment)

Yes: Baxter Crow, Guinn, Hoffman, Murphy, Zahradnicek

No: None

ROLL CALL VOTE (Main)

Yes: Baxter, Crow, Guinn, Hoffman, Murphy, Zahradnicek

No: None

M/M Guinn, Baxter to put the ordinance in second reading by title only.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The ordinance was read by title on by the Clerk.

M/M Baxter, Hoffman to adopt the ordinance in second reading and place on the agenda for third and final reading.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bethel Broadcasting correspondence endorsing or replacing David Swanson on the Board of Directors.

Mayor Zahradnicek indicated that Dave Swanson no longer wished to serve on the board and since he (Mayor Zahradnicek) was on the State Board of Educational Broadcasting he would like to replace Mr. Swanson.

M/M Hoffman, Crow to replace Dave Swanson with Bill Zahradnicek on the Bethel Broadcasting Board.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence item from Braund Inc. read previously in the meeting was tabled and placed on next meeting agenda, on a motion by Guinn, Murphy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Braund Inc.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence item from Burton C. Biss was acted upon a motion by Baxter, Guinn to accept Burton Biss's resignation and here Harlan Davis as City Attorney from this day forward.

Burton C. Biss

M/M Crow, Baxter to amend the main motion to include sending a letter to Biss expressing appreciation in written form to be signed by consenting Council members.

Crow

Amending motion carried unanimous by voice vote.

Main motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence item from Department of Highways regarding State payment for land needed on the Brown's Slough bridge project.

Dept. of Hwys.

M/M Baxter Murphy to place the item on the agenda

Motion carried by voice vote. (1 nay).

M/M Crow, Guinn to table this item.

M/M Guinn, Crow so moved to place the item on the agenda/

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

M/M Crow, Murphy to authorize the City Administrator to consider and negotiate the bid offer for land.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The motion to adjourn was recognized by the chair and hearing no objection , and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

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

Kathleen F. Heddel
Kathleen F. Heddel, City Clerk

William B. Zahradnicek
William B. Zahradnicek, Mayor