

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke at 7:40 P.M. at the KVNA Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Connick, Gregory, Crow, Murphy, Romer, Cooke
Absent: Hoffman

PUBLIC HEARING BETHEL PORT PROJECT

A letter from Don Stater on the Bethel Port Project was read by Shuler. A map was also shown and explained. The letter contained three alternatives which were open to the City for consideration: original Cellular sheet pile design, located on lot 8 (Eggleston properties); a Sheet pile bulkhead located on lots 1 & 2 block 20 (Browns Slough site); and a steel barge type floating dock. Cooke asked if the City had to consider any one of the three alternatives or we would lose funding. Shuler stated that there was a possibility of losing funding, if a decision wasn't made by Oct. 22.

Mayor Cooke asked for comments from the floor. Bruce Crow, a guest, then had the floor. Mr. Crow asked the Council: 1. Silides was hired by the Council in Sept. or Oct. of '71; some two years later nothing has been done on the Port Facility. 2. Why does the Council not question the judgement of the Corp of Engineers, on the stability of the properties in question, for the facility. 3. Mr. Crow questioned the pressure by the State, to do the Project their way or not at all. He recalled the same pressure there, concerning the housing project. His main question was, how this matter became a dock facility project instead of a water front protection project.

Murphy stated that this is not only a Bethel issue. It will effect not only Bethel but the Yukon Area. Murphy went on to say that block 1 & 2 might be adequate for a couple of years. Murphy's concern was over stable ground and a good location. He asked if the State could find another area suitable for a dock facility.

Connick expressed his concern over ground stability also. Connick suggested that the City bring in experts besides Silides to answer questions. He also suggested that someone who knows river channels also be contacted and brought in, for a hearing to be held prior to the Oct. 22 hearing. Murphy agreed with Connick on this.

Mike Emery, a guest, then had the floor. He stated that he agreed with Mr. Crow. He questioned calling in new consultants and stated that there was one million dollars here for the Council to use and that they had to make a decision.

Murphy stated the Council had the blue prints for 1 month and that he felt they shouldn't be pressured into a decision. He stated he was concerned over the erosion problem and the stability of the ground in the proposed area. Murphy stated that he wanted the people to help him make his decision.

Shuler stated that the corp of engineer's and State's reputation was at stake and that he felt they would come in and make repairs if their plans didn't work.

A discussion followed on the staging area and the ground stability. Murphy questioned the use of a floating dock if there wasn't adequate staging areas and stable grounds.

Paul Gregory translated.

Bud Jepsen, a guest, then had the floor. His statement was in reference to the property presently being used as a staging area. He said that the staging area could be made larger than it is now, by possibly moving the old buildings in the area and it seemed reasonable to him to procure the property.

Diana Carpenter then spoke to the Council. She wanted to know where the Council would get funding if they didn't approve of the Silides proposal for a port facility. She also wanted to know who had bothered to look at the written report from Silides.

Mike Emery suggested that the question of the three facility alternatives be placed on the ballot with the up coming election.

M/M Connick, Crow, I move that an unofficial ballot on the three alternatives of the dock project be put on the ballot. Roll Call vote with all present members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Connick suggested that it be well advertised so that the people know what they are voting for and the importance of their vote.

There was more discussion with the Council and the public on the locations and the ground stability problems.

M/M Gregory, Connick, I move we go past 10 O'clock. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

READING OF MINUTES 8-27-73

Under Managers report it should read: Shuler explained the Budget Finance Status Report. Page 4 paragraph 6 should be referring to the Housing instead of the subdivision.

Page 5 the word go should be got. M/M Connick, Gregory, I move we accept the minutes of 8-27-73 as ammended. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of the motion.

Motion passed. MINUTES OF 9-29-73 Special Council Meeting It was suggested by Murphy that the minutes be read, because the meeting was not broadcasted. Shuler then read the minutes. M/M Crow, Connick, I move we accept the 9-29-73 minutes as read. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MANAGERS REPORT

SHULER reported that the contract for the guard at the Hospital had been awarded to an Anchorage firm. Shuler then read a letter informing the City that the Anchorage firm had gotten the contract. Shuler wanted to Thank Frank Estes for his support in helping the City bid on the contract.

Shuler recommended that the transportation committee set up a hearing and he guaranteed he would have the information from the City Attorney by the meeting date. He then asked Connick, chairman of the committee, if they could possibly set a meeting date. Connick suggested the following Friday, at 7:30 P.M. at the Braund Building.

Shuler then gave a report on the dog control and what the police department was doing.

Shuler reported that a State representative had been out here to evaluate the road to housing. His evaluation was done on a point system basis and the road to housing did not have the required points to get shoulders, guard rails, etc.

Shuler stated that his contract would be up in January and that he was going to advertise state wide. He recommended that the new City Manager work with him for a one month training period.

MAYOR REPORT None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Romer None

Murphy - there have been rap sessions with the Chief of Police being held in private homes, and that they are open to the public. The next session he believed would be at Maggie Lind's home.

Connick None

Gregory - The day care Center would like to use the Cowan for a hour or so in the afternoon when it was not in use by the Campfire girls. Cooke said that the Day Care Center could use the cowan hut.

Gregory stated that the Crisis Center was back in operation and that it was in the same building and floor as the campfire girls were using. She recommended to the Council, that if in the future there was any conflict that the crisis center find a new location.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Larry Brown questioned the road being closed in front of the middle school. He said that it was bad for his business and that it was also teaching the children to play in the roads. A discussion followed and the use of road signs and the pros and cons of the school children learning that it was alright for them to play in the road. There were many suggestions such as more teachers on the playgrounds and the use of road signs, speed signs. The fact that alot of the traffic going through there ignored the closed road sign was brought up. The idea of a fence being put up was also discussed. M/M Connick, Crow, I move that we contact the school to ask them to increase monitors and to tell them that the road would be open.

Liz Newton requested Police foot partol to better handle the intoxicated persons.

Murphy brought up the fact that there was a commerical building in Bethel heights. It was suggested by Crow that a investigation committee be appointed. Cooke stated that Crow and Murphy as well as her self would look into the problem.

Shuler then read Resolution 96- City Wide Fringe Benefits. M/M Murphy Gregory, I move we accept Resolution 96. Roll call vote with all present members voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

OPENING OF BIDS ON BOARDWALK

1. Dale Construction for \$21,352.49
2. Bethel Builders for \$15,600.00
3. Luke Diemientieff for \$27,944.00

All bids were to be considered at the Wednesday night work session.

OPENING BIDS ON DUMP MAINTANCE

1. Don Shantz for \$975.00 per month
2. J.W. Denman for \$1,000.00 per month

All bid were to be considered at the Wednesday night work session.

NEW BUSINESS

Shuler read a resolution - RDA/City for Boardwalk. He explained that Jan Malone and Associates had put together the resolution. Murphy questioned Shuler on the number of the resolution and Shuler stated that it would be given a number, the next one in the series. M/M Crow, Gregory, I move we accept the resolution as read. Roll call vote with all present members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Shuler then presented a list of Election Judge Candidates. The Council reviewed the list.

M/M Connick, Crow, I move we accept the list of Election Judge Candidates. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Shuler read Resolution 98 - Submission to the Election: THE QUESTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Section 8 should read 30 (thirty) day, instead of 10 (ten), M/M Crow, Connick I move that we accept Resolution 98 as amended. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

Shuler then requested a public hearing for Ordinance 60 - RESTRICTING ATTENDANCE TO MOVIES RATED "R" AND "X". Murphy suggested that the ordinance be delited until the first meeting in November.

RESOLUTION 71 # 1 ALCHOLIC RESOLUTION. Shuler read the resolution. M/M Connick, Crow, I move that we accept resolution 71 # 1 as read Roll call vote with all present members voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 71 # C -ALCOHOLIC RESOLUTION. Shuler read the resolution. It was recommened that the resolution be presented to AVCP at their meeting to be held that week, and that AVCP report back to the Council on their decision. M/M Crow, Murphy I move that we turn the resolution over to AVCP. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

M/M Crow, Murphy I move we adjourn. Voice vote with all present members voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

Adjourn: 11:45 P.M.

Margaret Cooke

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'J. G. ...' or similar, written in dark ink.