

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 7, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present.

READING OF MINUTES

M/M Murphy, Romer, I move that we accept the minutes of 4-23-73 as written. Voice vote carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shuler stated that in his mailings to the Council he had included a letter from Blanche McSmith with the Public Employment Program in Juneau. This letter explained Operation Phase down for people employed with PEP. 2 positions will be cancelled for the City by the end of May. McSmith had explained that the PEP will last through April of next year at the longest. The positions of Patrolman, Museum Worker and Librarian will be terminated at the end of June.

Connick wanted to know what the possibility there was in getting money from the Liquor Store to pay the Librarian. Shuler stated that the Liquor Store at the present time gives \$900/month towards the Library.

MANAGERS REPORT

Shuler reported that he had talked with Don Statter, Director of Waters and Harbors regarding the dock project. Initial cost for surplus ships would be \$200 a foot, but this does not include cutting the superstructure and preparing for use (\$400 per foot). Statter would like to get bids out and get the steel cell project underway by next summer. The \$500,000 pays Silides and his contract is \$37,500. Statter will need proof of acquired land by June 1st to begin. If steel cells are not put in this year we will not lose EDA funding but this will only cause a delay. Shuler recommended that the City contact Mr. Statter and inform him what the City wants to do. Shuler also reported that he had enclosed a resolution which Statter had drafted and also a couple of letters from various people including Don Shantz. Shuler recommended that the discussion of Resolution 87 be put on the agenda under Old Business; resolution regarding Schenk barge docking on the riverfront this summer. Shuler also brought out that he had got a call from Schenk stating that he had bought land to dock his barge at.

M/M Murphy, Connick, I move that we put resolution 87 on tonight's agenda under Old Business. Voice vote carried.

Shuler also reported that Mr. Dale Van Sandt was here for an interview by the Council for Chief of Police during Executive Session. He recommended that the discussion of the Fish and Game Request for Land be put on the agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting. Shuler also recommended that the Council give him authorization to continue negotiations with Calista Corporation to rent the Teen Center. Shuler also brought out that there is an ordinance prohibiting the burning of trash within the City Limits of Bethel without a permit. Any person caught burning trash without a permit will be fined.

Connick stated that there should be another Public Hearing on the Dock Project. Shuler was authorized to negotiate with Calista Corporation for possible renting of the Teen Center for Office Space.

MAYORS REPORT- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Crow reported that the hospital status was discussed at the last Economic Development Committee Meeting. A resolution was also drafted and sent to Senators, Representatives and others requesting funds to hire a security guard.
2. Hoffman stated that he had a letter from Vern Keezer and would come under the discussion of Resolution 87.
3. Connick reported that on Saturday April 28th there had been a meeting of the Police Committee. At that meeting Sgt. Black had announced that 1 patrolman was leaving for Sitka for training. Gary Hoffman to start working with the City of Bethel on the 1st of May. Discussed at the meeting was the need for traffic signs. At that meeting it was also brought out that cars parked along side the highway by the Wild Goose Inn create a big traffic hazard at night. Also discussed was the need to repair some things in the jail.
4. Gregory reported that she hadn't been able to get together with the Clean-up committee. There will be a cleanup before the spring breakup and one right after that.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A guest attending the meeting reported that the nurses staff had a meeting with Frank Estes, Frank Montoya and John Shuler regarding the locking of doors at night. The nurses didn't think locking the doors was necessary when they could get possible funds to hire a security guard. PHS administrator had said there were no funds available to hire a security guard.

Hoffman stated that he would be going to Juneau to attend a meeting with the State Board on Comprehensive Health Planning. He suggested that the nurses draft up a letter to take along to the meeting. The letter will be needed by the 14th of this month.

M/M Connick, Murphy, I move that we draft up a resolution and send it to our Senators, Representatives and Officials in D.C. and suggest if funding isn't available to do some re-evaluation and cutdown on administrative sources to hire a security guard.

Connick suggested that the Council appoint a committee to work with the hospital and its nursing staff. Cooke appointed Connick and Crow.

Motion was put to vote and this carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Andy Edge brought out that he would like copies of all council agenda sent to him.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing Ordinance 53

Shuler read Ordinance 53 regarding disposition of lots in the City subdivision.

Connick suggested that on the first page that the word "needy" be crossed out and that anywhere, where it says "residents of Bethel" that this be changed to read "residents of the AVCP region".

M/M Connick, Murphy, I move that Ordinance 53 be accepted as previously written with the corrections made and with the deletion of the word "needy" and the correction of "the residents of Bethel" to read "residents of the AVCP region". Roll call vote with Connick, Gregory, Crow, Murphy, Hoffman, Romer and Cooke all voting yes.

Shuler recommended that the Council sell the lots for 5¢ a square foot. Shuler gave a run-down on costs for the lots at the new Sub-division.

M/M Crow, Hoffman, I move that we accept the 5¢ a square foot for sale of lots at the new Subdivision. Roll call vote with Connick, Gregory, Crow, Murphy, Hoffman, Romer and Cooke all voting yes.

Shuler reported that when he met with the Public Utilities Commission in Anchorage they gave him a copy of Bethel Utilities tariff. PUC suggested that the City write a letter to Bethel Utilities and request that they put in the electricity at the new subdivision. Bethel Utilities has a choice of either responding negatively or affirmatively. They may protest to the PUC.

M/M Connick, Murphy, I move that the City write a letter to Bethel Utilities informing them to start putting in electricity at new subdivision and let them know this is needed as soon as possible. Voice vote carried.

## 2. Resolution 87

Shuler read resolution 87 to council members and guests regarding Schenks barge docking on the riverfront.

Connick stated that he had heard that Schenk had acquired land by Crow's to dock barge. Connick suggested that the Council see that this not be done as it will damage the waterfront area. Connick urged that the resolution be approved.

Hoffman at this time read a letter from Vern Keezer regarding the docking of Schenks barge on the riverfront.

Shuler stated that when he called our lawyer he had said that if the party loses land when subject to erosion it becomes tide lands. It was suggested that the City seek an injunction from the court to see that the barge doesn't dock on the riverfront.

M/M Connick, Crow, I move that we seek an injunction against any barge being allowed to be moored along the riverfront, except in areas designated by the City for the loading and unloading of cargo, from an area upstream from Standard oil to the upper City limits of Bethel.

During discussion of the motion by Connick, Andy Edge stated that the Council can write out an ordinance on docking of barges at the riverfront.

Cooke brought out that if an ordinance form is to be followed the Council should have a special meeting about this.

After a lengthy discussion Connick withdrew his motion.

Shuler was requested to contact the lawyer on what to do before the council draft up an ordinance for having the barges moored on the riverfront.

Connick suggested that the Council take positive action to not have barges being moored on the riverfront. Connick also questioned if we have deadman to tie the barges to at the Seawall dock. Shuler will look into this.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Dog Control

Shuler stated that he had received a letter from Elvina Turner, CHR Supervisor, for the YKHC, stating that one of her CHR's had been bitten by a dog by Archie Waton's corner. She requested that this be put on the agenda for tonight's discussion.

Connick stated that the City had hired a dog catcher and his primary duty should be dog catching.

Charles Guinn stated that in the past there has been a lot of talk about dog control but nothing is ever done about it. He suggested that the Council approach the National Guard to see if they can have 10 men to help with the dog control.

Cooke requested that Shuler look into this matter with the National Guard. Vern Keezer also suggested that the City use Tranquilizer Guns to put the dogs to sleep.

##### 2. State Department of Highways

The Guinns allowed the State to build a bridge on their land with the understanding that just compensation would be made by the State to the Guinns. Recent regulations will not allow the State to transfer land directly to the Guinns. The State requests that the City act as the intermediary in the land transfer as compensation to the Guinns.

George Peques stated that if the City has any problems with the proposed land transfer from the State to the City to Guinns the City should contact his office. He stated that the Guinns gave the State permission to go ahead and build the bridge by their property. He requested that the City reach an agreement and give property to the Guinns.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that the City accept the deed from the State Department of Highways and they in turn deed the land to the Guinns. Roll call vote with Connick, Gregory, Crow, Murphy, Hoffman, Romer and Cooke all voting yes.

A motion was made and passed to go beyond 10 P.M.

An Executive Session was called.

Main meeting reconvened at 11 P.M.

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M/M Connick, Crow, I move that the City hired Dale Van Sandt as Police of Chief on a 2 year contract at \$1450 per month and up to \$1500 to move him and his family from California to Bethel. Voice vote with all present voting yes.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:15 P.M.

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

Carrie Kashatok  
Carrie Kashatok, City Clerk

Margaret Cooke  
Margaret Cooke, Mayor