



City of Bethel

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Swanson. Roll was called.
PRESENT: Jack Baxter, Ben Dale, Bruce Crow, Dave Swanson, Kevin Murphy.
ABSENT: Eddie Hoffman, Robert Nick.
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Jan Malone read the following letters: 1) from Burton Biss, the City Attorney, notifying us of his intended vacation, and 2) from David J. Nicholls of the Corps of Engineers regarding the request of Harlan Eggleston for a permit for the construction of a bulkhead and fill in the Kuskokwim River. M/M Crow, Murphy that Eggleston's bulkhead be placed on the agenda. Vote unanimous.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: None.

TREASURERS REPORT: None.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: There is to be an area-wide meeting in Anchorage, September 29th, between HUD of Washington, D.C. and Seattle, OEO and ASHA and all State agencies who have participated in any way in the Bethel Heights Housing Project. Mrs. Malone was asked to prepare a paper regarding the problems, from the local viewpoint, and the intentions of the City in respect to the Community Center. Regarding the Braund issue, Roger Ridell of the Dept. of Vocational Education, and I have discussed all available possibilities of settling this issue. Mr. Biss has been informed of the status of the situation and has agreed to handle this entire matter.

Some progress is being made on the City's roads. Bob Studnek has agreed to map out the culvert system for the City, and will fill the roads prior to the Company's departure from Bethel. Mrs. Malone and Ben Dale have made arrangements for lease of a State grader on week-ends for use on City roads. Ben should be commended for his efforts and volunteer help on this matter.

The new police van has arrived.

Mr. Ed Kramer from the State Division of Lands was in town to discuss the Outdoor Recreation Grant. He suggested it might be wiser for the City to upgrade its present facilities, rather than start a new project.

Dave Webb, the new City Administrator, requested the Council, thru Mrs. Malone, to allow him \$500. toward moving expenses.

M/M by Crow, Baxter that Mrs. Malone be authorized to go to Anchorage to attend the meeting, September 29th, and that Dave Webb be contacted and be urged to attend. Unanimous.

M/M Crow, Baxter that Mr. Webb's request for moving expenses be added to the agenda. Unanimous.



Recreation Director's Report: Don Johnson reported the Recreation Dept. had about broken even on the Labor Day activities. He expressed an opinion that perhaps next year the Pageant should be the only activity scheduled for that week-end, as many people were hunting and fishing and didn't participate in the other events. The Winter Program and activities at the Youth Center aren't being pushed at this time, as the new center will soon be open.

MAYORS COMMENTS: Mayor Swanson commended Don Johnson for the excellent job he did in pulling together the Labor Day week-end festivities. September 26th, a Lt. Gen. from the Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C. will be here to look over the Brown Slough Dredging Project.

STANDING COMMITTEES: Bruce Crow reported that Mr. McMurtrey from the Governor's Office, may be at the meeting of the Economic Development Committee on Thursday. Kevin Murphy reported that his committee was favorable to the 8:00 AM fire siren, but not until the timer is on. The curfew hour needs to be changed to 9:00 PM Sunday thru Thursday, but will remain at 10:00 PM on Friday and Saturday. The new police van is here and the City did get a discount. Regarding fire protection at Bethel Heights, Rae Baxter had talked with Mr. Fancher, who suggested that the new high school will have a garage and a truck can be stationed there. However, at the present time the City doesn't have an extra truck available, nor is the garage available now. M/M Murphy, Swanson that 8:00 AM fire siren and 10:00 PM curfew be placed on the agenda. POLL VOTE: Murphy, yes; Swanson, yes; Baxter, yes; Crow, yes; Dale, yes. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nicholson-Dale Liquor License Application. M/M Baxter, Dale that the Jerry Nicholson-Vernon Dale, and the Art Nicholson liquor license applications be tabled until we receive a legal ruling on the status of the City's quota. POLL VOTE: Swanson, yes; Crow, no; Dale, yes; Murphy, yes; Baxter, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 64: Request for Legislative consideration of the construction of a second runway at Bethel, Alaska. M/M Baxter, Murphy that Resolution No. 64 be placed in its 1st reading. Unanimous.

M/M Baxter, Murphy that Resolution No. 64 be accepted in its 1st reading and placed in 2d reading by title only. Motion carried.

M/M Baxter, Dale that this motion be opened to the floor for discussion. Unanimous.

M/M Baxter, Dale that No. 64 be accepted in its final reading. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

AVCP Dues. M/M Swanson, Dale this item be placed on next agenda. Unanimous.

RECREATION DIRECTOR VACANCY: M/M Crow, Dale that Jack Faulkner be suspended as of 31 August, and terminated as of 14 September, with pay terminating August 31st. Unanimous.

M/M Crow, Dale that Don Johnson be hired as Recreation Director at \$1,000.00 per month for whatever time he is available.

M/M Crow, Baxter that the previous motion be amended to authorized the City Administrator to recruit for a Recreation Director. Unanimous.

Main Motion passed unanimous.

ORDINANCE #22: Legal drinking age is to be lowered to 19 years, effective 25 Sept. Discussion followed the reading of the ordinance.
M/M by Crow, Murphy that the City state its intent and desire to recognize the sale of alcoholic beverage to 19 year olds in accordance with State Statues, and the City attorney be directed to incorporate this compliance in the new ordinance.
Unanimous.

LAND USE REQUEST: Alexie Pavilla want to put up a welding shop, preferably at a River location. Discussion.
M/M Baxter, Dale that this request be referred to land use committee. Unanimous.

EGGLESTON BULKHEAD: Discussion regarding the advisability of the City allowing this portion of the River to be closed to public use.
M/M Swanson, Murphy that we write the Corps of Engineers that we are having a public meeting on Sept. 30th and request a delay. Motion carried.

DAVE WEBB'S MOVING EXPENSES: Mr. Webb is requesting the City's assistance in sharing a part of his moving expenses, up to \$500.00.
M/M Crow, Dale that moving expenses of Dave Webb, up to \$500.00 be paid by the City.
POLL VOTE: Baxter, yes; Murphy, yes; Swanson, yes; Crow, yes; Dale, yes. Unanimous.

8 AM Siren during School Days and Curfew Siren : M/M by Murphy, Swanson that Monday thru Friday, the siren be blown at 8 AM and the curfew siren be blown at 9 PM Sunday thru Thursday, and at 10 PM on Friday and Saturday nites. The siren should blow 5 seconds and the timer should be hooked up. POLL VOTE: Dale, no; Crow, no; Murphy, yes; Swanson, yes; Baxter, no. Motion not carried.

M/M Baxter, Dade that fire siren be blown at curfew and in case of fire only.
POLL VOTE: Swanson, yes; Baxter, yes; Murphy, yes; Dale, yes; Crow, no; Motion carried.

M/M Baxter, Dale that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous.

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

Jean Faulkner
JEAN FAULKNER, City Clerk

DAVID P. SWANSON, Mayor