

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL
SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 8 P.M. IN NC THEATRE

Opening at 8.15 by Robert Carpenter, Present Council Members Elliott, Smit, Christiansen. Nora Guin absent. Smit requested to take notes in absence of secretary.

Model of Street light as proposed by Streetlight Committee is shown and approved. In view of the difficulties with switching lights on and off, the council will investigate about a similar model light with a photo-electric switch built right into it.

Motion by Smit, seconded by Elliott:

to purchase the required number of streetlight (15) with a photo-electric switch if such purchase could be financed for \$1000.00 or less.

Motion carries four ayes none opposed.

Senator Weise explains the small boat harbor appropriation. \$20,000 has been appropriated by the Alaska Department of Highways out of the Water and Harbor Facilities fund, which is a fund earmarked for the division in which it is collected. Under Senate Resolution #8 ~~these money have been made available~~ decision was made to perform the work and the Department of Highways allotted the funds.

During discussion the Council had with representatives of the Department, it was proposed that equipment should be rented by bid and that an engineer from the Department would come to supervise the work in such a manner as to allow the rented equipment to keep working as long as funds were available. This procedure would save money over letting out bids and preparing specs. Senator Weise feels that this would be the best method. Some objections raised on the floor against this proposal did not cause the Council to change its mind. The Council therefore continues to support the proposal of the Highway Department.

Senator Weise further points out the highlights of the Senate Bill (SB 26) affecting the Village of Bethel. Under the Bill, Bethel becomes a Fourth Class City and can have a magistrate, also is allowed to have seven members of the City Council.

Motion by Smit, seconded by Elliott:

to invite Senator Weise and Representative Hoffman to meet with the Council in the Next regular meeting for a detailed discussion of Senate Bill 26.

Motion Carries, four ayes no naves.

Motion by Smit, seconded by Christiansen:

to appoint to the City Council the next two highest vote-getters of the last election and if any of these would refuse to appoint the next highest vote getter until the Council has a total of seven members.

Motion Carries, four ayes, no naves.

A vote is called for on a resolution to adopt Rules of Procedure and BY-Laws for the Incorporated City of Bethel, effective the next monthly regular meeting on the first Monday of June.

Resolution is adopted by four ayes no naves.

Motion by Smit, seconded by Elliott:

to invest City Funds exceeding \$10,000.00 in US Treasury Notes, shortterm.

Motion Carries, four ayes, no naves.

Write Richard Quintus to ask for temination of Townsite Trusteeship, streets to be dedicated to State of Alaska, not to City of Bethel.

Water system: Get Nockolson to submit estimate for putting BIA well in operation.

Elliott moves for adjournment, Christiansen seconded. Four ayes no naves. Meeting adjourned.