

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 9, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke at 7:35 P.M., New City Jail.

ROLL CALL

Present: Connick, Gregory, Crow, Hoffman, Romer, Murphy and Cooke.

READING OF MINUTES

M/M Connick, Crow, I move that the minutes of 4-2-73 be approved as printed. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shuler stated that he had received a response from PHS regarding an engineering study of the water and sewer problems at the Bethel Heights Housing Project. In that letter it stated that a feasibility study had been done back in 1971. Shuler also said he had received a letter from Jordan Suhr, Field Engineer for the Bethel Service Unit who would like a work session in the future to discuss the water and sewer problem transition. Shuler also read a letter from Harold Napoleon, Director of the AVCP, thanking the City for closing the Liquor Store during the convention. A letter was also read off from Harland Davis regarding the purchase of Eggleston property for \$50,000 for the dock.

Connick suggested that the council have a work session to discuss the Taxi Ordinance. April 16th was set as the date and time was set for 7:30 P.M. at the Braund Building.

MANAGERS REPORT

Shuler reported that the moving of the museum had been successful. In the mail he had also got a 1973 Salary Survey from the Alaska Municipal League which illustrates that the City Police receive about \$200 less than average. Bids were mailed out to various people to have the old city jail moved but to date no responses had been received. Shuler also reported that he had mailed to the Fire Code Committee and Council the recommended changes on Ordinance #42 regarding Building Codes. The City will have a \$17,000 to \$30,000 deficit at the end of the fiscal year (June). Shuler also stated that at the next staff meeting the Department Heads will start on the budget for the next fiscal year.

MAYORS REPORT

Cooke reported that she had received correspondence from concerned and school children regarding the trash problem. Cooke then read off some letters that she had received. Cooke after reading off more letters concerning the trash problem in town suggested that the whole community have a clean up day before break up. Council member Gregory was asked to get together with the Women's Club on this. Cooke will also get together with them.

Connick stated he would like to give thanks to the kids and make every effort to let them know the council appreciate their concern about the trash problem in town.

Cooke read a letter from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board concerning liquor licenses. In that letter it stated that the City may protest the issuance of liquor licenses 30 days upon receipt of the letter. Cooke reported that she had received the letter on April 4 therefore the City Council had until May 4th to make any protests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Crow reported that at the last Economic Development Committee meeting they discussed sanitation. A representative from the SWANA Board will be invited to the next meeting. It had been the committee's feeling that the old city jail be kept as a historical type building. Connick thought it would be best to put it up for bid since it would cost the city to maintain the building.

Murphy before giving his report expressed his thanks to the students who had written letters to the mayor and the Council members. He reported that on Saturday they had met with the Police Force. Their main concern was pay raises. A suggestion was brought out that they take one partrolmans' pay and divide it among the others.

Peter Black had brought out that their uniform allowance is \$60.00 a year. Their big protest was that the equipment had been ordered but has not been received yet.

Connick also brought out that the police department would like meetings every 2 weeks and after the meeting they can report back to the council and departments. The police department had been asked to make a new list for LEAA for equipment they need.

Murphy suggested that Shuler meet with Peter Black and Corporal Campbell about this.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

George Neck, a resident of Bethel at the Bethel Heights Housing Project, stated that trash is not only found around town but also in water that is delivered to them. Mr. Neck had brought a sample of water with junk in it. Cooke recommended that Shuler look into this.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lot Selection/Approval

Cooke read off the names that were selected for lots. See attached sheet.

M/M Connick, Crow, I move that the lot selections be approved as listed.

Murphy brought out that there were 11 other names that had not been selected. They could protest to the City Council on this at the April 23rd meeting.

Hoffman also stated that he had thought that Dean Kurtz had left town for good but since he was coming back to Bethel after he gets his commercial license for flying he would like to see his name put back on the list again.

AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION: M/M Hoffman, Murphy, I move that Dean Kurtz's name be put on the list for lot selection.

Roll call vote on the amendment with Connick, Crow, Gregory, Cooke, Murphy, Hoffman, and Romer all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote on main motion with Connick, Cooke, Gregory, Murphy, Crow, Hoffman, and Romer all voting yes. Main motion passed unanimously.

Shuler brought out that he had invited Hal Barrego to answer any questions the council might have concerning electricity for the subdivision.

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Barrego at this time stated that the cost of a pole in the US is \$3,000. He also brought out that if more lots were sold to more people the cost of the pole would go down. He would put these poles in for \$2,100 (\$900 less than what the cost would be in the US). The lot owners would be charged the cost for electricity.

Connick asked if someone else put in poles and Barrego put in the wiring would there be money saved up? Barrego replied possibly. There would be a one-third downpayment from the people and Barrego's business would pay the remaining two-thirds to later be charged against the homeowner.

Barrego also suggested that the City get price quotations from other companies in Anchorage or elsewhere. He brought out that the cost for shipping poles has gone up by 20% in the last year.

Hoffman brought out that we find out from the people first who were selected for the lots if they could afford to pay the cost of having these poles put up.

Connick suggested that John contact various sources and get price quotations for setting up poles and the cost of electrical wiring. He suggested that the Council wait until additional information is obtained and then meet with the people selected to see what their feelings are.

Cooke suggested that John get price quotations and bring back to the council then review lot selections.

A question was asked why the people who own land and not living on flood plain were selected. A lengthy discussion followed.

Cooke stated that if there were any protests to bring them up at the next council meeting.

## 2. Sea Wall Status

Shuler reported that there is \$10,600 in the Sea Wall Bank Account.

It was suggested that there be a meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 1973, with the Sea Wall Committee. Shuler was asked to get a hold of the Sea Wall Committee and announce.

## 3. School Request for Financial Assistance

This to be on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

Hoffman for the interest of the Council Members brought out that the KVNA would be paying 3 fares into Anchorage.

## 4. Waters Rates: 4¢ Gallon - Outside Fills \$2.00 Call Back Charge

Shuler stated that they were thinking of charging 4¢ a gallon for outside fills. Hoffman was against this.

Recommendation was that the City charge 4¢ a gallon until we get tariff rates.

Connick stated that he was inclined to go along with Hoffman. He had heard that if the City goes up 4¢ a gallon for outside fills there is someone who is

thinking of starting water service for the Bethel residents.

Murphy brought out that when Nicholson had water business in town he would charge 4¢ a gallon for anything less than a thousand gallons and 20% less than 4¢ a gallon if they were over a thousand gallons.

Hoffman suggested that only 1 man be used to work with the water truck to save money and Connick also suggested that the City try this out.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that we extend the meeting; past 10:00 P.M. Voice vote carried.

Cooke suggested that Shuler look into the possibility of this and see what the Public Works could do.

Shuler stated that if the boys deliver water to a house and the house is locked at that time they were thinking of charging \$2.00 for call backs.

Connick brought out that we can't ask people to have their houses unlocked and have them broken into. He suggested that the water works department inform the people on what day and what hour of the day they will be at their homes. He also suggested that before the council acted on the service charge to see how the services improved first.

At this time Shuler read resolution #87 regarding lots. During discussion the following were amended to read:

Page 1 under general requirements: Number 1. That buildings on each lot be limited to residential use.

Number 2: That each lot contain not more than one housing unit with up to two single family units under one roof, and that this be written into each individual deed.

Number 4: That if the selected family on each lot has not completed construction and is not living in the unit within the above time period he may be required, subject to council action, to forfeit the land with his initial investment to being returned plus the assessed valued of any improvements.

On page 2 under "Let It Be Resolved" "67 families" it was changed to "That the general criteria used for selecting families be."

Hoffman suggested that this be put on the agenda for the next council meeting with corrections on the resolution.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. State Revision Plan for City Employees

Shuler stated that he had received the analysis on the pension program. Connick stated that on the social security benefits a portion is paid by the employee and another portion is paid by the employer.

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2. Bethel Police Department Needs/Priorities

Murphy reported that at the Committee meeting it had been brought out that the first need for the police department is raising the pay, uniforms, equipment and policy for retirement. Murphy felt that one way to raise pay for the police department is to increase the sales tax by 1%.

Connick stated that at the committee meeting they had requested that April 15th be set as date for an open house and dedication on the New City Jail.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that the City of Bethel officially have an open house on 4-15-73 and dedicated to police officer. Voice vote carried.

M/M Connick, Gregory, I move that we accept the resignation of Al Smith. Voice vote carried unanimously.

3. YKHC Support

Shuler reported that he had several correspondence from YKHC. YKHC is soliciting support from local agencies and surrounding areas. Read off telegram.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that we adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:25 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