

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

READING OF MINUTES

The City Clerk and Asst. City Manager John Shuler read the minutes of the last meeting 3-12-73. The following changes were made: Under People to be Heard and Comments Paul Gregory's name was changed to read "Mary Gregory". On page 4 under Sea Wall Status the word this was changed to "thus". On page five under AVEC Request For Land AVEC was crossed out to read "the City".

M/M Romer, Connick, I move that we accept the minutes of 3-12-73 as read and corrected. Motion carried by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shuler stated that he had included these in the mailings to the council members as items of interest. These were a bill from the Alaska Municipal League and a letter from Northern Commercial making reference to a bill based upon an oral agreement.

MANAGERS REPORT

Shuler reported on the status of the seawall. He had a call from Commissioner Easley from the Department of Public Works where Easley stated that of the original \$250,000, \$200,000 was to be spent for the Brown Slough Project and \$50,000 to be spent for the Seawall Emergency Repair. Easley's top priority is the Brown Slough Project. Shulers suggestion is that we start temporary work on the Seawall dock when the \$35,000 is received.

James Hoffman brought out that the Council should take action and vote on this since we are running out of time to put in the dock.

M/M Murphy, Connick, I move that this be put on the agenda for discussion Old Business. Voice vote and this carried unanimously.

Paul Gregory translated.

Shuler also reported that the City has completed moving the Old City Office. The City is in the process of plotting out City lands. Mr. Blomfield is in town to report on the new City Jail. ASHA housing residents are on schedule for water on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and sanitation on Tuesday and Thursday. Garbage pick ups are on a call basis. The dog Ordinance states that tagged dogs be held at the pound for 8 days and a fee of \$.50 a day charged for keeping the dogs at the pound. Untagged dogs may be shot or caught at the dogcatchers option. When a dog catcher is hired he will also work as a parttime patrolman.

Paul Gregory translated.

MAYORS REPORT

Cooke reported that she had a letter from Jan Malone with the Calista Corporation in Anchorage. In that letter it stated that BIA has \$105,000 allocated in funds for the Alcohol Program and that the City's share is \$2,200. The City will contract with Alcoholic Sleep Off Center for Community Planning. Power of attorney was signed by Margaret Cooke to Calista to sign off grant with BIA for City.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Hoffman reported that there were 10 people supported by the City who attended the BIA-BLM Land Use Planning Committee meeting. They were going to take away 7 townships from us but now we are to keep those 7 townships. Hoffman also expressed his deep appreciation to the City for sending in these people to these meetings.

2. Romer read off the Land Use Committee report and resolution. See attached sheets.

Hoffman at this time said he would like an executive session after the Council meeting to discuss the lot selections.

Paul Gregory translated.

Hoffman brought out that there are video tapes on the land Use Planning Committee and anyone who has TV to watch these.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD AND COMMENTS

Mayor Cooke had proclaimed the month of April as Music Month.

Murphy brought that in the past the Council had approved funds in the amount of \$5,000 to go towards the school band and chorus. It was his feeling that the City should give \$3,000 towards the school band and chorus to send them into Anchorage and felt this is a worthy cause.

Hoffman was in favor of Murphy's suggestion and Connick stated that the City was able to get money from the Liquor Store to send some kids into Anchorage the week before.

Barker said that the school has approximately \$1,200 to send the kids and they needed another \$1,400.

H/H Connick, Murphy, I move that Mr. Barker contact the City Council at the next Council meeting for an estimate of funds needed for the youth's trip to Anchorage. Voice vote and this carried.

Henry Ivanoff suggested that Paul Gregory have his own radio talk the day after the council meetings so as to make the council meetings shorter. Gregory refused because he has to work and one evening per session is plenty.

Paul Gregory translated and read off a resolution from the Bethel Service Unit Native Health Board in that they asked that the local police be asked to assist in handling unruly patients or removing intoxicated persons from the hospital.

Shuler brought out that he had met with Mr. Estes, Mr. Montoya and 5 nurses discussing the possibility of having guards at the hospital and police patrolling on night duty.

A question was raised about the housing project at the Bethel Heights. Hoffman stated that these houses had been built with the intent of housing low income families but that these families had a hard time getting into these homes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Swearing in of New Councilmember

Before sworn in Lucy Crow stated that she wanted to be in the Council to help people because of her love for the people and not because of race.

The City Clerk then swore in Lucy Crow as Council member.

2. New Jail Overruns

Mr. Blomfield at this time was given a opportunity to speak. Mr. Blomfield stated that he was here to inspect the new City Jail.

Murphy questioned when the completion date was and Blomfield replied that 1st of January had been anticipated as the completion date but due to the City's inability to get funds from the State the date of completion was delayed.

Charles Guinn also brought out that the crews were local residents and from the surrounding villages. They have been given holidays off to be with their families on such holidays.

3. Bid Opening - Jeep

The following three people bidded on the jeep:

- a. Jeff Adams - \$75.00
- b. Mrs. Clarence Richardson - \$150.00
- c. Edward Jones - \$375.00

M/H Hoffman, Connick, I move that we accept the bid in the amount of \$375.00 from Edward Jones. Voice vote and this motion carried.

4. Bid Opening - Move Museum

No bids have been received.

M/H Connick, Hoffman, I move that the City Manager have the Public Works Department move the museum and that this be done as soon as possible. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Public Hearing - Vehicle for Hire - Ordinance #52

Asst. City Manager John Shuler read off Ordinance #52 - Vehicles for Hire. Shuler also stated that in his mailings to the Council he had included a letter from the Delta Dispatch attorney to the City Attorney, Harland Davis as well and his (Shuler's) response to that letter.

Lengthy discussion followed between the Council and taxi companies present regarding issues such as number of permits, background checks for drivers, cost of permits, control vs regulation, cost of color identity, need for personal identity, etc.

Shuler also brought out the reason why color schemes were brought out was to know by whom the taxicab is being dispatched.

Connick and taxi representatives suggested instead of a color scheme, paint a sign or insignia on the door.

Shulers suggestion was to have a dispatch name on the door or on top of the car. Also to have a Police Identification number (the permit number) on the car.

The following cab companies have these number of cars on the road: Montes - 10, Checker - 7, and Yellow - 12.

Connick suggested that the taxi operators write a list of changes they would like to see on the ordinance and turn these into the managers office and Shuler said he would like these recommendations in by Monday.

M/M Murphy, Gregory, I move that the discussion of the Taxi Ordinance be put on the agenda for the next regular council meeting. Voice vote carried.

6. Water Rates

M/M Murphy, Gregory, I move that the discussion of water rates be put on the agenda for the next regular council meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Seawall

M/M Murphy, Hoffman, I move that we request the State Department of Public Works to release \$35,000 for the emergency seawall repair. Voice vote and this carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kuskokwim Community College - Land

[Pat O'Rourke showed maps indicating the appropriated land for the Kuskokwim Community College. He also brought out that the purpose of the building is to use it for Adult educational purposes. Romer stated that his personal feelings were that the City council grant KCC this land.

O'Rourke read an introduced resolution to the council members.

M/M Romer, Gregory, I move that we accept resolution #26 as brought forward by O'Rourke on behalf of the University of Alaska for KCC. Poll call vote with Connick, Hoffman, Gregory, Murphy, Crow and Romer all voting yes.

2. Old Jail Status

Shuler stated that Guinn had suggested that the old city jail be given to churches. Connick suggested that this be put up for bid.

M/M Hoffman, Romer, I move that we put the old city jail up for bid with the stipulation that the building be moved no later than 20 days after purchase. Voice vote carried unanimously.

M/M Gregory, Connick, I move that we go into executive session. Voice vote carried. After executive session motion was made and passed to adjourn at 1:15 A.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