



CITY of BETHEL

P. O. Box 537 • Bethel, Alaska 99559

543-2297 — Area Code 907

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 1973

KYUK STUDIO

7:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Edward Hoffman, Mayor

Present: Kevin Murphy, Sarge Connick, Lucy Crow, Mary Gregory, John Nicori, Ruth Richardson, Edward Hoffman.

Translator: Daisy Lamont.

MINUTES OF 11-26-73 were read by Shuler. Corrections: 1) Page 2 Land Use- Murphy, not Hoffman, voted no. 2) Communications- "Reference made to BIA"-Council added "to transfer enrollment from Bethel to Scammon Bay." 3) People to be Heard -under question of Dick Barker circulating petition-Richardson stated she felt it was a personal fight between Hoffman and Barker and shouldn't be brought before Council. M/M Richardson-moved to accept minutes as corrected. Voice vote, all voted yes. Motion passed. Minutes of 12-3-73- correction-Chief of Police contract-date should read 12/10/73, not 12/10/63. M/M Richardson-moved to accept minutes as corrected. Voice vote, all voted yes.

10-4-73: Page 3 of Special Council Meeting-M/M Crow - moved to accept "Corrected Minutes: Page 3, of Special Canvas Council Meeting October 4, 1973." Roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

M/M Crow -moved to put Resolution 102 on agenda under New Business. Voice vote, all voted yes, motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shuler cited Keith Kelton's letter recommending mandatory garbage pickup in Bethel. Connick suggested writing to Nome again regarding their solid waste disposal system.

Translation.

Sale of property by ASHA: Crow questioned whether AVCP mailed their resolution to ASHA. Shuler stated he had sent it, but received no reply. Hoffman-requested Shuler write again.

Kyle Cherry's letter itemizes sewage disposal pollution. Alternative corrective measures: Longbotham estimates \$2000 for chlorination system; in meantime, Connick suggested pumping out holding tank from City Fire Hall, as City doesn't have funds at this time to install a new system.

Richardson questioned whether or not VFW's disposal system has been tested since installation. Shuler -no.

MANAGER'S REPORT 1) Shuler - Harland Davis, City Attorney is checking into sales tax increase, stated that Council may make a formal resolution calling for a special election to enact a sales tax of 3%. 2) Court hearing on liquor issue in Fairbanks on December 13th will hear 3 motions: 1) Motion to set aside default. 2) Motion for default action. 3) Motion for injunction. Shuler met with Crittendon in Anchorage, concluded that City is responsible for \$17,000 allegedly owed to architectural firm, recommended City pay back this money, to avoid lawsuit.

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"



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While in Anchorage, Shuler put in requests for a 10KW mobile generator, to be used in Bethel for emergency electrical needs. He also requested a water truck, boat and motor to be used by police, a 4-wheel drive van for police, and radio communication equipment for fire trucks.

Connick and Shuler recently had a meeting with local PHS officials regarding installation of sewage system between hospital, new city subdivision. Estes suggested that the city charge a hook-up rate to landowners, hospital. Connick suggested writing to our State Senators, inquiring about available grants.

MAYOR'S REPORT On December 14th Hoffman will be in Anchorage for Calista and AFN meetings. Stated that the Bethel Village Council gave Bethel the right-of-way to build a road to Bethel Heights-starting at Russian church site. Hoffman wanted Council to approve travel for 3 people to attend liquor hearing in Anchorage-Connick, Edge, Crow. Connick and Crow - couldn't go. M/M Crow-moved to pay travel and per diem for 3 people plus Shuler to attend court in Fairbanks on December 13th on liquor question. Roll call vote -unanimous in favor. Motioned passed. M/M Crow-moved to have Council send Ed Hoffman to Fairbanks to testify on liquor question. Roll call vote - Crow, Gregory, Richardson, Murphy, Connick, Nicori-yes. Hoffman -no. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORT Gregory was the only one reporting: stated Campfire girls are having a Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

M/M Connick-inasmuch as next scheduled council meeting would fall on Christmas Eve, moved to drop meeting, have next one on January 14th. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD Mike Daniels, Wien Manager of Bethel, reported that new proposed flight schedule will begin December 26th, go through March 1974. Bethel and Anchorage will have 2 flights daily except Saturday and Sunday. Also stated that the recent 5.5% fare increase is the first increase in over 4 years.

Translation.

Murphy suggested putting reflector tape or fluorescent paint on hazardous guy wires around town; felt that perhaps some service organization could help on a weekend. Murphy would like to have another street light pole installed near Hohman's place. Connick and Murphy are to investigate the matter some evening to determine whether the expense would be justified.

Translation.

M/M Crow - moved to continue meeting past 10:00 P.M. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS Bus Regulation - Mr. Ratchford from ATC explained Bethel's prerogatives on this issue. Stated that Bethel is nearly the only Alaskan city of this size not-having controls and regulations on buses. At present, Ben Dale is the only authorized bus carrier in Bethel. Connick - feels that Bethel needs dependable bus service; would like to revise taxi ordinance to include bus regulations. M/M Connick - moved that City



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initiate action to take over regulation of buses, revise Ordinance 52 and set up standards that will be applied against buses. Roll call vote, unanimous-yes. Motion passed. Connick then requested having committee propose changes for next council meeting. Murphy and Connick selected to do this work.

M/M Gregory - moved to table Lot Selections and Charge for Moravian Property discussions until next council meeting. Voice vote, unanimous-yes. Motion passed.

Translation.

Electricity in Subdivision - Nicori stated that no agreement exists between Council and Bethel Utilities for putting in electricity. Hoffman - Barrego told him he will not put up poles, lights at his own expense. Authorities in Anchorage had informed Shuler to contact landowners, have them send protest letters requesting hearing on the issue. No response from landowners. Nicori requested names of all owners, will contact them again in order to press for a hearing.

Bethel Service Unit Native Health Board Bethel Representative - Hoffman stated they are currently having a meeting; Alex Wick promised Bethel two seats, effective early in January; Hoffman wants one general representative of Bethel, one from BHA. M/M Crow - moved to choose Mary Gregory to serve on the BSUNHB. Roll call vote, unanimous - yes. Motion passed.

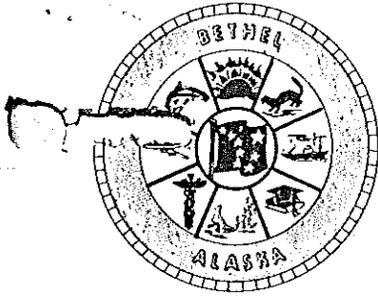
Revised Budget - M/M Richardson - moved that changes in budget be approved and that there should be one more work session to look at budget again at the end of next quarter. Roll call vote - unanimous-yes. Motion passed.

Honey Bucket Lower Dumping Unit - Murphy -stated that PHS needs funds for such a project, approximately \$2000 if Longbotham did the work; but if no money is available, postponement will be necessary. Connick-felt someone else might bid lower. Shuler felt that a shift in budget should be made, allowing \$2000 for project. M/M Crow -moved to put Honey Bucket Lower Dumping Unit on agenda for next budget meeting. Voice vote - unanimous - yes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 61 - M/M Crow - moved to drop the amendment (61) to Ordinance 52. Roll call vote - Crow, Richardson, Hoffman, Connick, Nicori, yes. Gregory and Murphy - no. Motion passed.

M/M Richardson - moved to place two letters she presented to Council on agenda after Resolution 102. Roll call vote - Gregory, Richardson, Murphy, Nicori, yes. Crow, Connick, Hoffman - no. Motion passed.

Police Chief Contract - discussion on cost, methods of moving Winjum's belongings. M/M Connick - moved to allow up to \$1750 to move Winjum's belongings to Bethel. Roll call vote - unanimous-yes. Motion passed. M/M Connick - moved that City accept Contract with Winjum as Chief of Police. Roll call vote, unanimous - yes. Motion passed.



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NEW BUSINESS - Permission to Exercise Power of Taking/Eminent Domain for Brown Slough Project - Shuler explained that Council must request from the community permission to conduct an election to decide whether or not the community wants to exercise eminent domain. M/M Richardson - moved that Shuler send a letter to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs regarding taking eminent domain. Roll call vote - Richardson, Murphy, Nicori - yes. Crow, Gregory, Hoffman -no. Motion failed.

At this time, Sarge Connick presented Hoffman with his resignation, left the meeting.

Discussion followed regarding taking of eminent domain. M/M Richardson - moved that Council reconsider sending a letter of inquiry to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. Roll call vote - Crow, Richardson, Murphy, Nicori, Hoffman - yes. Gregory - no. Motion passed.

Resolution 102 - discussion, followed by M/M Crow - moved to pass Resolution 102. Roll call vote - Crow, Richardson, Nicori, Hoffman - yes. Gregory, Murphy - no. Motion passed.

Permit for Miles Hagen- M/M Richardson - moved to give Miles Hagen his additional permit tonight. Roll call vote - Gregory, Richardson, Murphy, Nicori - yes. Hoffman, Crow - no. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED - 11:55 P.M.

Edward Hoffman Sr
MAYOR

Glenda Schmierbach
CITY CLERK