

# CITY OF BETHEL

Box 626  
Bethel, Alaska

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

October 3, 1962.

At the National Guard Armory

Present: Gamble, Weise, Swanson, Shantz, and E. Hoffman

MMS Shantz/Gamble that Dave Swanson be elected Active Chairman until President chosen. MC

MMS Gamble/Shantz that nominations for president be made by ballot, and to vote by ballot. MC

Nominated were James Hoffman and Dave Swanson.

On the vote Swanson received 3 votes and J. Hoffman 2 Votes.

Minutes of the September 10th meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read.

MMS Weise/Gamble that letter of Dr. Jackson Schirmer be incorporated into the minutes. MC

"Bethel City Council; Bethel, Alaska; Dear Councilmen, I regret that I cant be there tonight to congratulate the new members and wish you all good fortune and wisdom.

As I think most of you know I did not run this year, not because of lack of interest in the council and the city but because I felt that there were so many things that I should have been doing as a council member and particularly as Mayor that I just didn't get done. I hoped and still hope that the new members will bring much needed enthusiasm and energy.

There are a few things that should perhaps be mentioned that are rather urgent:

1. Your city clerk and policeman must have their positions confirmed by each new council according to the law, either confirmer or of course you could appoint some one else if that is your desire but at the present I personally would suggest you confirm them.
2. Probably the police committee, and some of the other committees you will want to continue or reform, they have been a great help in the last 3 years.
3. Regarding a permanent Police appointment, something should be done. I believe that if you want to consider having a state policeman on contract the state wants to know in October so they can get it into the budget for next year. The other details Mr. Gamble or Lil Schmidt can fill you in on probably better than I. But Sarge did only agree to work till we got someone permanent. At least that is the present agreement.
4. I believe that there is probably sufficient information now available to choose a new vehicle for the police work. It is badly needed and expensive to have to get a rented one while the old jeep is worked

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on as our experience of the last month shows.

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4. The sanitation truck situation I leave with you and pray that you may find a good answer to this riddle. I think the letter we got from Mr. McNealy will explain my hesitation to write a letter of intent to cover 5 years for Mr. Ellis. At the present I'm almost at the point where I think that if no one else can be found the city may have to work out a system themselves though I think this is a poor substitute for private enterprise.

There are numerous other things that are hanging fire and I'll be glad to help in anyway I can, if things seem confusing.

Working on the Council has been something which has taught me a great deal, and I am grateful for the confidence which people have shown in the council and hope that they will be of even more help to the council now beginning to meet. Sincerely, Harriet Jackson Schirmer

P.S. I knew there was something else that needed attention at this time. I believe there should be a new fire committee appointed to work with the fire department and probably in some way similar to the police committee. The thing that concerns me most at the moment is winter storage for the fire equipment, this may have been worked out but we don't know for sure, yet. Doug Vollertsen and Ben Wilkins and some of the other members of the fire department have worked very hard on it and its nice to know that there are working fire vehicles in town. HJS

MMS Shantz/Weise that the fire dept. obtain bids for moving the Civil Defense Building to 3rd and Main lot owned by City. The bid to include the cost of fill, placing bldg. on stub pilling, installing a door and furnace and oil tanks. MC

The Fire Dept. Chief reported that the fire alarm system in conjunction with the telephone system will be put into operation this week.

MMS Schantz/Gamble to contact Capt. Mayfield to ask him to meet with the Council at his earliest convenience to discuss with them, contracting with the State for a State Trooper, a special meeting to be called on day he arrives. MC.

MMS Gamble/Shantz to write to Commissioner Underwood stating that we are willing to contract with the State Department for a State Trooper and include a copy of the previous letter to Capt. Mayfield. MC

MMS Gamble/Shantz that the Council hold a special meeting on October 15th to consideration recommendations of the policeman and the police committee. MC

MMS Shantz/Weise to accept the bid submitted by Albert Schmidt for repairing the sewage truck, the bid as was proposed by the last Council. Gamble, Weise, Schantz and E. Hoffman in favor.

MMS Gamble/Shantz that the secretary contact Mr. Schmidt that the strong desire of the Council is to have vehicle repaired within 30 days. MC

MMS Shantz/Weise that we post contract and ask for proposals, from those who wish to operate the sewage truck, with the city providing materials not to exceed \$1,500.00 as in revised contract. MC

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MMS Gamble/Shantz to send Mr. Ellis a letter with a copy of the above motion, and copy of contract with a thermo-fax copy of the letter received from the lawyer concerning sewage disposal contract. MC

The proposals for sewage contract to be considered in the next monthly meeting.

MMS Gamble/Shantz to extend the meeting as necessary

MMS Shantz/Gamble To telephone and follow-up by wire with request to for bids for vehicle for police dept., from the Willy, Chevrolet and Scout dealers. Request also that bids be made by wire in order to have bids by Oct. 15th meeting. MC

MMS Schantz/Gamble that the present City employees be retained at present salary. MC.

MMS Shantz/Weise that we amend the certification to read two year term and to list the names of the four (4) high vote receivers, as elected to the council, and that that the certification be inserted into the minutes. MC

I declare the following to be elected to the City Council of Bethel for the two year term. Edward Hoffman 83, David P. Swanson 91, J. Lloyd Watkins 80, Jack E. Weise 74. Signed Ted Samuelson Alice Miller Mary Kohl, Helga Dull, and Betty Lewis.

MMS Gamble/Shantz Move we pay bill submitted by Maggie Kinegak for rental of car from Sept. 12 to Sept. 22. E. Hoffman, Schantz, Weise, and Gamble in favor.

MMS Gamble/Shantz that J. Lloyd Watkins be elected financial secretary. Gamble, Weise, Schantz, and E. Hoffman in favor.

MMS Gamble/ E. Hoffman to deputize Mr. Hendrick's and Don Schirmer to shoot loose dogs according to the ordinance and a letter be sent to each notifying of same. MC

E.

Gamble/Hoffman to ammend Ordinance No. 13 Section 6 & 7 (Dog Ordinance) as proposed. The ammendment to be posted and placed into first reading at the next regular meeting of the Council. MC

MMS Shantz/Weise that rules be suspented and that the bank resulation be accepted by reading title only, to give the President, Finical Secretary and City Clerk athority to sign checks on the City account. Gamble, Weise, Schantz, and E. Hoff an in Favor

MMS Gamble/ E. Hoffman that a committee of Mr. Hendricks, Sgt. Ethridge, Don Schantz, dave Swanson to contact other orginazations concerning financing of stage for armory and to bring a report to next meeting. MC

MMS Weise/Gamble that committes remain as they st nd and appointments be made in next regular meeting. MC

MMS Weise/Shantz to place "Filed deligations from the floor" on the agenda. This would mean that anyone who wishes to be hear heard from the floor would be given 5 minutes *The Deep Sea Port of the Kuskokwim* to present a prepared brief. Briefs to be present to the Council 3 days prior to meeting. MC.