

Minutes of the City Council January 4th, 1960

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8pm.

Present Christiansen

Others present-approximately 100

Guinn

Hopstad

Sirilo

Jackson

Persons

Absent Miller

The minutes were read and approved after the correction that Major Ellis is on the liquor committee.

A letter from Dr. Gibson was read.

Mr. Weise read from the State Constitution and the Encyclopedia Britannica on the borough question. A discussion was then held with the floor. It was suggested by Senator Weise that the Council write a letter to Mr. Paul Choquette to ask to have the borough seat in Bethel. The question arose whether Bethel should be an organized or unorganized borough. No definition of a borough could be obtained.. Sarge Connick suggested that we write Mr. Charles Hughes, Division of Public Affairs, Box 710, Juneau to see if Mr. Henry Camarot is planning or will plan to come to Bethel to discuss the borough system with the city. The Mayor appointed a committee to study the borough system and present its ideas to the council: Mrs. Crane, Chairman

Mr. Schmidt

Mayor Jackson

Mr. La Fortune

Ben Smit

Nora Guinn

Mr. Fancher

The Treasurer's report was read and ~~by~~ the December balance is \$24,554.41. Persons moved that the report be accepted as read. Christiansen seconded. 5 ayes. 0 naves. The treasurer reminded everyone that the sales tax is due.

The police report was ~~xxxx~~ given by Sarge Connick. He recommended that a committee be formed on law enforcement to assist the policeman. The Mayor appointed the following: Olaf Hopstad-Chairman

Major Ellis

Mr. Schattsneider

Mr. Gamble

Sally Elliott

Persons

The water committee report was given by Ben Smit. The committee recommended that the city employ a ~~registered-engineer~~ ^{from} the Alaska Architectural and Engineering Co. of Fairbanks to make preliminary investigations and general and final plans specifications and contract documents for a water supply system that can later be incorporated into a distribution system. Choice of water source to depend on the findings of the consulting engineer and the city to pay for the cost of engineering. After completion the city should make available the plans to any private investor ~~tax~~ who is interested in building and operating the water system. The intention of the provision is to encourage private enterprise while at the same time providing for an adequate system that will be of lasting service to the community. If no private investors can be found to finance the water system, the City Council should present the completed plans to the Community Facilities Program with a request for financing. If no private investment nor government assistance is available, the City should be prepared to finance the installation and the operation of the water system.

Mr. Smit gave an estimate of 4500 dollars as the cost of the survey. Much discussion with the floor was held. Persons moved that the recommendations of the Water Committee be accepted as read. Guinn seconded. 5 ayes 0 naves.

The secretary is to write to the Alaska Architectural and Engineering Co, of Fairbanks.

The Jail Committee chairman Sirilo gave a report. It will cost approximately \$200 per month to run the jail building, including heat, light, fuel and rent. The feeding of prisoners is \$3.00 per day for two meals. The cost of guards is \$36.00 per day for male prisoners plus \$36.00 per day if female prisoners are also incarcerated. The Marshal will be contacted in regard to beds, mattresses, handcuffs, etc presently in the jail.

Following a discussion with the floor Persons moved that the secretary draft a Reaffirmation of Appointment for the City Chief of Police indicating that his appointment began in Sept. 1959 to last for one year and the Reaffirmation to be signed by the Officers of the City Council. Christiansen seconded. 5 ayes. 0 naves.

Nora Guinn moved that the maximum fine to be levied by the City be raised to \$100. Christiansen seconded. 5 ayes. 0 naves. A letter is to be written to Senator Weise and Representative Hoffman to ask that they take this recommendation to the Legislature.

The petition for a special election was brought up. The Mayor reported a phone discussion which she had with the city attorney McNealy earlier in the day on this matter. She stated that the attorney reports that the only question for a vote is the question of liquor. and it is up to the council whether the election on this should be a special election or a general election. She further said that the attorney had felt that a great deal of thinking should go into the other questions and it may not be legal for the city to follow the results of such a vote. A letter from the attorney will be mailed on the topics discussed.

The liquor petition was read. Christiansen moved that it be accepted as read. Nora Guinn seconded. Discussion was held. The vote polled-Christiansen-yes

Prior to the vote there was discussion of the
vote being at the next general or the next election. Guinn-yes
Hopstad-yes
Sirilo-yes
Persons-yes

Mr. Nicholson requested that no ordinances be passed on the topics on the petition unless a special election be held first. An extensive discussion followed by the floor. The petition for a special election was read. Nora Guinn moved that the petition for a special election be ~~amended~~ accepted as read. A discussion followed. Christiansen said that many who signed were interested in water and electricity did not realize that they were also asking for a liquor vote.

Jack Smith raised the question that the first question on the petition requested "Legalized ~~liquor~~ sale of liquor as per the petition submitted to the council at its regular meeting on November 2, 1959." since that petition was not accepted by the council as valid.

Persons raised the question that on question 4, parts A and B one may vote yes on A or B only - allowance is made to vote no on either topic.

Guinn said that if the petition were to be cut to pieces she ~~would~~ withheld her motion.

~~Christiansen said that~~

There was discussion as to when the next election would be held with regard to the liquor petition. Christiansen said that he had meant the next general election. Guinn had seconded meaning the next city election. In view of the confusion Christiansen moved that the motion which he made about the liquor petition be rescinded until after the February meeting. Persons seconded. 5 ayes. 0 naves. Guinn moved that the petition on the special election be tabled. Persons seconded. 5 ayes. 0 naves.

Dr. Gibson's letter requesting financial aid from the city for the ADH was reread. Much discussion was held. The president and sec. treas. of the Health Council are to be contacted and the letter will be placed on the February agenda.

Persons moved the meeting be adjourned, Christiansen 2nd. 5 ayes. 0 naves. *John Persons*