



# City of Bethel

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - OCTOBER 28, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Swanson. Roll was called.

Present: Bruce Crow, Ed Hoffman, Noah Jack, Al Laroux, Art Nicholson, Gene Peltola, Dave Swanson.

Absent: no one

Father Gerr gave the invocation.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with an addition by Bruce Crow that it be stated that he voted nay on the motion pertaining to the city jail.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMPLAINTS: None

TREASURERS REPORT: State of the Budget report as of September 30, 1968 was presented.

MAYORS COMMENTS: Interim financing of \$200,400 has come from EDA and the interim loan account has been reimbursed.

Swanson also reported that he and Mr. Snodgrass had given a group of dignitaries a two hour tour of Bethel on Sunday morning the 27th. Among these men were Dwight Ink, Assistant Secretary for Housing Urban Development, Joseph Fitzgerald of the Federal Field Committee, James Richardson, the Regional Administrator for Urban Renewal, Louis Ambler, Regional Administrator for HAA, and Col. E.R. Hardin.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: None

### OLD BUSINESS

#### CITY VEHICLE:

Swanson reported that the vehicle approved for purchase at the last council meeting is not available and suggested the council consider a different vehicle. He quoted prices on a 1969 Ford Falcon stationwagon at \$2896 and a 1969 Chevrolet stationwagon at \$3250.

M/M Peltola, Hoffman that the city disregard the purchase of the Carry-all from the Carrington Co. and purchase the 1969 Chevrolet at the given price of \$3250.

Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Jack yes, Laroux yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes, Passed unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

M/M Jack, Peltola that the minutes of the City Council meeting as taken by the City Clerk be posted at Swanson's, N.C. Co., Post Office, outside the city office, and sent to the school newspaper and People's Pathway. Discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously.





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## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:

Ed Hoffman reported that Susan Murphy, head of the Hot Lunch Program, has requested a donation of \$200 from the City of Bethel.

M/M Hoffman, Jack that the City of Bethel donate \$200 to the Hot Lunch Program.

Discussion followed.

Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Jack yes, Laroux yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Passed unanimously.

## N.C. CO LIGHT AND POWER POLE LINE EASEMENTS:

Hyrum Jepsen of the N.C. Co. asked the City Council to grant an 8 ft. right of way easement in the area from the southeast side of Willow Ave. extending to 3rd Ave. and 1st Ave. Discussion followed.

M/M Nicholson, Laroux that an 8 ft. wide easement on the southeast side of Willow to between 1st and 3rd be granted to N.C. Co. Light and Power. Passed unanimously.

## CITY ADMINISTRATORS CONTRACT:

M/M Peltola, Hoffman that a committee be formed by Mayor Swanson, headed by Art Nicholson to draw up the City Administrator's contract. Passed unanimously.

## CITY POLICEMAN AND JAIL:

Nicholson stated that there have been expressions of dissatisfaction over police protection.

M/M Crow, Peltola that the duties and responsibilities of the city policeman be discussed in an executive session following the regular city council meeting and that any members of the Police Committee who are present be invited to attend. Passed unanimously.

M/M Nicholson to close the city jail.

M/M Crow, Peltola to consider this item under New Business. Passed.

M/M Nicholson, Laroux that it be stated in the minutes that the Council recognizes that the jail is inadequate and that the city intends to improve the facility but it will continue to be used. Mr. Nicholson asked for unanimous consent of the council members.

Amend Crow, Peltola that the city will make every effort to meet the Fire Marshall's requirements.

Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Jack yes, Laroux yes, Nicholson no, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. 6-1 Motion not carried unanimously.

M/M Crow, Nicholson that the city council go on record as stating they recognize the jail is in substandard condition as far as being fire hazard, and the Council wished to indicate that an attempt will be made to comply with the fire marshall's requirements.

Vote on main motion: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Jack yes, Laroux yes, Nicholson no, Peltola yes, Swanson yes.

Amend Nicholson that the city would continue to use the structure.

Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Jack yes, Laroux yes Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Motion carried

Mr. Marsh reported that the contract for construction of houses and factory is progressing well. The sand delivery problem has been solved. An engineer is here to stake out lots and the first 14 houses should be located by Nov. 14, 1968. An engineer from the Public Health Service is running tests on water pipes and getting ready to advertise for bids for the well.



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Mr. Marsh gave some alternatives for the development of the commercial area and suggested that the city ask ASHA to work up a plan and procedure. He lastly reported on the success of the Bethel Housing Project exhibit at the Municipal League meeting in Anchorage.

Dr. Shore presented a report on chemical mace which said that very little research has been done on the effects of mace and it has not yet been proven safe.

M/M Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned.

I, hereby certify the above minutes to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

  
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Dave Swanson, Mayor

  
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Joanne McCabe, City Clerk

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