

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 1972

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 8:00 PM, KVAN Building, Bethel.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cooke, Dale, Guinn, Hoffman, Murphy, Zahradnicek
ABSENT: Romer (late)

READING OF MINUTES

The Clerk started to read the minutes of the regular meeting of 2-28-72 when Councilman Romer walked in and Councilman Zahradnicek instructed the Clerk to start over which she did.

M/M Zahradnicek, Murphy to approve the minutes as read.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read the minutes of 4-10-72. The Chair asked for additions or corrections. Hearing none, the Chair approved the minutes as read.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Dept. of Roads and Highways was read concerning their approval of \$125,000.00 for local service roads.

A letter from YUT Regional Housing Authority was read concerning their interest in availability of land in Bethel Heights, owned by the City. The letter was referred to the Land Use Committee.

A letter from the Moravian Church was read concerning a playground area that would have to be moved when the City puts the roads in the new subdivision. The letter mentioned that the matter was not urgent, but asked the Council to consider the matter at a later date.

A letter from ANICA was read concerning their interest in the commercial property in Bethel Heights and thanking the Council for their consideration to them.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Paul Gregory expressed his concern for more Police surveillance in the Hospital area. A meeting was set up between Mr. Gregory and the Police Chief, Tom Dillon.

Chris Cooke brought up discussion concerning Honey-Bucket pick-ups. Pick-ups at his hosue had been irregular during the last two weeks. Discussion followed.

REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Land Use Committee - None
Public works - None
Recreation - None

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Public Safety - Brought up that we need to replace Councils representative to YKHC board since Mr. Robert Nick moved out of town. The matter was put on the next agenda.

Roads - Mr. Hoffman informed of the State High School at Wildwood, which is out of Fairbanks, and explained to Council some of the modern facilities that were going in the School.

OLD BUSINESS

CRITTENTON REPORT:

Mr. Murphy asked that the letter from the City's Attorney, Harland Davis, be read, concerning his advice on the matter - Mr. Zahradnicek advised that the Council revert back to the advice of old City Attorney's Mr. Biss, who advised that the City do not pay Crittenton, since his work was never completed.

M/M Zahradnicek, Hoffman that this thing (Crittenton report) be tabled for an indefinite period of time, and if they want to sue the City, we should take our chances in court.

Discussion followed explaining the original plan on the Community Neighborhood Facilities Building. Mr. Nicholson, who was on the Council at the time of the original proposal, explained that these were two architects interviewed by Council and Citizens, and the Council picked Crittenton because Council was assured that they had contacts with HUD that would assure the City financial backing for the building. He felt that the architects fee was contingent upon acquiring of funds from HUD.

Hoffman called for question: the Clerk reread the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 71-72

Proposal from Peat, Marvick and Mitchell to do audit for City and Community Liquor Sales.

M/M Zahradincek, Dale that Peat, Marvick and Mitchell, do the City's audit and recommend to Community Liquor Sales to use the same auditing firm.

Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE TRUCK

Mayor Guinn expressed recommendations from Dave Webb that City authorize two firemen, one member from Council and the commissioner to check on available firefighting vehicles. Discussion followed on capacity of existing vehicle, proposed fire truck capacity, and bids that had been received by the Fire Department.

Mayor Guinn said the committee should be looking for a truck that would meet the standards that were demanded in NFPA,-19 but at the best available price.

M/M Murphy, Zahradnicek that the Council authorize four people to go to Seattle - two from the Fire Dept; Richardson and Jim Savaria; Hoffman from Council and



Chuck Herald, the Commissioner for the express purpose to meet with Fire Truck manufacturers, find a vehicle that will fit the standards and regulations for Bethel, and return to Council with recommendations for approval.

Motion passed - 6 yeas and 1 nay - Dale.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY

Mr. Nicholson expressed his feelings that the policy that the City was using on snow removal was illegal. The City, he said, was removing snow from their customers driveways and refusing to clean any other driveways, including his (Nicholsons) customers. He further stated that the money the City was using to clear out driveways was revenue tax and not water revenue. He thought that all driveways should be cleared out, including his customers.

Mayor Guinn explained that the clearing of the driveways is an almost a never-ending task and that the City has to set up some basis of priorities. One of our priorities is the people we deliver water to, and also those that the City services in Honeybucket disposal. It is no the City's intent to exclude people, but should feel obligated to follow this priority basis.

Discussion followed with both Council members and audience participation.

M/M Dale that the City of Bethel not clear any driveways and let it be the responsibility of the homeowners.



Motion failed due to lack of a second.

It was mentioned by Hoffman that the next problem would not be snow, but mud.

Chair entertained a motion to table the item. No forthcoming motion, so the Chair ruled to go on to next agenda item.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION - TOM DILLON

Mayor Guinn instructed administration to write letters to different agencies in town and ask that they send representatives to a Planning Committee meeting for the 4th of July celebration.

VFW CLUB LICENSE

The application was passed around to council members.

M/M Hoffman, Zahradincek if the City Council disapprove or approve giving the VFW a license or not for discussion purposes only.

Zahradnicek withdrew his second.



M/M Hoffman, Cooke that the Council disapprove the issuance of the Club License for the VFW post #10041.

Discussion followed explaining the Club facilities are restricted only to members of the club, no one may come in unless signed in by a member of the club, and no one except club members can purchase liquor.

Dick Weholtz explained that the VFW Club is broke and the license would

give the Club the chance to make some revenue that would keep the club going.

After some more discussion, Roll Call Vote was taken.

Cooke - yes, Dale - yes, Hoffman - yes, Murphy - yes, Guinn - no,
Zahradnicek - no, Romer - no.

Results of vote will be sent to Mr. Doogan of the ABC Board.

INTERVIEW FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Council went into executive session by a motion from Dale, Seconded by Romer at 10:00 PM.

Council re-convened at 11:20 PM.

M/M Zahradnicek, Romer to continue on past 10:00 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Guinn thanked Mr. Benson and Mr. Hobbs for coming to Bethel for the interview.

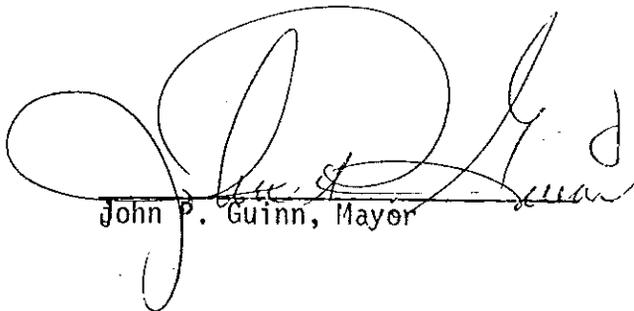
With Councils approval, he state that letters would be sent to the other applicants asking that they be present at the next regular Council meeting, May 8, 1972, for interview with the Council, and was hopeful of Council making a decision at that time.

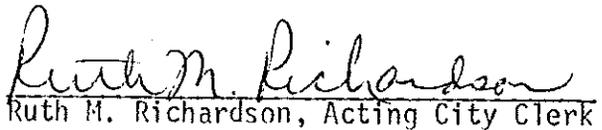
M/M Cooke, Hoffman to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM.

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


John P. Guinn, Mayor


Ruth M. Richardson, Acting City Clerk