

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY

8:00 PM

NOVEMBER 14, 1966

V.F.W. HALL

The regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order at 8:10 PM by Mayor Joseph Pike on November 14, 1966, at the V.F.W. Hall. There being a member of the clergy on the Council, Mayor Pike asked that a prayer be said at the beginning of each Council meeting.

Present were Joe Andrew, Tillie Christiansen, Howard Elliot, Eddie Hoffman, Melvin Klokow, Joseph Pike, and Dave Swanson.

Minutes and supplements of the October 10, October 21, and November 11, 1966, meetings were read and approved as read.

There being no Communications, reports of Council members, or Committee reports, the Mayor read his list of Committee selections, the list as follows:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>MAYOR & ADMINSTRATOR</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Education	Eddie Hoffman	"	Jean Graves
Liquor	Dave Swanson	"	Kevin Murphy
Police and Fire	Howard Elliot	"	Rev. Gamble
Recreation	Melvin Klokow	"	Rudy Bertran
Roads	Joe Andrew	"	Rex Root
Sanitation	Tillie Christiansen	"	Don Shantz

The committees were decided upon so that the Council members would have a greater share in Council meeting development. The committee members were asked to report if an extra person on a committee would be needed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-

Mike Rowan reported that the Advisory buildings had been sold for \$3,048.33, to Don Shantz. He said that a Housing program survey was approved for Bethel at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00. The Alaska Housing Authority may be sending people here to make a community project survey, surveying ~~roads~~, roads, water development, etc., the cost possibly extending to \$11-15,000.00. Mike also said that the proposed Community Building, a Neighborhood Facility Center, was in the process of being applied for. It would be used for recreational and other social purposes. A plan was distributed to be used for discussion at a later date. It was stated that 6 bunk mattresses, 12 blankets, and a one-burner space heater were needed in the jail. The administrator wrote the state supply but received a reply that it was not able to give to municipalities, only state agencies. No estimate was given but the need was justified by the reading of a letter from the regional sanitarian who recommended the above and other suggestions such as more exercising for prisoners, mattress covers, etc. M/M Klokow, M/S Joe Andrew that the City of Bethel purchase the mattresses and blankets for the City Jail. Unanimous passage. *7045. No more.*

A letter from the Centennial Commission was read. A plaque or event commemorating an event or sight in Bethel was asked for. Suggestions such as: commemorate the site where the graves were moved back, the town Fathers being there; and ask the old timers, were made.

A contract was signed with Andy Edge to operate the school bus run, the contract being read by Mike Rowan.

Applications were posted and will be posted for ten days for the Liquor Store. Approval was needed to apply for the license and filing fee.

M/M Swanson, M/S Elliot that the city will approve and endorse the application of Community Liquor Sales, Inc., and that the City purchase and pay the license fee of \$600.00, and the filing fee of \$25.00, for a total of \$625.00.

Poll vote results: Joe Andrew-yes; Tillie Christiansen-yes; Howard Elliot-yes; Eddie Hoffman-yes; Melvin Klokow-yes; Mayor Pike-yes; and Dave Swanson-yes. Unanimous passage.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Rowan stated that an opinion poll of 254 to 251, replacing councilmen by runnersup in the election was not much of an opinion poll. He asked about drawing up another resolution. It was decided that the runner-up system be abolished and that the mayor appoint a member to replace another council member with council approval.

M/M Swanson, M/S Elliot that Mike draw up a resolution as to Mayor appointment and replacement of council members with council approval. Seven ayes, no naves. Unanimously passed.

A discussion concerning whether or not the mayor has or has not the right of veto ensued, some stating that the Mayor has no right of veto in a 4th class city, Mike Rowan stating that the Mayor has the right as our Ordinance states so, it being the Mayor's empowering act. It was suggested that the Attorney General be written concerning this. Joseph Pike summed it up by stating that we'll assume the mayor doesn't have it.

Ordinance #33 was read for the third time. Ray Baxter, the council-appointed Fire Chief was present to answer questions if needed. It was decided that Bethel really needs a building code in order for the Fire Chief to have something to base his decisions on. It was suggested from the floor that the Fire Chief present percentages of the various fire hazards he encounters upon invitations to inspect homes and buildings. It, too, was decided that #5 under Duties of the Chief in Ordinance #33 was worded too strongly as reluctance to invasion of privacy was encountered. General feeling was that the Ordinance was good but too powerful.

M/M Christiansen, M/S Swanson, that we table this Ordinance and rewrite it with the recommendations heard from the Council and tone down #5 under Duties of the Chief in Ordinance #33, to suit the council. Poll vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, Dave Swanson-Yes. Unanimous passage.

It was decided to add Fire to the Police Committee, so that now Howard Elliot and Rev. Gamble are on the Police and Fire Committee.

Resolution #30 was read so as to include the entire town of Bethel in the City Limits. The people now not within the limits should make a petition to that effect. Mike Rowan will take care of obtaining the petition.

M/M Swanson, M/S Klokow, that Resolution #30 on the definition of the Bethel City Limits be accepted as read on its first reading. Passed unanimously. Poll vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

M/M Swanson, M/S Klokow, that Resolution #30 be accepted on its second and final reading by its title only. Passed unanimously. Poll Vote: Joe Andrew: Yes, Tille Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

Ordinance #34 was read by Mike Rowan, amending Ordinance #14.

M/M Swanson, M/S Elliot, That Ordinance #34 be accepted in its first reading and advanced to its second by title only. Unanimously accepted. Poll Vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

Mike Rowan read Ordinance #34 again.

M/M Swanson, M/S Elliot that Ordinance #34 be accepted on its second reading by title only. Unanimously accepted. Seven Ayes, No Naves. It is to be saved for the next meeting.

M/M Klokow, M/S Swanson, That the regular council meeting move beyond 10 PM. All Ayes, No Naves, Unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frequency of Council Meetings:

M/M Swanson, M/S Christiansen, That the council meetings be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, starting in January. 7 ayes, no naves. Passed unanimously.

City Clerk-

M/M Swanson, M/S Christiansen, That Judy Anderson be accepted as City Clerk. 7 Ayes, No Naves. Unanimous passage.

Ordinance #35- Changing penalties in Ordinance #2

This Ordinance was read by Mike Rowan.

M/M Swanson M/S Christiansen, That Ordinance #35 be accepted on its first reading and advanced to the second reading by title only. Unanimously accepted. Poll vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

M/M Christiansen, M/S Elliot, That we accept #35 in its second reading and advance it to its third and final reading. Unanimously accepted. Poll Vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

M/M Christiansen, M/S Klokow to accept Ordinance #35 in its third and final reading. Unanimously accepted. Poll Vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

Ordinance #36 was read, making Resolution #4 an Ordinance, defining City Administration. Mike Rowan stated that he wrote this as a definition needed in the event that another administrator was to be hired.

MM Swanson, MS Christiansen, That Ordinance #36 be accepted in its first reading and advanced to its second reading in title only. Passed unanimously. Poll Vote. Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

MM Christiansen, MS Swanson, that we accept Ordinance #36 in its second reading. Unanimously accepted. Poll Vote; Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes. This Ordinance will be saved for the next meeting.

Ordinance #37 was read and after much discussion from the floor and the council it was decided that in a MM Swanson, MS Klokow, that a copy of Ordinance #37 be furnished to Andy and Tony and other drivers and also posted and brought up at the next meeting. 7 ayes, no naves, unanimously passed.

MM Elliot, MS Christiansen that Ordinance #37 be accepted in its first reading and advanced to its second reading in title only. Unanimous. Poll Vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

MM Elliot MS Christiansen That we accept Ordinance #37 in its second reading in title only and post it. Unanimously accepted. Poll Vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

Trooper Activity-It was stated that the trooper control may be too lax and yet too strong at times and that something should be done about it. It was decided that the police committee handle this and speak with the troopers about their policies on curfews, drunks, etc. The police contract was signed on July 1 here in Bethel, for \$16, 700.00 by the City. Mike Rowan stated that Bethel is one of three communities in Alaska paying that sum. He feels it is not Bethel's responsibility to have the policemen, it is the states'. He will find out with the other communities' policies and contracts are and will report his finding.

CD Siren- Mike Rowan read a letter concerning the siren. The City is responsible to obtain an Office of Civil Defense. Although the City has gone to expense to obtain this, we have yet to be approved. Without approval we will have to buy the siren ourselves; a \$550. 220-volt siren being suggested. A signalling siren was generally agreed upon to be the most useful, Mike Rowan is to write to Juneau for information, and Mayor Pike will check into it also.

Jail- Extra room, a fire door, and a space heater are needed for the jail. It was decided to wait on the extra room and fire door but a small space heater was deemed necessary at the moment as the prisoners placed at the extreme end of the building were getting very little heat. It was stated that there was a heater in the fire station. MM Christiansen, MS Klokow, to have Mike Rowan look into the possibility of having the heater in the fire station moved to the City Jail. 7 Ayes, no Nays. Unanimous

Dog Control- Tillie Christiansen stated that she had received many complaints from her neighbors concerning loose dogs, distemper, etc. Several suggestions were made as to how to relieve this, but it was decided that Mike Rowan should have the honeybucket boys carry a gun on their run and to shoot the dogs at the dump, as that is where the dogs seem to gather. It is to be tried out for a week or two to see what the effects are.

I. D. Cards- Melvin Klokow suggested that an ID card with name of person, picture, name of parent, place of residence, age, blood type..anything that the council would desire to put on them, would be a positive measure for our town and people. It not only would help the troopers with curfew, but it could be used by the school, the hospital, and the incoming liquor store as a means of positive identification. Mr. Klokow said that there were machines for laminated cards. Mike Rowan will look into this and report on the prices at a future meeting.

Sanitation Shack- After discussion on this it was decided in a MM Tillie Christiansen, MS Eddie Hoffman that the sanitation garage should be put up for bid and the bid should be open for a period of 5 days, and opened after that period. 7 ayes, no nays. Unanimous.

Garage Expenditures.- Although in a MM Christiansen, MS Elliot that the council approve the expenditure of \$6500.00 to complete the city garage with 7 ayes, no nays, a unanimous passage; it was decided that Olympic Prefabricators had not lived up to their contract what with parts not coming, parts needing alteration, etc., and that this affair should be turned over to our attorney. It was suggested that we bring our attorney up to date on this and that we should inform the people of Olympic Prefabricators of our intentions. If no action is then taken by them to reconcile their errors, a suit could then be taken. *Poll Vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes.

Bus Run Buttons- Eddie Hoffman suggested that buttons be given to the school children riding on the bus so there would be no discrepancy as to whom could ride. MM Hoffman, MS Christiansen, that the city buy 200 numbered buttons for the City bus run route. Poll Vote: Joe Andrew-Yes, Tillie Christiansen-Yes, Howard Elliot-Yes, Eddie Hoffman-Yes, Melvin Klokow-Yes, Mayor Pike-Yes, and Dave Swanson-Yes. Unanimous.

Campfire Girls- A letter from the Campfire Girls was read and comments were given by Miss Shiela Wills and Mrs. Kevin Murphy. A summer program is to be offered for the summer of 1967, with boating safety, arts and crafts, swimming instruction, etc. MM Hoffman, MS Elliot, That the city donate \$1800.00 to the Campfire Girls for the summer program. Poll vote: Joe Andrew: Yes; Tillie Christiansen: Yes; Howard Elliot: Yes; Eddie Hoffman: Yes; Melvin Klokow: Yes; Mayor Pike: Yes; and Dave Swanson; Yes. M/M Melvin Klokow, M/S Howard Elliot, that the council meeting adjourn at 11:50 P.M.