Minuted of the Bethel Village Council Jan 14th. 1959 N.C. Theater

Meeting opened at 8. P.M.Coucil Members present All Others 25?
Ben Smit stated meeting was held to get reaction of Council on opening of a Telephone service in Bethel. Smit read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce urging Council to support a telephone sevice by Lieb and Lawson.
Smit read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce urging the Bethel Village Council to oppose the sale of liquor license in Bethel.
Ben read his proposal in the form of a motion as follows.
The Village Coucil of Bethel, considering the expansion of the Bethel area and the need to support and orderly regulate this expansion does herby grant permission to Max Lieb and partners to operate a telephone company within the Bethel Village boundaries. This permission does not in itself constitute a franchise but it will be understood that as soon as the Village Attorney rules that it is within the power of the Village Councilto do so, the Council will grant such franchise to named applicants with the provision that the proposed rate schedule must be approved by the Counciland that the Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed rates of the Telephone Co. before giving its approval to the franchise. Nothing in this permission will be construed to mean that the Village of Bethel will garentee to applicants the issuance of Federal or State licences to operate a telephone system, nor will the Village of Bethel be liable for any damages in case the needed Federal and State lecences are not granted. Any change in rates once the franchise is granted shall be by the Village Council only after a public hearing is held on the proposed rate change. Further, Village council, again considering the need to support and regulate affairs in the Bethel area does hereby oppose the issuance of any liquor licenses in or around Bethel.
Ray Christianson seconded.
Elliot stated he did not think the two subjects could be in the same motion
Carpenter stated he thought the subjectswere too varied to be in the same motion
Ben stated it could be and was in the form of a motion,
N. Guinn stated she feels it is not fair for 5 people to make such a disisionon ~~and felt that~~ thi the liquor situation because it concerns so many people, and feels that the people of Bethel should vote on this .
Christianson feels this motion should be broken up into two motions.Discusion from the floor disclosed vote by people on liquor question preferred.
Ben retracted motion. Vote will be held. Carpenter s tated Village Council will use village vote in our recommendation for or against the issuance of a liquor lisense to the Alaska Liquor Board.
Smit moved we have a meeting on Wed. Jan 21 to discuss liqour question, Vote by residents over 21 years of age will be asked to partisipate. Chris seconded. 5 ayes) 0 nays.
Miller on franchise: Does not feel the Village should give franchise without the telephone Co meeting F.C.C specifications and approval
Smit moved first paragraph in forst motion including the telephone co meet with F.CC specifications and approval. Christianson seconded. 5 ayes 0 nays Motion passed.
Nora Guinn moved meeting be adjourned. Christianson seconded. Motion carried.

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