SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY May 2, 1966 8 PM

NORTHERN COMMERCIAL THEATER

The special meeting of the Bethel City Council was called to order at 8:15 PM on May 2, 1966. Present were: Tilly Christiansen, Eddie Hoffman, Howard Elliot, Ted Samuelson, and Art Nicholson.

Minutes of the April 11 meeting were read and accepted. Supplements were also read.

COMMUNICATIONS: The resignations from the Council of Jim Hoffman and Ray Miller were read and accepted. Al Laraux and Joe Andrew were installed as Council members to replace Jim and Ray until the next election according to Resolution #21. The City Clerk administered the oath.

A letter from Kirk Stanley regarding Tideland rights was read.

Art Nicholson read a letter from the Division of Surplus Property Utilization in San Francisco concerning the old army advisor building. This letter stated that the buildings would not be given to the City for use as Pre-natal Home.

Art Nicholson filed an Ordinance to amend the Election Ordinance.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Agnes Devlin will not be able to replace Lynda Scott while Lynda is on vacation. Irene Rowan will take over while she is gone. M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Samuelson that Irene be authorized to sign checks and Agnes' name be scratched. Motion passed unanimously.

2. The final check for $4,331.25 from Northern Commercial Company for River Erosion participation was received and deposited in the City's account.

3. The Mayor has been working on projects from the Nelson program.

4. A survey is now being done by Fred Pete, Art Kinegak and John Gregory to gain information for the Public Hearing to be held May 24 with the Corp of Engineers.

5. Reverend Klokow will go to Anchorage for a special Civil Defense Training Program to be held starting May 9. The City will pay his room, board and transportation in town.

6. Cabinets and exterior finish for the office have been ordered.

7. Easements will not be needed for the Alder Road extention. The bids will go out this week.

8. Taxi Ordinance will be ready for the next Council meeting.

9. At the Sanitation Meeting held on April 25, 1966, $267.65 was written off old accounts.

10. Commissioner Underwood has returned to the City the title to the Police vehicle.

11. Materials for the Bulkhead have been ordered from Gary Nelson. If we pay the bill when the lumber is ready, Mr. Nelson will give the City a 10% discount.

12. There have been complaints regarding the children playing in the roads.

13. Mayor Nicholson reminded the citizens of the hearing with the Corp of Engineers to be held May 24 at 8 PM regarding River Erosion and Flooding.

14. With regret Mayor Nicholson must resign as a paid Mayor as his business needs attention. The Council must either accept his resignation as paid Mayor or he will continue to be Mayor but can spend only one hour per day in the office without pay.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bids were read regarding Mosquito Spraying by Faulkner Flying Service ($60/hr) and Jimmix Flying Service ($50/hr). M/M H. Elliot, M/S A. Laraux that we accept Jimmix's bid of $50 per hour. Passed unamimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14 and Setting an Effective date was read in its first reading. This would be Ordinance #29 and provides for counters plus judges at elections and also would pay these officials.

M/M H. Elliot M/S E. Hoffman that we accept the Election Ordinance as read. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-yes. E. Hoffman-yes. Joe Andrew-yes. H. Elliot-yes. T. Samuelson-yes. A. Laraux-yes. A. Nicholson-yes. Passed unanimously.

Ordinance #29 was offered in its second reading by title only. M/M T. Christiansen M/S H. Elliot that the Ordinance be accepted. Poll vote results were unanimous in favor by all present.

The Ordinance will be posted for the next week before it is offered for its third and final reading.

A. Laraux and T. Samuelson volunteered to assist in burning the election ballots from the last election.

Much discussion from the Council and the floor was heard regarding the proposed addition to the Cowan Hut. The Bethel Teen Club was represented by Gay Ann White and she had plans available for the Council's consideration.

M/M H. Elliot M/S E. Hoffman that the City build the 20' X 20' addition after a committee goes over the construction, use, price, and plans for the addition. The committee would include a member of the Bethel Teen Club. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Nicholson appointed A. Laraux, E. Hoffman, and H. Elliot to report at the next meeting the estimate of cost and use of this Cowan Hut addition.

M/M E. Hoffman M/S A. Laraux that the City have an attorney draw up an Ordinance requiring toilet facilities in public places such as show halls, eating places, and Cowan Hut for men and women. Passed unanimously.

Discussion was heard regarding the "gentlemen's agreement" with the Northern Commercial Company's Tideland Rights. M/M E. Hoffman M/S A. Laraux that the City condone the N.C. tideland right application if they give us assurance that the old lease regarding the property that the old Samuelson school is on will stand. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-No. E. Hoffman-yes. J. Andrew-yes. H. Elliot-no. T. Samuelson-no. A. Laraux-no. A. Nicholson-no. Motion was defeated by a poll vote of 5 nayes and 2 ayes.

M/M E. Hoffman M/S H. Elliott that the meeting continue past 10 PM. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliot M/S T. Samuelson that the City condone the NC Company's application for tideland rights at no additional cost to the City or NCCo. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-yes. E. Hoffman-yes. J. Andrew-yes. H. Elliot-yes. T. Samuelson-yes. A. Laraux-yes. A. Nicholson-yes. Passed unanimously.

A letter will be written to NC Company asking if the lease is still valid on the school ground because the City is planning an addition to the recreational facility which is there now.

M/M E. Hoffman M/S A. Laraux that the City purchase a 200 gallon galvanized water tank to be built and shipped from Seattle, six chairs, a pressure pump and window curtains for the office. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-ye. E. Hoffman-yes. J. Andrew-yes. H. Elliot-yes. T. Samuelson-yes. A. Laraux-yes. A. Nicholson-yes. Unanimous.

After discussion M/M E. Hoffman M/S J. Andrew that we build a road into Carl Evan's property for 150 feet and will not include a turn around. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-yes. E. Hoffman-yes. J. Andrew-yes. H. Elliot-no. T. Samuelson-yes. A. Laraux-yes. A. Nicholson-yes. Motion passed by 6 ayes and 1 nay.

M/M E. Hoffman M/S T. Christiansen that we put this road out for bid. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliot M/S E. Hoffman Now that we have a bulletin board in front of the city office it will be sufficient to post the agenda for Council meetings in the bulletin board and leave the light on from Friday-Monday. People passing will know there is a meeting and will be able to read the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Because the office building needs a foundation now that the ice is melting and the materials are available M/M A. Laraux M/S E. Hoffman that we hire men to put in permanent foundation for the office. Poll vote results were: T. Christiansen-yes. E. Hoffman-yes. J. Andrew-yes. H. Elliot-yes. T. Samuelson-yes. A. Laraux-yes. A. Nicholson-yes. Passed unanimously.

A financial statement consisting of balance sheet and status of the budget was presented and dicussed by the Council. Because we are over-spent in several items, it will be necessary to get Council approval for any bill paid if the budget has been exhausted.

A check for $32,257.43 has been received from Bethel Sales, Inc. and will be deposited in the general account until the Council decides whether or not to purchase Time Savings Certificates.

A solution to the Mayor position will be discussed at the next regular Council meeting.

M/M H. Elliot that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 PM.

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