



CITY of BETHEL

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May 9, 1971

Special Council Meeting
May 05, 1971

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Crow called the session to order and requested roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Baxter, Crow, Dale, Guinn and Murphy
Absent: Hoffman and Zahradnicek (late)

M/M Crow/Baxter that John Guinn act as mayor.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Since this was a special session, it was agreed to dispense with the regular order of business and commence with the business at hand.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the organization of a new public works department to possibly include the water delivery service, garbage pickup service and sanitation department.

Council asked the City Administrator to give them background and up dated information, what has been done and alternatives facing the city regarding the water delivery service.

Mr. Webb told of his trip to Seattle with Mr. Harold to arrange for water trucks and equipment. They talked with Transport Equipment of Seattle, expeditors of equipment and obtained bids. Insulated tanks will run \$7,000.00 per tank. Mr. Webb and Mr. Harold looked at two rebuilt Reo chassis and purchased them from Whittenburg Motors for \$4,400.00 each plus \$600.00 for extra equipment, spare tires, chains, etc.; bringing the total for chassis to \$10,000.00. The trucks then cost \$24,000.00 rigged and ready for shipment from Seattle. They will be ready to leave Seattle May 14, 1971 for Alaska. It will take approximately three and a half days to haul them over the highway. Lynden Transfer quotes \$1,800.00 per truck delivered to Anchorage or Fairbanks, whichever would be more feasible to airlift from to Bethel. Air charters from Anchorage have been quoted at \$3,200.00 a piece and they could be grossed out with liquor. The trucks are scheduled to arrive in Bethel by May 21st at the latest.

Mr. Webb stated that what was to be discussed and possibly determined this evening concerned the management of the water service or even possibly the management of all city public works.

Mr. Roy Longtbothem had called Mr. Webb Monday morning to discuss the City taking over of water delivery. He arrived in Bethel Wednesday morning and offered a proposal to the City Administrator and Council for managing the water delivery service from the Public Health Well for \$4,000.00 per month or \$48,000.00 per annum. This would include maintenance of the water trucks, commodities to be purchased by the City. The laob price per month was for a forty hour week and included an additional \$12.00 per hour for overtime if required to work, but was not the fault of the contractor, Mr. Longtbothem.

He additional proposed \$58,788 annually to include the management of the garbage service. Maintenance would include the well house, garbage truck, water trucks, delivery and personnel to meet the needs afore mentioned. This does not include the billing or someone to keep track over service calls, etc.

Mr. Webb presented an alternate proposal; the hiring of a public works director @ \$ 21,600.00 per annum, \$21,000.00 for two garbage truck personnel and \$42,000.00 for water truck personnel totalling \$84,000.00 to include personnel salaries for water and garbage, supervision for public workds department and maintenance of all city vehicles. There are thirteen city vehicles currently and three more coming from Braund. Mr. Webb stated that Mr. Harold was the man he had in mind for the public works directors job.

In finalization Mr. Longtbothem was offering a forty hour work week and maintenance on two possibly three city vehicles, pump house, etc. for \$58,788.00 (including garbage) and Mr. Webb alternately proposed a public works department with a director, maintenance on all city vehicles, pump house and well, forty-eight hour week for \$84,000.00 per annum.

M/M Zahradnicek, Baxter to go into executive sassion first with Mr. Long bothem then with Mr. Harold to hear each proposal individually. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called back to order following the executive session.

M/M Zahradnicek, Baxter that the meeting procede past 10:00 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

M/M Crow, Zahradnicek, that the City Administrator be authorized to implement the City's Public Works department consisting of water delivery and garbage disposal systems in addition to present sanitation system; that this authorization involve the hiring of personnel, the preparation of budget, rates, routes and policies immediately with detailed summary to be presented to council by the first meeting in June for final approval.

Roll Call Vote

Yes - Crow, Dale, Guinn, Murphy and Zahradnicek
No - Baxter

M/M Zahradnicek, Baxter that the administration has been authorized to create a Public Works Department not to exceed the expenditures in next fiscal year of \$85,000.00, including personnel and maintenance.

There was discussion, that the figure of \$85,000.00 did not include the sanitation portion of the public works department, so it would be virtually impossible to lock in the public works department at the figure.

The motion was withdrawn by its maker and second.

Prior to adjournment, the council was briefed on what was happening to the Bethel Heights roads. Water trucks are going in only intermittently. Emergency action is being taken to supply a limited quantity of water to each home in Bethel Heights from the Public Health Service Pump house well. Mr. Webb said he was trying to arrange a trade off on gravel already in town (35,000 yards) to be replaced by the City this summer.

M/M Crow, Zahradnicek that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned - 10:30 P.M.

William B. Zahradnicek
William B. Zahradnicek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen F. Heddell
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City Clerk