

City of Bethel

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"



• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 9, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Swanson. Roll was called.
Present: Bruce Crow, Ed Hoffman, Noah Jack, Art Nicholson, Gene Peltola, Dave Swanson.
Absent: Al Laroux.

Reverend Gamble gave the invocation.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Snodgrass read several letters. The first was addressed to the Mayor from Congressman Pollack regarding the Safe Streets Act. The second was addressed to Mr. Snodgrass from the American Red Cross stating that no disaster funds are available for Bethel. The third was addressed to the Council from Susan Murphy, Secretary of KVNA, suggesting that the City send two delegates as city representatives to the conference in Sitka on December 19 and 20. The fourth was addressed to the Mayor from Wheeler of the Corps of Engineers regarding the proposed right of entry on city owned property along the slough. The fifth was to the Council from Roy and Betty Atkins requesting a Beverage Dispensary License. The sixth was addressed to the Mayor from Personett regarding the proposal for jail facility.

COMPLAINTS: None.

TREASURERS REPORT: None.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Snodgrass reported that 6 streetlights arrived and will be put up as suggested by the committee; 47 dogs have been shot; part I of the Neighborhood Facilities Plan has been sent to Anchorage where it will be reviewed and sent to San Francisco.

MAYORS COMMENTS: At the request of Snodgrass and Ben Marsh, Swanson appointed Tetpon, Guy, Peltola, and Snodgrass to be on the Dedication Committee to arrange the ceremony which will take place in the Housing Project Factory on January 14, 1969.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Hoffman said the 30 m.p.h. speed limit on the FAA road should be enforced.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

GAMING PERMITS:

M/M Nicholson, Peltola to approve the applications for gaming permits. Amended by Crow to read: in the same manner as they were last year. Amendment passed. Motion carried.

BOARDWALK:

Snodgrass said that the estimated cost of a piling contract for the boardwalk from



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Swanson's Store to the VFW was \$1980; the city has already expended \$1500-1800 in materials. Swanson suggested that the city look into the culvert and fill method for a comparative before making a decision.

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL:

Mr. Fancher read a letter of invitation from the Alaska Congressional delegation to attend the conference in Sitka on the role of Mt. Edgecumbe High School in the larger context of the regional high school program. A discussion followed.

M/M Crow, Peltola that the Bethel City Council authorize the expenditure of not to exceed \$600 for travel expenses to the Sitka meeting on native education; that these travel funds be allocated to such representatives as determined by a committee composed of Mayor Swanson, Councilman Eddie Hoffman, State Senator Raymond Christensen; that preference be given to the selection of representatives from outlying villages, and that villages sending such representatives be requested to fund the per diem expenses. Poll Vote: Crow Yes, Hoffman yes, Jack yes, Nicholson no, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Passed 4-1.

Further discussion followed.

M/M Crow, Hoffman that the City Administrator be encouraged to explore the possibility of attending the Sitka Native Education meeting using EDA or Federal Field Committee funding with the role of explaining Bethel's housing program and the city's effort toward youth recreation program and facilities and that failing to receive funding from other sources the committee of Swanson, Hoffman and Christiansen be encouraged to choose the Administrator as one of the city funded representatives.

Motion passed.

SAFE STREETS ACT:

M/M Crow, Peltola that the City Administrator and Police Committee be instructed to draft a resolution indicating the Council's interest in participation in the Safe Streets Act; that the resolution be presented at the next regular city council meeting and then be directed to the Dept. of Public Safety. Motion carried.

BEVERAGE DISPENSARY LICENSE:

Dave Swanson read a letter requesting a beverage dispensary license from Art Nicholson and Keith Swanson. Discussion followed.

M/M Nicholson, Crow that the council grant approval of beverage dispensary license. Poll vote: Crow no, Hoffman no, Jack no, Nicholson abstained, Peltola no, Swanson no. Nicholson requested that a letter stating the action of the council be sent.

M/M Crow, Nicholson that the agenda be extended to include Roy and Betty Atkins request for license. Passed.

M/M Nicholson, Crow that with an acceptable location the council grant Atkins' request for beverage dispensary license.

Poll vote: Crow no, Hoffman no, Jack no, Nicholson yes, Peltola no, Swanson no. Motion not carried.

COOP STORE SITE ON COMMERCIAL SECTION OF BETHEL HOUSING PROJECT:

Phillip Guy presented the following facts about the recipients of the houses in the Project. 57% own homes; 29% are full time workers; 23% are seasonal workers; 31% own boats and motors; 42% receive welfare funds; 4% receive veterans' benefits; 2% are part-time workers.



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M/M Crow, Nicholson that Survey request by Corps of Engineers for Brown Slough and Recreation be added to the agenda. Passed.

SURVEY REQUEST FOR BROWN SLOUGH:

M/M Nicholson, Peltola that the city grant to the Corps of Engineers right of entry on city properties for survey of Brown Slough. Motion carried.

RECREATION:

M/M Crow, Hoffman the City Council accept the offer of BIA for services of a youth center, program director, and building; that the mayor appoint an advisory board; that the board prepare a budget of expenses for next council meeting; that the board present for consideration of the council the hiring of an activities director. Amend Crow, Hoffman that the mayor's appointment be made with the concurrence of the program director. Passed 6-0.

Poll vote on main motion: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Jack yes, Nicholson yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes.

M/M Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Joanne McCabe
Joanne McCabe, City Clerk

Dave Swanson, Mayor

