

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 23, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke at 7:40 P.M., KVNA Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Connick, Gregory, Crow, Hoffman, Murphy, and Cooke.
Absent: Romer

READING OF MINUTES

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that the minutes of 4-9-73 be accepted as written.

Cooke stated that on page 3 under item 3 Archie Watson's name should be changed to KVNA.

Voice vote on motion and this carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shuler stated that he had received a letter from James A. Andregg, Director of Division of Water and Air Quality Control. Max Brewer had asked Mr. Andregg to write to Shuler regarding sewage disposal in the City of Bethel. A letter was also received from Byron Mallott regarding the State Revenue Sharing Program. A public hearing will be held on April 30 at the Braund Building at 9:00 A.M. Shuler recommended that the close by villages also attend this hearing. Shuler stated that another letter had been received from Tolbert E. Elliott from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation regarding loan applications and that these loans had to be obtained through the bank.

MANAGERS REPORT

Shuler reported that the City has spent approximately \$22,000 on the Sea Wall Repair to date. The remaining balance is \$13,000 and this will be enough to finish Phase I on the sea wall. We will have enough to put pilings in at the Marina and Crows. Shuler also reported that he had got hold of LEAA regarding the jail construction account. The application is to be in by May 10th for the jail equipment, and this is for \$17,000. When he (Shuler) goes into Anchorage he stated that he would check on tariff rates; Land Acquisition with ASHA, see Bureau of Land Management about the City owned property and find out what process the city has to go through. He had talked to Public Utilities in Anchorage and found out that Bethel Utilities didn't have tariff for large construction. Went into lengthy discussion on the installation of poles at the new subdivision.

MAYORS REPORT

Cooke reported that at the SOS Board Meeting in Anchorage on April 4th, the Board had drafted a resolution objecting to the Department of Education's listing of village sites in the bond on the construction of schools. Cooke brought out that this could also delay the construction of schools and also the construction of an elementary school in Bethel. She stated that a resolution should be drafted supporting Bethel as a necessary city on the list and that construction start as soon as possible.

M/M Connick, Gregory, I move that we approve a resolution supporting Bethel's needs for a school and send it in resolution form. Motion put to vote and this carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Cooke also read a letter from the Alaska Municipal League. In that letter it stated that they would like to visit Bethel. Connick suggested that they be asked to visit a month prior to June.

Cooke also stated that a state employee under the PEP Program had received a letter from Emery Chapple, Commissioner of Department of Public Safety that there would be a cut down by 50% of people working under the PEP Program and that this is to be effective at the end of the month.

At this time Bud Revet presented a "Man-of-the-Year" plaque to Eddie Hoffman from Bahai Faith in recognition of his services to the City of Bethel and its residents.

Council member Gregory translated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Gregory reported that there had been a meeting of the cleanup committee at the Kuskokwim Inn with the Recreation Director of Bethel Social Services and other interested parties. The group is trying to correlate a cleanup committee before the spring flood and have a picnic afterwards. She also informed the Council that she had gotten a call from one of the PHS employees regarding bus pickups. His concern is that one second grader has to walk all the way from the hospital to the school by way of all the traffic in town. He had been informed that families have to live a mile away from the school in order for your children to be picked up by bus (except the "cold-weather" bus.)

Terry Yager brought out that he had a call from the school officials to stop school pickups because the weather was getting warm out. He suggested that the council contact some people in Anchorage about this.

2. Hoffman at this time brought out that Paul Gregory at the last council meeting had read off the proposed regulations of the Federal Land Use Planning Committee and had asked Eddie to read them in English. Hoffman also reported that he would be going into Anchorage for a Comprehensive Health Planning meeting and also to Seattle.
3. Crow reported that the Economic Development Committee had discussed a proposal by Silides regarding the Dock Project. Crow is also very much opposed to the Schenk barge being docked up river from their house this summer. She inquired as to what the council could do to prevent this.

M/M Crow, Connick, I move that the council draft a resolution and send it to the Bethel Native Association objecting to Schenk's barge docking by Crow's house. Voice vote carried unanimously.

4. Murphy brought out that there have been numerous complaints about the outhouse by the Liquor Store. Kids could get hurt playing on or around it. For safety of the children it should be taken down or fixed.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD - No complaints!

OLD BUSINESS

1. Financial Assistance - High School Students

Barker brought out that they are proposing to be in Anchorage for one week which includes 6 performances. The estimated cost of the trip is \$3,579.51.

FINANCIAL ASISTANCE, con't.

Donations from agencies or persons have totaled to \$1040.00. Barker also brought out that the chaperones for the trip are Rev. & Mrs. Larry Wetzel, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore and himself.

2. Fish & Game Request for Land

M/M Crow, Hoffman, I move that this be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

3. Public Hearing Lot Selections in Subdivision

Cilletti brought out that he was not in favor of the people that were selected for the lots at the new subdivision. Cooke stated that the list had gone through the Land Use Committee for their recommendations before the council acted on it.

Connick also brought out that the purpose of the lots were for residential use and not for commercial purposes.

The AVCP resolution that was passed brought out that these lots were for residential purposes and no other purposes to be sold at development costs only. Cooke also brought up that these lots would be sold at cost.

Shuler stated that he had sent resolution #87 to the City Attorney Mr. Harland Davis and Davis suggested that this be put in Ordinance form since it would have more validity being in Ordinance form. Ordinance will require another discussion at another council meeting and needs at least 5 days public notice.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that resolution #87 be dropped and Ordinance #53 replace it and this be discussed at the next council meeting. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Shuler reported that he had written a letter to Harland Davis, Attorney for the City regarding a contract between Bethel Utilities and the City of Bethel for electricity at the new subdivision. Shuler also stated that he had enclosed lot costs with mailings to council members. Recommends that a minimum of 4¢ or 5¢ a square foot be set. Costs do not include the cost of roads being put in. He also wanted the council to decide on the cost for lots since there has been quite a number of people asking about this.

M/M Hoffman, Connick, I move that we have a work session on May 2nd, at 7:30 PM, at the KVNA to discuss the cost of the lots. Voice vote carried.

Before going on to the next agenda item council member Mary Gregory translated what had transpired.

4. Taxi Ordinance #52 - Public Hearing

Shuler and Council member Mary Gregory read the ordinance to the council members and guests.

M/M Connick, Crow, I move that we continue the meeting, past 10:00 P.M. Voice vote carried.

TAXI ORDINANCE, con't.

Paul Gregory at this time brought out some things that he liked in the Ordinance. One thing was that no alcoholic beverages should not be in possession of persons because of people who are uncomfortable around intoxicated people when in the same cab. He also liked the idea of having the name of the owner on the cab, the car number in case people forget personal belongings or in case of accident can report to the police.

Hagan also stated that he would like people to call him if any of his drivers are intoxicated.

Cilletti opposed to having the name of the owner on the side of the cab. It was brought out during the discussion that a lot of people when the bars close leave with drinks in their hands or in their pockets and how are the taxi drivers going to control this?

Tom Anderson brought out that any open liquor in cabs are not supposed to be there by State Law. He also brought out it takes 5 hours to get booze out of any persons body and recommends drivers not drink at least 5 hours prior to starting a shift.

M/M Crow, Hoffman, I move that we accept Ordinance #52 as written.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: M/M Murphy, Hoffman, I move that this Ordinance become effective June 1, 1973.

Roll call vote on the amendment with Connick, Cooke, Gregory, Crow, Hoffman, and Murphy all voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call vote on the main motion with Connick, Gregory, Crow, Hoffman, Murphy, and Cooke all voting yes. Main motion passes.

5. Bid Sale - Old Jail

The following two people put in bids for the Old Jail:

- a. Eddie Hoffman, Jr. - \$501.77
- b. Don Shantz - \$2100.00

M/M Connick, Crow, I move that we accept the bid on the old jail from Don Shantz in the amount of \$2100.00 and that it be removed from the property within 20 days after purchase. Voice vote carried unanimously.

10 MINUTE BREAK CALLED FOR.

NEW BUSINESS1. Public Hearing on Dock

Shuler reported that George Silides had a public hearing and the discussion was on the upcoming dock project. Shuler stated that 3, 60' steel cells would be put in and filled with sand. Funding for this project is \$500,000 from the State Bond Fund. It was also brought out at the meeting that it was the City's responsibility to acquire land for the dock. EDA will not fund the proposed dock project. Shuler suggested that a public hearing be held before the work session at the KVNA on May 2nd and then have the Work Session.

PUBLIC HEARING ON DOCK, con't.

Cooke then set the public hearing on the dock project be held on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:30 P.M., at the KVNA Building.

2. Revenue Sources & Water Rates

Shuler brought out that the present water rates are as follows: Inside fills - 4¢ per gallon; Outside fills - at 3¢ a gallon; and some agencies get 2¢ a gallon. Hoffman also before going on to the next agenda item stated that the City should have a published water tariff rate. ASHA pays the City \$15.00 a month for water for those who have frozen pipes.

Shuler stated that negotiations had been started with the Division of Corrections to change their rates from \$12.50 to hopefully \$17.50 a day. Federal Revenue Sharing increased by \$14,000. It was \$10,000 a year but is now \$24,000. The net revenue of the city will be at the very least \$30,000 a year if the city finances the port. At the last council meeting it was suggested that the City sales tax be increased by 1% making it 3% and this would be \$70,000 a year revenue coming in for the city. Shuler thought that the Braund Building should be rented out.

Murphy also suggested that the money from the sale of the old city jail be divided among the patrolman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:15 P.M.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that we approve the resignation of George Hohman as City Manager. Voice vote carried unanimously.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that we approve the hiring of John Shuler as City Manager. Roll call vote with Connick, Crow, Gregory, Murphy, Hoffman and Cooke all voting yes.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30 P.M.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Carrie Kashatok
Carrie Kashatok, City Clerk

Margaret Cooke
Margaret Cooke, Mayor