

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 1972

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guinn at 8:10 Pm, KVNA Building, Bethel.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COOKE, DALE, GUINN, HOFFMAN, MURPHY
ABSENT: ROMER, ZAHRADNICEK(late)

READING OF MINUTES

The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1-10-72. John Guinn had a question on the \$5,000 figure which was clarified. Ed Hoffman remembered he requested Liquor Store Board on the agenda for 1-24-72.

At this point Councilman Zahradnicek came in.

M/M Hoffman, Zahradnicek to put Liquor Store Board on tonight's agenda.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the Special Meeting of 1-17-72. There were no objections or corrections, so the chair approved them as read.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jerry White read letters sent by George Silides that were sent to him from different agencies regarding the status on acquiring the Airport Material for the Sea-Wall. Also a letter dated 1-19-72 from Robert Sorensen regarding the Free Use Permit, and a letter from the ABC Board approving the renewal license for Bethel Community Liquor Store.

Councilwomen Cooke interpreted for Eskimos who didn't understand English.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Andy Edge wanted to know if there was going to be an audience participation when James P. Doogan from the ABC Board come up on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Jerry White reported on the new City Vehicle purchased last week and should be here by Saturday. Also he reported the New Jail Application was put for approval and we should hear from them soon.

MAYORS REPORT

John Guinn Reported on the EDA Committee Meeting. He said there was going to be a Meeting at the VFW on Wednesday at 8:00 pm, concerning the 5 and one-half acre's at Bethel Heights for commercial building.

Mrs. Cooke interpreted again.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

LAND USE: NONE

ROADS: Ed Hoffman reported on what he and George Hohman discussed while in Juneau. Representative Hohman said he was trying to get some money to build a Second road to Johnson River, to build a Regional High School at St. Mary's and also build a Cross Runway at St. Mary's.

Public Work, Recreation, Public Safety had nothing and Economics Development came under Mayors Report.

OLD BUSINESS

A) Property for Abandoned Cars and Sno-Machines.

The Chair recommended to table this item due to the lack of Maps available to get an accurate accounting of just what land was available.

M/M Dale, Murphy so moved.

Councilman Zahradnicek recommended that the Council ask for a complete cost breakdown by next Council Meeting to stop the delay on Councils decision on this matter.

Motion passed by an unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Status on Police Chief

Tom Dillon spoke on his behalf.

He reminded Council that his two year oral contract will be up in February and that the City of Kotzebue had offered him a job. Mr. Dillon wanted to meet with Council to find out their feelings.

The Chair entertained a Motion to go into executive session to talk with Chief Dillon.

M/M Dale, Hoffman to go into executive session to talk on Police Chief Status.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Council adjourned at 8:45 pm and recommended at 9:10 pm.

B) K.V.N.A. - Bingo License.

M/M Zahradnicek, Hoffman to approve the license.

Motion passed by an unanimous voice vote.

C) A.B.C.

James P. Doogan from the ABC Board spoke on this agenda item. First he explained on the delay approving the dispensary licenses

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for the Kashim Room and Alice's Restaurant, and that the "71" licenses were good until 28, February 72. He thought they would probably be approved on their next Board Meeting.

Councilman Zahradnicek asked Mrs. Cooke to interpret which she did.

Mr. Doogan then went on to recap on the Legislative decision concerning the licenses. He also recalled the Council's actions concerning approvals of the licenses for Alice's Restaurant and added that council has no legal right not to approve the license because there was not a conviction for a death of a person. The Council can protect if there is a valid reason and then with the ABC investigation of that reason, no licenses will be issued.

Councilwoman Cooke translated.

Councilman Hoffman added that he had a Meeting with Alex Miller concerning the licenses and recalled that even if the ABC Board did approve the licenses. Governor Egan, Alex Miller and the Attorney General can still protect the issuance of a renewal.

Mr. Doogan said no, that was not true, there had to be a Conviction by law. He added the first conviction would close the establishment down for 10 days the second conviction would close it down for 30 days and the third conviction would revoke the license and put the owner in jail.

He also added if the City would vote dry tomorrow, it would not be in effect until Dec. of 1972.

Mrs. Cooke then translated.

Mr. Doogan then went into detail about the problems here in Bethel and what we can do to correct them. The one thing he stressed was to increase the Police force so they could check on the Bars more frequently. He then open the floor for some questions.

Isaac Mute, from the Eskimo Economic Development Committee, asked two questions. First, question concerned an insurance policy for people who would die in bars from drinking and second; how to control people who drink too much and then fight. He then had some suggestions his committee came up with.

Mr. Doogan replied that it falls back to not having a big enough Police Force again and that it was not a law for Bar owners to carry insurance policies.

Mr. Mute's suggestions go as follows.

If the two bars and 1 Liquor Store in Bethel pass the license for the bars they should suggest that they pay \$2,000 to the dependants of a person found dead caused by drinking and 5¢ out of every dollar sold for a drink if a drink is a 1.00. Bars should collect 5¢ to help with the Sleep-off-Center.

Pay taxi fare to the Sleep-off-Center from the bar, if he is too drunk.

Maggie Lind was displeased on how women were being thrown out of bars.

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Phillip Guy talked to Isaac Mute in Eskimo to clarify insurance he was talking about which was a life insurance policy.

James Doogan again explained that there is no law saying that the City or State can tell them what to do in this line.

Andy Edge had a petition with 250 signatures to close both bars, which was not presented, and asked if a Borough was formed with the outlying villages, could they then close down the bars.

Mr. Doogans answer was no, because Bethel was a fourth class City.

M/M Zahradnicek, Hoffman to go passed 10 pm.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Doogan then discussed the problems if a town went dry.

Mayor Guinn then talked about the problems in town and that people who are the complainers should act instead of just talk. He said talk is cheap.

He gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Doogan for coming over and setting us straight on the question on the liquor applications.

Mrs. Cooke then translated what was discussed, and there was discussion concerning the alcohol Resolutions.

M/M Murphy, Zahradnicek for the City Administrator to work with the City Police to increase the Police Force to make it a more adequate force also put them in a position to have a better servaliance at the bars.

Motion passed by an unanimous voice vote.

Don Elliot was displeased on the State Troopers position in Bethel.

Tom Dillon clarified the statement by bringing up the fact that there is no longer a contract between the State and the City of Bethel.

M/M Murphy, Hoffman to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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


Ruth M. Richardson, Acting City Clerk


John P. Guinn, Mayor