

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 25, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooke at 7:35 P.M., KVNA Building.

ROLL CALL

All council members were present.

READING OF MINUTES

Crow questioned what the sentence meant "The state law requires that dogs be caught". Also under Committee Reports Crow stated that at the last Economic Development Committee meeting the committee donated monies for telegrams to Gravel, Stevens & Young stating that funds not be taken out of nurses funds to hire a security guard.

On page four Gregory brought out that she had voted no and all others yes regarding lots across from the Braund complex. Also on page four under taxi permits it was brought out that Crow, Romer and Hoffman had voted no and Gregory, Murphy and Connick had voted yes. Motion failed by a 3-3 vote.

M/M Connick, Crow, I move that the minutes be accepted as written with corrections. Voice vote carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shuler stated that Hoffman had requested that he research the Municipal Code regarding the attendance requirements of councilmen. The council shall declare a vacancy when a member is absent for a 90 day period unless excused by the council or a member misses 3 executive regular meetings unless excused. Shuler also stated that he had enclosed Ordinance #38 regarding Liquor Handlers Permit stating that each person handling booze has to have a Liquor Handlers Permit and the cost of the permit is \$200.00. This ordinance was passed back in December 1966.

MANAGERS REPORT

Shuler reported that he had conversed with ASHA and Simmons regarding the Brown Slough Project and the survey on the appraisal for the City of Bethel. As of the end of July Simmons will have the appraisal updated and it will cost the City \$3000.00 which is to be paid out of the Brown Slough funds. ASHA will assume the responsibility at the City's request of having someone come out to talk with each individual on the Slough area and negotiate for the purchase of land. The City will then transfer the land to the Corps of Engineers by the end of September. The balance for the Brown Slough is \$139,000. Relocation involves people living on land to be acquired. While in Anchorage Shuler reported that he had met with the Public Utilities Commission and it was brought out that the City cannot get a primary users contract. PUC's recommendation on the subdivision is that home owners and users be notified on this matter and they in turn get a hold of Bethel Utilities.

Connick suggested that the City notify each individual lot owner on this.

Shuler also reported that he had met with the State Department of Highways in Anchorage and the City would like to negotiate with the Highway Department for \$11,500 a year to maintain the state dirt roads on Mission, Hangar and elsewhere. Recommendation is that work be done on state roads first and then renegotiate to do other roads.

Connick asked if this was a year to year contract and Shuler replied yes.

Shuler also reported that there are equipment needs for the City. He had met with LEAA on the police emergency vehicle. This vehicle would primarily be used for any kind of emergency except fire. This will be on the road 24 hours a day. Another equipment need is a dump truck. The present dump truck is in bad shape now. Shuler also stated that he would like to negotiate a contract with the Department of Highways for \$11,500 a year to work on dirt roads and this would pay for a new dump truck. A water truck is also needed with both white trucks being repaired constantly. Shuler's recommendation is that the City purchase a water truck for \$20,000 and a dump truck for about \$25,000.

Connick recommended that at the work session, discussion of the water and sanitation trucks be put on the agenda.

MAYORS REPORT - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sam Dinsmore reported that at the Economic Development Committee meeting the 502 program was discussed. This 502 program is a Small Business program. Members each put in \$25.00 towards this. The minimum is \$25.00 to join. No one person can put up more than one fourth. Dinsmore also said that the money returned can be used as revolving money. \$25,000 can guarantee a loan of \$250,000. This group of 25 can then decide what kinds of business they want to do.

Hoffman also reported that the road at the subdivision is nearly completed but it stops by the hospital since the PHS didn't want to release that. Shuler reported that PHS was requested to release right-of-way but decided not to up until now. Shuler also wanted to know who would pay to have the road extended. A letter will be written to Dr. John Lee, Area Director, of PHS in Anchorage.

Hoffman also reported that the committee appointed checked a possible new cemetery location. The best spot is by the road leaving YKHC houses at Bethel Heights and this is 400' long and this would be good for about 30 years. Father Peterson was asked to get sand sample of this spot.

Gregory questioned who the land belongs to and Hoffman replied that this belongs to natives but they can give it to the City for burial rights. Hoffman has talked to Phil Guy about it. Hoffman also reported that there is a drinking problem on the waterfront by the Bethel Marina. Shuler stated that he had already met with the Chief of Police on this. Hoffman also brought out that he didn't think it was right for the City to charge any people for the usage of the Braund Building. Connick suggested that it might be worthwhile for the manager to update and review this policy. People that make money, for instance dances, can be charged for using the Braund Building.

Shuler also reported that he had Dickenson and Oswald survey the cemetery. They also surveyed the lot by the bridge that checker cab wants to rent.

Murphy reported that the committee appointed to investigate the water situation at the Halfway House had meetings. Pat O'Rourke typed up memo and this was passed out for the council to review. Murphy suggested that the Halfway House be put back on a 6 day week water schedule.

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Gregory also wanted to know if there was a policy in having a life guard for kids swimming. Shuler stated that Dan Schneider had been one last year but he didn't want to do it this year. Connick suggested that we have someone at the H Marker at certain hours and to announce on the radio not to have kids to swim unless accompanied by parents.

Shuler brought out that the City will put up "No Swimming" signs by the bridge to housing, by Brown Slough and by Sarge Connicks.

Dinsmore also reported that at the Economic Development Committee meeting the setting off of the siren was discussed for children under 13 years old. Connick also stated that the ordinance should be enforced. Shuler was requested to make announcements over the radio regarding this matter.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Miles Hagan stated that he was issued 2 taxi permits. He has three cars as of February 26th. He then read a letter to the council concerning this matter.

Connick stated that permits were divided between operators. Some operators didn't get permits for all vehicles. His request was denied.

At this time Red Boucher was given a chance to talk. He stated that if the City is able to take the BOR recreation funding program they can develop various recreational centers. He stated that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation is trying to encourage city councils to get together with Ted Smith on this. He strongly suggested that Shuler get a hold of Ted Smith.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Agreement: IHS/City - Water and Sewer Project and Resolution 92 - Approval of Contract

Shuler stated that Resolution 92 states that the City assume responsibility for certain fixed costs of the water/sewer system at Bethel Heights. This will be a 2 year contract effective July 1973 till July 1975. City will be responsible of all utility bills, operators salary and chemicals. PHS will be paying all other costs like pipe replacements, etc. PHS will file progress reports at the end of each quarter. PHS will allow the City to use part of the collected revenue over 35,000 for health related activities. At the end of 2 years the City will have no commitments to take over the system. Shuler also stated that the revenue we get from the people would be enough to pay costs. The City will not be responsible to fix the systems if they break down. Shuler recommended that the Council approve this resolution. At this time the City Manager read resolution 92.

M/M Murphy, Connick, I move that we accept Resolution 92. Roll call vote with all 7 members present voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City Approval of Native Lot Release from BLM

Shuler reported that Mrs. Revet requested that the City by resolution approve of the BLM granting the deed to them.

M/M Connick, Hoffman, I move that the City Council by resolution approve of the BLM granting the land to the Revets. Roll call vote with all 7 members present, voting yes

2. Ordinance 54 - Adopting Existing State Traffic Regulations

Shuler stated that the fines collected would go to the City instead of the State if City takes on the existing state traffic rules.

Cooke brought out that the ordinance be proposed at the Council meeting and then call for a public hearing.

M/M Connick, Murphy, I move that Ordinance 54 be on the agenda for the next regular council meeting and that it be advertised for a public hearing. Voice vote carried unanimously.

3. Dispatch License Permit Requests

Shuler requested that each person applying for dispatch services turn these in. Enclosed in mailings were 4 requests for dispatch services. Ordinance does require that the Council approve applications for dispatch services.

Connick also brought out that they would need Federal Communications Act to have licenses.

Hoffman felt that the people applying for dispatch services shouldn't have to pay again if they paid for federal licenses.

M/M Murphy, Gregory, I move that the City accept all applications for dispatch services Roll call vote with Gregory, Cooke, Hoffman, Murphy, and Romer voting yes. Connick and Crow voted no. Motion passed by a 5 yes - 2 no vote.

4. Public Hearing - Float Planes in Brown Slough

During discussion of the float planes in Brown Slough Shuler brought out that the traffic is increasing. Jimmex Samuelson also brought out that the boats are coming in too fast at the Brown Slough and that his planes taxi in and out of there slowly.

Connick felt that the brown slough could be used for float planes during stormy weather. He also felt that the City should encourage float plane operators not to use the slough but Hangar lake during stormy weather. Connick also suggested that there should be more studying and discussing this at the work session and then discuss it more at another regular council meeting.

5. Land Request - Old Age home

Cooke suggested that the discussion of the Old Age Home be postponed - and Have Harold Napoleon discuss it at the next council meeting.

6. Ordinance 55 - Adopting City Manager form of Government

Shuler recommended that this be a public hearing at the next council meeting.

M/ M Murphy, Gregory, I move that ordinance 55 be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting as a public hearing. Voice vote carried.

7. Accepting Renegotiated State Contract for Jail

Shuler reported that he had negotiated with the State Division of Corrections for the care and custody of state prisoners. City now receives \$12.50 a day for inmates staying at the jail. He had requested that the cost be \$17.50 a day and not less

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than that. The revenue from this \$17.50 a day would be \$95,808 a year. Carl Nichol also had recommended that facility improvements be met. This \$95,808 would not come near to operating the facility reported Shuler.

M/M Gregory, Connick, I move that we continue the meeting; past 10 pm. Voice vote carried.

M/M Murphy, Romer, I move that we accept the agreement between the City of Bethel and the Division of Corrections. Roll call vote with all 7 members present voting yes.

8. Resolution 91 - RDA Grant/Boardwalks

Shuler stated that Jan Molone is working on the RDA grant for boardwalks for the City of Bethel. RDA's recommendation is that the City by resolution participate with RDA in this project. A number of places were named - Braund Building to Haroldson's, all the way to slough area. It had been suggested by Hohman to put boardwalks by the Brown Slough.

Connick suggested to put boardwalks in by the new NC store and post office, from pump house to Archie Watsons corner, and by the highway to the school.

Murphy suggested from the street by Shantz's and cut across the slough to the regional high school.

Connick felt this is an urgent need and these boardwalks should be put in before school starts. Shuler then read resolution 91. Cooke also suggested that discussion on the boardwalks be held off.

9. Work Session - Budgets

Shuler recommended that the work session be held this week sometime.

Cooke then set Wednesday evening the 27th of June at the Braund Building at 7:30 PM. She urged all council members to attend the work session.

10. John Gregory Lot

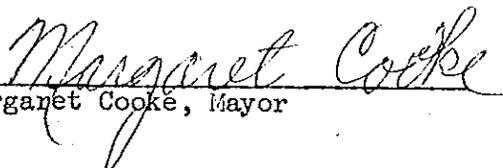
Murphy suggested that the council set up the same time element for the lots across from the Braund Building as the lots at the subdivision - 5 years to sell and 2 years to build residential homes.

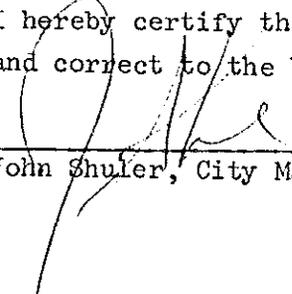
M/M Murphy, Connick, I move that we put the same stipulation on the lots across from the Braund Building as the lots at the subdivision, 5 years to sell and 2 years to build at the same cost as the lots at the subdivision. Roll call vote with all 7 members present voting yes.

M/M Crow, Connick, I move that we adjourn. Voice vote carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 P.M.

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


Margaret Cooke, Mayor


John Shuler, City Manager