

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY

JANUARY 10, 1966

NORTHERN COMMERCIAL THEATRE

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.

Present were: T. Christiansen, H. Elliot, E. Hoffman, T. Samuelson, and A. Nicholson.

The minutes and supplements from December were read and approved as read.

COMMUNICATIONS;

A poll vote by telephone will be taken regarding the cost and desire for advertisement in the Fairbanks Daily-News Miner's Progress Edition.

A. Nicholson read communication from Mary Lee Council, Administrative Assistant to Senator Bartlett, regarding the Senate's action on a Small Boat Harbor.

A letter from Gerld F. McMahon was read regarding a new service offered by himself and his associates with regard to a consulting firm engaged in serving local governments.

After a discussion of subscribing to the Legislative Reporting Service, M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Samuelson that we subscribe to the Legislative Reporting Service at a cost of \$175.00 for the first 60 days of the 1966 session of the State Legislature. Results were: T. Christiansen-No, E. Hoffman-No, T. Samuelson-Yes, H. Elliot-Yes, A. Nicholson-Yes. The motion was passed by 3 Ayes and 2 Nos.

After the reading of a letter from the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce, M/M E. Hoffman, M/S H. Elliot that the City donate a sum of \$100.00 to the fund for the restoration of the St. Michaels Russian Cathedral which was destroyed by fire in Sitka. The poll vote was unanimously in favor of this motion.

T. Christiansen read a letter from Warren Colver, State Attorney General, regarding the legality of the City having a salaried Mayor. In his opinion, the City is operating illegally as a Fourth Class City because they are paying their Mayor a salary. The Council decided to send a copy of this letter to the City's Attorney for evaluation.

Mayor Art Nicholson filed a Resolution Requesting Administrative and Legislative Action Necessary to the Future Development of Bethel and It's Trade Area.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Christiansen that we accept this resolution in the first reading. Passed unanimously.

After the resolution was presented by title only for its second reading, M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Christiansen that it be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. H. Tew gave a summary regarding the desirability of the City to purchase and sponsor a Tumbling program for the children ages 5 to 12. After discussion regarding insurance and supervision of this program, it was decided to contact Mr. Max Fancher to determine if there are mats available at the school.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mayor Art Nicholson reminded the Council that the Highway Engineers will not maintain any roads other than the secondary road system when constructed.
2. Bethel as a community must be working hard towards gaining the Regional High School here in Bethel. If this school is built here it would mean a great deal in the economic development of this community.
3. A. Nicholson also reminded the Council that their duty is to all of the people and not to just a few. This Council should be a governing body rather than a Welfare Agency for the Community.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Art asked that the Resolution to Alaska State Housing Authority be postponed until the next regular meeting. It is hoped that Mr. Chuck Bloomfield will have drawn up a new resolution not based on moving the town site of Bethel.

M/M T. Christiansen, M/S E. Hoffman that this resolution be tabled until the next regular Council Meeting. Passed unanimously.

After consideration of the Prisoner Feeding Bids, M/M E. Hoffman, M/S T. Christiansen that the City accept Mr. Andy Edge's Alternate #1 bid which includes the pick up and delivery of Breakfasts at a cost of \$1.49 each, Lunch cost of \$1.24 each and Supper at a cost of \$2.24 each. Passed unanimously.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Samuelson that the effective date be February 1, 1966 through January 31, 1967 for the Prisoner Feeding Contract. Passed unanimously.

M/M E. Hoffman, M/S T. Christiansen that the Taxi Ordinance be tabled until the next regular Council Meeting. Passed by a vote of 3 ayes and 1 nay.

Discussion was held regarding the Transporting of the Children across the slough to and from school. The City is waiting for Mr. Andy Edge to acquire an insurance policy to include the City as assured and also to increase his coverage. An attempt is being made to get a worker under the NYC program to act as director on the Taxi Service.

M/M E. Hoffman, M/S T. Christiansen that the City have Andy's Taxi pick up the additional 15 children (from seven families) who live between Andy's Cafe and the slough. The names of which Ed Hoffman will give to the City Clerk. The poll vote was unanimously in favor of this motion.

Howard Elliot withdrew his condition of 10 days on picking up the children. Therefore the City will continue the policy to pick up the children via Andy's Taxi.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City has rendered a bill to Bethel Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$96,000.00 minus a liability of \$3995.41 for rent from March 1, 1964 through June 30, 1965. Another bill will be rendered in the amount of \$36,000.00 *for rental from July 1, 1965 through Dec. 31, 1965.*

M/M H. Elliot, M/S E. Hoffman that the City deposit the money received from Bethel Sales, Inc. in the local bank in a separate savings account. Passed unanimously.

M/M E. Hoffman, M/S H. Elliot that the meeting continue past 10:00 PM.  
Passed unanimously.

Discussing was held on the Location and Purchase of the new City Office Building.  
The possible locations considered were next to the Barber Shop or on the old school grounds.

After discussion of Hot Water Heating System vrs. Hot Air Heating System, M/M E. Hoffman, M/S H. Elliot that the City purchase a Hot Water Heating System for the City Office Building. The poll vote was unanimously in favor of this action.

The Lake Lights have been frequently left or turned on by the citizens to light their way across Honeybucket Lake.

M/M H. Elliot, M/S T. Christiansen that the City get Northern Commercial Co. to place a regular street light on a pole adjacent to Honeybucket Lake across from the house of Howard Elliot and pull the meters of the skating lights until next Fall when conditions are right for skating. Passed unanimously.

A. Nicholson read a breakdown by building of the Light and Oil bills from September and December.

There will be a special meeting for the Council Members only at Howard Elliot's house on January 24, 1966 at 8:00 PM for consideration of delinquent Sanitation Accounts.

A letter has been written to Senator Bartlett asking for assistance in obtaining the old Army Advisory Buildings.

M/M E. Hoffman that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35.

*A. S. H.*