

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 11, 1973

CALL TO ORDER

Special meeting called to order by Sarge Connick at 8:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ISSUE: The locked door policy at the Hospital.

Connick gave a report by the Special Committee appointed to study the problem. The nurses outlined the issue of having to leave patients alone to go to the entrance to answer the door. Many persons at the door do not need medical attention but are just intoxicated. The nurses desire a night guard to answer the door and handle the intoxicated person so the nurses could care for the patients. It takes too long to get the door from North Wing if there is an emergency.

Connick feels the City of Bethel has the responsibility for those persons in the hospital as patients because they are residents of Bethel and should participate in problem.

The audience discussed the issue. It was recommended that the PHS include the guard in their next fiscal year budget but that the community should help till then. But, the community should not have to help past July 1st. A petition was presented (enclosed) with about 300 names calling for the City to assist on an interim basis.

M/M Crow, Hoffman, I move that the City hire a security guard for the PHS Hospital starting Saturday night at 10 P.M. (May 12th) and lasting until July 1, 1973 as an emergency measure and that Representatives and Senators should be urged to fund the position of security guard in the PHS Hospital's budget. Roll call vote with Connick, Crow, Murphy and Hoffman all voting yes.

Discussion followed.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:30 P.M.

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

Carrie Kashatok
Carrie Kashatok, City Clerk

Harrell Connick
Vice-Chairman, Harrel Connick