City of Bethel "Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

December 16, 1969

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 15, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Swanson. Roll was called.
Present: Bruce Crow, Ed Hoffman, Kevin Murphy, Robert Nick, Gene Peltola, Dave Swanson.
Absent: Jack Baxter.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Snodgrass read the following letters: 1) telegram from Milsap, ABC Board, stating that the City of Bethel has been issued a liquor license; 2) from ASHA to the Mayor and Council saying that the Comprehensive Plan for Bethel had been mailed; 3) from Mr. Rhodes, AVEC, asking the council to pass a resolution in support of their negotiations with N. C. Co. for electrical utilities take-over.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: None.

TREASURERS REPORT: None.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Snodgrass gave the following report: the Comprehensive Plan has arrived and copies are available at the City Office; Dave Wenzlaff stated in a conversation that he will contact Godfrey Love about the factory sprinkler system and an engineer would probably come to Bethel to inspect it.

MAYORS COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
Murphy reported on a PUBLIC SAFETY meeting held Dec. 6 during which the general topics of city police, jail, and fire department were discussed. More specifically they discussed the possibility of radios in police vehicles, a phone in Blaise Tinker's house, improvement of the jail facility, heating system for the garage, fire alarm at the jail. Lastly, it was recommended that road signs be put up.

Robert Nick stated that his committee has negotiated with ASHA to increase the income level for acceptance into the housing project and that now half of the 180 houses are occupied.

Bruce Crow stated that his Economic Development Committee has met twice, their reports being covered adequately in the newspaper.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPLICATIONS FOR BEVERAGE DISPENSARY LICENSES:
Two applications for licenses had been received, one from Anderson & Mendola and

one from Art Nicholson, president of the Bethel Development Committee.
M/M Murphy, Nick that the City Council does not accept the applications for beverage dispensary licenses. Discussion followed. Motion withdrawn.
M/M Crow, Nick that the Council accepts the request for approval of the Anderson, Mendola beverage dispensary license. A discussion followed. Anderson, refuting the argument that such a license would take revenue away from the City, stated that they would be paying 2% sales tax, possibly donating money to the recreation program, and would be willing to go into an accomodation effort with the City. Crow stated that his negative vote would be based on the Council's promise before the second liquor election that all liquor revenues would be used for public services and city improvement. He felt further that approval of a bar license would give impetus to another petition for election and that liquor would be voted out.
Poll vote: Crow no, Hoffman abstain, Murphy no, Nick no, Peltola no, Swanson no. Motion defeated 5 neys, 1 abstention.
Swanson read a letter from Art Nicholson asking for Council's approval of their application for beverage dispensary license.
M/M Nick, Murphy that Council reject the second application received from Bethel Development Committee.
Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman abstain, Murphy yes, Nick yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 abstention.

GARBAGE PROPOSAL:
Swanson read a letter from Tom Howell asking to contract the garbage service from the City for $2,175/mo. Discussion took place.
M/M Crow, Murphy that the City Administrator be authorized to negotiate a contract with Howell along these general guidelines: a 4 month probationary duration; 2 men, 1 truck, at a rate of $2,175/mo. and that this contract be presented at the next meeting. Unanimous.

A.V.E.C.:
Snodgrass read a suggested resolution endorsing AVEC's negotiations with N.C. Co. It was decided to pass the resolution and check with the attorney on it.
M/M Murphy, Nick that Resolution 57, AVEC Resolution, be placed in its first reading. Unanimous.
M/M Peltola, Murphy that Resolution 57 be accepted in its first reading and placed in its second reading by title only. Unanimous.
M/M Peltola, Murphy that Resolution 57 be accepted in its second and final reading. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

STREETLIGHTS AT BETHEL HEIGHTS:
M/M Crow, Nick that the City Administrator be authorized to purchase and have installed three streetlights, one at the bus stop, one at the bridge, and one wherever it is needed. Unanimous.

LOG BUILDING RENOVATION:
Snodgrass said that the Log Bldg. needs to be carpeted at a total cost of $914, the ceiling needs paint, the water system hooked up and a new pump purchased.
M/M Crow, Peltola that the City Administrator be authorized to expend the budgeted money as per paragraph.
Amend Nick, Peltola to include purchase of vacuum cleaner. Amendment passed unanimously. Motion unanimous.

CHILD CARE CENTER:
Jan Malone, Dept. of Welfare, made a presentation of the Work Incentive Program, a child care center being the Dept. of Welfare's responsibility. She requested a loan of $1,000 and the assumption of the director's salary for one year.
M/M Crow, Peltola that the City loan to the Child Care Center Organization the sum of $1,000 for a period of six months and that the City pay the director's salary not to exceed $700/mo. for four months.
Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Murphy yes, Peltola yes, Nick yes, Swanson yes. Passed 6 ayes.

C.A.B. RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Alaska Transportation Commission has requested testimoney regarding any matters pertinent to adequacy and quality of present airline service. Swanson read a petition currently being circulated in Bethel which urges that consideration be given by the C.A.B. to other airlines wishing to service Bethel. The council felt that a resolution based on this petition should be sent to the Trans. Commission as the Council's testimony.

JAIL RENOVATIONS:
Public Safety Committee recommended that additional cells be added to the jail facility.
M/M Crow, Peltola that the City Administrator be authorized to expend up to $750 for construction of additional jail facilities and other minor repairs needed.
Amend Nick, Peltola that in the interim, use of the state jail facility when the City jail is full be looked into.

GAMING PERMITS: K.V.N.A. VFW, LIONS CLUB, DOG MUSHERS, BARC, NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, BETHEL STATE SCHOOL, CATHOLIC CHURCH
M/M Hoffman, Peltola that the council pass all the applications named above for gaming permits. Unanimous.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE:
M/M Peltola, Murphy that the City make the necessary expenditure of $795 to join the Municipal League.
Poll vote: Crow yes, Hoffman yes, Murphy yes, Nick yes, Peltola yes, Swanson yes. Passed 6 ayes.

EXCESS VEHICLES:
M/M Crow, Murphy that the meeting extend beyong 10 P.M. Unanimous.

M/M Crow, Hoffman that the excess vehicles, 2 sanitation trucks, dump truck, be put up for bid. Unanimous.

CITY GARAGE PUMP:
M/M Crow, Nick that this item be tabled until the City Administrator provides cost study. Unanimous.

Peltola stated that the Recreation Committee had had two meetings and that Larry Keil has resigned as of December 31, 1969. Mr. Dinsmore has offered to supervise the recreation program.

M/M Peltola, Murphy for adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

David P. Swanson, Mayor

Joanne McCabe, City Clerk