

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL

JULY 12, 1965

N. C. THEATER

8:00 PM

Present: Elliott, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Mendola, Wilkins, & Art Nicholson

Absent: Sallison

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM

The minutes of the meeting of June 7th were read. The following corrections were made: Correction # 1 the cost of the State Police Contract is \$15,800 instead of \$15,000. Correction # 2 is that Mr. Edge said, "that we continue with the State Police Contract."

The minutes of the Special Meeting of June 28th were read. Mr. Wilkins said he would like to include more details on what we based our decision upon, the principals of the corporation & the type of construction to be used. Also to include these additions to the minutes to be posted. The minutes will be corrected and amended.

Andy Edge, City Clerk, made a report to the City Council. He wrote a letter to Dr. E. Powers of Anchorage about the Neighborhood Youth Corp; Mr. Donald A. McKinnon, Commissioner of Dept. of Highways who referred Mr. Carson Miles of Warrack Construction Co. to discuss this matter with Mr. Edge. He will report that the road built across the fall-lines be continued up behind the school to 5th Ave.

A letter to Herb Adams about Bethel participating in the Alaska Centennial Celebration.

A letter to Bill Adams, Fire Marshall at McGrath, about a small tundra fire and the use of fire equipment garaged in Bethel. A key will be made available to the City Office to use this fire equipment when necessary. Some fire fighters will come to Bethel in the fall to train a group of young men.

A letter to Mr. Ross Youngblood, BLM, about acquisition of approximately 10.45 acres to be used as a city park and recreation area.

Letters were sent to each person having land on the river front about participating in the cost of building the retaining wall.

A letter to Mr. Thompson about the VISTA Visitors coming through Bethel.

Andy Edge read a letter received from Haffer & Beckman, Attorneys & Counselors, 703 Ring Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20036, suggesting what could possibly be done about NEA moving their operations to Aniak. J. Hoffman reported that no one has bid on the Aniak sight, also that NEA possibly will not be able to carry out their building program in time to move to Aniak this year. This information might possibly be confirmed in a few days. Art Nicholson suggested that we wait for a few days to see what the outcome is. Wilkins would like the letter from Beckman answered within one week, to acknowledge that some information has come to our attention.

A letter to the Dept. of Health to compile information on mosquito control. Mr. Edge received some information and it stated that spraying can be effective when done at the proper time.

That completes Mr. Edge's report.

Art Nicholson stated that since N. C. Co. has entered into participation with the City on the River Erosion across the front of town, it was determined that we should protect this area in front of N. C. Co. Work will start in that area in a couple days.

Art Nicholson reported that the Police Council was amended and that the vehicle would be returned to the City; they would provide their own vehicle.

Art Nicholson said when the school was built, Mr. Leonard Loyal promised that they would submit to the City of Bethel for approval, the plans to bridge the outfall line to cross the effluent line.

The city received a letter from Bill Thompson of the University of Alaska about the cost of traveling for 38 to 40 VISTA and University personnel. These people will arrive in Bethel at 11:00 AM Saturday morning. He should make some plans to have the council and different agency representatives arrange a tour of Bethel. The tour should be interesting enough to encourage some of the VISTA people to want to stay in Bethel and work.

Ben Wilkins pointed out that the City speed limit is 20 miles per hour in some areas of the city unless otherwise stated. He requested Andy Edge to have the State post these signs.

Elliott said another A Frame is available to use on the river crossing work. Andy Edge has talked to Mr. Guinn of BIA and reported that BIA will let the City use one of their pumps without a lease. Mr. Schmidt reported that he is training another crew on jetting pilings. They will be finished the end of the retaining wall, where they began to work, in a couple days and will move up to the other end of town. They will try to have two crews working on the retaining wall to accomplish as much work as possible before the rainy season.

Art Nicholson read a letter from the Bethel Women's Club reporting on their accomplishments for the city library.

Mr E Hoffman/S/J. Mendola make a motion that we get \$1000 for the women's club.

Art Nicholson said the Bethel Sales could make a donation as part of their business operations if they gave \$1000, Bethel Sales would have to pay about \$1000 to the Internal Revenue for profit turned over to the City as profit gained. Wilkins stated that if they took a bonified vote, he believes that they could make this donation directly to the women's club and write it off as a business expense.

E. Hoffman withdrew his motion.

Mendola withdrew his second to the motion.

The legality of this transaction was discussed and a new motion made.

Mr E. Hoffman/S/Mendola make a motion that the Bethel City Council request the Bethel Sales to give \$1500 to the women's club. J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Mendola, Wilkins in favor - Elliott not in favor. AYES 4 NOS 1 15

Ted Sarrilson was not present to discuss the program of plugging one branch of the slough.

Pete MacManus made a brief report on NYC Program. It is designed to give the kids some training in fields of possible employment. The City will also gain from this program. This program brings into Bethel \$1000 every two weeks. The wages paid out before the start of school will be \$16,000. It represents that \$80,000 will be paid to the kids throughout the entire area. The kids are covered by State insurance. So far the kids have all been placed in jobs of non-profit organizations. It would be permissible to place some of the kids for training with private organizations after the River Project is closer to completion. The program is pretty well organized now.

Andy Edge suggested that the Council go into the tentative budget at a later time. The supplies and services for the City would be covered at that time.

It was decided to order the mosquito dope in March instead of ordering it now and storing it all winter. We would have a fresh supply to use next spring.

Art Nicholson reported that the auditors Hodla, Sherwood, Noblin & Yerinn would be out here within two or three weeks, at which time, they would audit the City books and the Bethel Sales books.

The bill to Bethel Sales of \$67.75 for refreshments for the Senator Gruening entertainment was discussed. Art Nicholson will talk to Jack Wise and make this an outright donation.

Art Nicholson pointed out to J. Hoffman of Earthmovers that the Council had approved their estimate of \$425.00 to fill the Mission Playground. J. Hoffman said the original location on Schattsneider's for the playground had to be used for a building. They changed the location. Therefore, they had to fill in an area for a road and this area was lower than the original location.

MM Wilkins/S/ J. Hoffman that we pay this bill for \$1030. Elliott, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Wilkins in favor - Hendola not in favor 4 AYES 1 NO NC.

Art Nicholson presented the bill for the angle irons used for city dump.

MM Wilkins/S/E. Hoffman I move that we approve an additional \$10.00 on sand fill for Mission playground, Inv. #7299, balance \$1030.00 to Earthmovers for Inv. # 7287 and \$28.00 to Art Nicholson for iron angles furnished for the City dump.

MM J. Hoffman/S/Elliott make a motion to continue business after 10:00 PM  
5 AYES 0 NOS NC

This poll is for the above motion of Wilkins/E. Hoffman - Elliott, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Hendola, & Wilkins in favor 5 AYES 0 NOS NC.

Wilkins informed the council that the fire siren on the library roof is the responsibility of Tundra Telephone Co. for the electrical relays. Any future expenses incurred should be deducted from any bills paid to Tundra Telephone Co. Wilkins suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Ditto of Tundra Telephone Co. to the effect that there should be an adjustment to the charge to the City or the entire unit should be inside the building. It is not a weather proof unit. X

The Council discussed the possibility of the City making a telephone franchise for services. This discussed at length. Andy Edge is to write a letter to Mr. Ditto from the Council asking him to restore long distance service at an early date or we will look elsewhere for better service. Something should be done within a month and mention the franchise to Ditto. Andy Edge was also asked to write to several other communities and ask them for copies of their franchises as something to use as a basis for City franchises.

Hendola reported that we need 2 sets of swings. 1 set near Ted Samuelson's and one in Lousetown. The cost would be about \$200 a set. Also 1 teeter totter set for the area in front of Ted Samuelson's place. X

MM Hendola/S/Elliott that we approve \$500.00 and not to exceed that amount for 2 sets of swings and one teeter totter set. Elliott, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Hendola, and Wilkins in favor. 5 AYES 0 NOS NC

Wilkins said that he would like to have more formal financial statements at the council meetings. Also to audit the budget for last year 1964-65.

The budget for 1964-65 had not been completed. Everything spent had been approved by the Council minutes.

It was decided to have a work session for work on the budget for last year to complete it, and to work out the 1965-66 budget. Wednesday 7/14/65 at 8:00 PM at the City Office is the time and place for this work session.

Wilkins asked for a financial statement to be ready to use at their work session.

Wilkins asked if the sales tax could be looked into more thoroughly. Since Andy Edge is a full time employee of the City, he should be approved to handle this. Andy Edge will check to see if the City Ordinances need to be amended on how to check someone's books.

Mr J. Hoffman/S/Wilkins that Andy Edge be authorized by the Council to examine the tax returns and if it should appear to have some discrepancy or not reporting enough sales tax, it should be properly examined and reported to the Council for further action. 5 AYES 0 NOS NC

Wilkins asked if there are any city ordinances governing the taxi business. Does the City require them to carry full insurance coverage, are they licensed in Alaska, also the trooper should check quarterly for the condition of the vehicle.

The City does have the authority to set up these controls.

Wilkins requested Andy Edge to write to several cities for copies of their ordinances as a source of information to set this up properly in Bethel. None of the councilmen objected to this approach about ordinances governing the taxi business.

E. Hoffman told the Council that another playground was needed for the kids from Fish and Wild Lake to the airport to be paid for from the Youth Activity Fund.

The Council decided that a playground would not be necessary in this area at present because the land that the City is trying to acquire for a park and recreation area will have some playground equipment. This park area would be convenient to the children in this area. If the park is not accomplished, the Council will take up this matter of a playground at another time.

Art Hibholson reported to the Council that the Bethel Sales Liquor Board met and spoke of putting up funds for a city building. The building will be a Butler type building 108' X 50'. Butch Larout had not made the Bethel Sales figures available to Andy. The building would be put up by the City. If the City builds the building, they could rent the space required for the Bethel Sales to Bethel Sales, Inc. and that would cut down on their profit picture.

Mr Wilkins/S/J. Hoffman the meeting be adjourned. NC

*Approved A.S.G.*