

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY

APRIL 10, 1967

8PM

V.F.W. HALL

The Board of Adjustments meeting was called to order by Mayor Pike at 7:45 PM, the Mayor stating the format of the meeting. Arnold Westgaard of the Northern Commercial Company stated his protest against the penalty imposed upon a delinquent sales tax return: the board also hearing from the City Administrator who gave the history of the case in point. After deliberation the Board decided in a secret ballot vote of three yeas, two no, to have Arnold Westgaard pay the penalties and interest imposed upon the delinquent sales tax return. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The Regular Council meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM. Following invocation, the roll call was taken. Present were: Joe Andrew, Tillie Christiansen, Eddie Hoffman, Melvin Klokow and Joseph Pike. Absent were Howard Elliot, and Dave Swanson. The minutes were read and accepted as read. There being no communications or complaints, the Recreation Committee Chairman, Melvin Klokow read a letter from Donald Christensen suggesting a summer program providing recreation for the younger people. Mr. Christensen would head the program. An idea as to what the program would include was given, but a committee was set up to meet with Rev. Klokow to discuss additional ideas, the program to be put on the next Council agenda. Susan Murphy and Jeff Keahon will meet with Rev. Klokow to discuss the matter.

The Treasurer reviewed the Balance Sheet, the request for additional money for Office Expense referred to Item nine under New Business.

The Administrator read correspondence on the Food Stamp Program which would enable people on welfare or those with less than \$3500. gross income to increase their buying power. A letter from Joe Rothstein of the Daily News quoted \$675.00 for 3500 copies of the eight-page Bethel Chamber of Commerce brochure. The Administrator okayed the amount while he was in Anchorage, \$2000. having been set aside in the budget for the brochure. It was reported that three people are working on the Bethel Museum but that due to bad weather, the work has been slow. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board stated that the City of Bethel can take the license for the liquor store. Tony Lewis came back from Juneau with the final report that the Foster Care Home was lost.

Mayor's Comments-The Mayor welcomed Mr. Christensen's school class and thanked them for their interest in the meeting. Having attended a Civil Defense Management Course in Anchorage, the Mayor stated that the program really was of not much help for a place as small as Bethel but that some equipment may be received through the Civil Defense Act. This matter will be looked into in more detail at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS-The By-Laws Ordinance #39 was read. MM Melvin Klokow, MS Tillie Christiansen That poll votes shall not be conducted by telephone. Sect. 1 Rule 10. In a poll vote: Joe Andrew, Yes; Tillie Christiansen, Yes; Eddie Hoffman, Yes; Melvin Klokow, Yes; and Joseph Pike, Yes; Unanimous with 5 ayes, no nayses.

MM M. Klokow, MS E. Hoffman that Ordinance #39 be accepted in its third and final reading with amendments. In a poll vote: Joe Andrew, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; Eddie Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and Joseph Pike, Yes; Unanimous: 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

The Dept. of Labor wants to rent space in the City Office at 100.00 per month, to continue on a month-to-month basis until cancelled. There being no dissenting opinions, MM T. Christensen, MS J. Pike that we accept the State Dept. of Labor Contract (CA#4060) at \$100.00 per month. Unanimous: 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

The Division of Water and Harbors has \$55,000. which Bethel may use for the Small Boat Harbor Project. The City may subcontract or may build it itself. It was suggested that we take the money which would be available on July 1 and work from there. A Committee was chosen to discuss the matter further before any letter is written committing the City. As there may be more than one bid, the Committee will investigate all ideas and bring recommendations back to the Council, possible in a Special Meeting. Committee members: Melvin Klokow, Joseph Pike, and Mike Rowan.

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The Snowmobile Ordinance was not discussed. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Yukon Office Supply Contract which would provide for regular inspection and maintenance of business machines was discussed, the final opinion being the contract was quite high in cost, no action to be taken on the contract.

Resolution #33 was presented. The Department of Army wishes to build an Armory site but cannot do so until Resolution #3 is changed. MM. Klokow, MS T. Christiansen That we receive this Resolution #33 in its first reading. Poll vote: J. Andrew, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and Joseph Pike, Yes. Unanimous with 5 ayes and 0 naves.

MM M. Klokow, MS J. Pike That we accept Resolution #33 in its second and final reading. Poll Vote: J. Andrew, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and J. Pike, Yes; Unanimous Vote: 5 ayes, 0 naves.

The City Administrator gave background on the Demonstration Cities bill being in a unique position to obtain this as the City has lost its planning. One Alaskan City will be chosen as a Demonstration City. Resolution #34 was introduced to approve a request for financial assistance to plan and develop a comprehensive city demonstration program. MM M. Klokow, MS T. Christiansen That we accept Resolution #34 in its first reading. In a poll vote: J. Andrew, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and J. Pike, Yes. Unanimous: 5 ayes, 0 naves.

MM M. Klokow, MS T. Christiansen That we accept Resolution #34 in its second and final reading. In a poll vote: J. Andrew, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and J. Pike, Yes; Unanimous with 5 ayes and 0 naves.

MM M. Klokow MS E. Hoffman that we move beyond 10PM. Unanimous vote.

Mayor Pike read a letter of resignation submitted by the City Clerk who was leaving due to serious family illness at home. A new City Clerk was hired Mrs. Leolla Roelle. MM T. Christiansen MS J. Pike That we accept the contract with Mrs. Leolla Roelle as City Clerk, effective upon the departure of Judith Anderson. Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 naves. It was decided to raise the salary of the City Clerk over the period of a year: \$50.00 after the first six months, another \$50.00 after the second six months, to equal a \$100.00 increase after a year in the City Clerk's monthly salary. MM T. Christiansen, MS E. Hoffman That we pay Judy Anderson \$50.00 for her last pay check, six months having been fulfilled. Poll Vote: J. Andrew, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; J. Pike, Yes. Unanimous with 5 ayes, 0 naves. The City Administrator's Contract was read and included an increase in pay of \$200.00 per month to give a total yearly salary of \$13,200.00 per year. MM M. Klokow, MS E. Hoffman that we accept Mike Rowan as City Administrator under the written contract. Poll vote: J. Andrew, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and Joseph Pike, Yes; Unanimous with 5 ayes, 0 naves.

City Roads: After discussion concerning the maintenance of the City roads it was decided that a study is needed to discern this maintenance. Donald Elliot and Vernon Dale were chosen. They will meet in the near future with the City Administrator to study the year-round upkeep of the road system. When discussing Civil Defense Training costs which Jim Mather had accrued while travelling from Anchorage it was decided to reimburse Mr. Mather as he will be able to do for us a great deal with our city's part in the Civil Defense Program. MM M. Klokow, MS E. Hoffman that we reimburse Jim Mather his air fare to and from Anchorage and that in the future the City Administrator should call to substantiate agreement to avoid any further mix-ups. In a poll vote: J. Andrew, Yes, T. Christiansen, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and J. Pike, Yes. Unanimous with 5 ayes and 0 naves.

A City Fire Siren was discussed and it was decided that we need one downtown. The City Administrator suggested a 220 volt siren at \$543.00..not including freight. MM M. Klokow, MS E. Hoffman that we purchase the 220 volt siren. Poll vote: J. Andrew, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and J. Pike, Yes. Unanimous for a Unanimous vote of 5 ayes and 0 naves.

It was decided that although the insurance for the City vehicles was quite high it would be best to accept the quote and make sure that our vehicles were covered at the moment, they are not insured. MM T. Christiansen, MS J. Pike, that we accept the quote on the trucks and appropriate \$400.00 more into the Office Expense account. Poll: J. Andrew, Yes; T. Christiansen, Yes; E. Hoffman, Yes; M. Klokow, Yes; and J. Pike, Yes. Unanimous.