



# CITY of BETHEL

P. O. Box 537 • Bethel, Alaska 99559

543-2297 — Area Code 907

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
November 26, 1973

## KYUK STUDIO

7:30 P.M.

Edward Hoffman, Mayor

Present: Kevin Murphy, Lucy Crow, Mary Gregory, Ruth Richardson, Edward Hoffman.

Absent: Sarge Connick, John Nicori.

Translator: Daisy Lamont.

MINUTES OF 11-12-73 were read by Shuler. Correction made by Richardson-date was given as 11-13-73, should be 11-12-73. M/M Richardson, moved to accept the minutes of 11-12-73. Voice vote with all voting in favor of motion. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS Reference made to BIA to transfer enrollment from Bethel to Scammon Bay. Information to Council.

MANAGER'S REPORT 1) Murphy suggested we try procuring a City Bookkeeper through universities and colleges. Also by contacting local and out-of-town papers and Manpower Center. 2) City is obligated for \$17,000 to Crittendon, an architect under contract to the City in 1969, for 7% of approximately \$300,000. 3) Requested Council action on animal clinic.

MAYOR'S REPORT 11/19/73 was Tom Dillon Day. There will be a charter on 12/13/73 to Anchorage for AFH meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 1) Murphy suggested that next Council meeting's Agenda carry discussion on a dumpshoot on sanitation truck; PHS money might be made available. 2) Murphy noted that boardwalk is finished, but has no tie backs on railings. Shuler stated that the bid was not done according to specifications, but that Shuler and Elliott had discussed the problem and Shuler ok'ed excluding the tie backs. City saved lumber by not installing them.

## Translation.

Richardson on Land Use Committee-she met on October 29th with Andy Edge, Jim Zuelow, recommend selling Moravian Church property at cost; Shuler to recompute costs for lots, inform purchasers; rejected people who hadn't paid 1/3 down. Thirteen applicants were chosen to receive lots; Hoffman suggested putting recommendations on Agenda for next meeting. Crow recommended putting Anna David on list of applicants; Richardson said Anna can't qualify because she is already a property owner. Murphy - she lives on the riverbank, land will soon be eroded; she should be considered for a lot.

M/M Richardson-moved to interview City Manager applicants last on tonight's agenda. Voice vote, all voting in favor. Motion passed.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD Dick Barker questioned Council on meaning of Hoffman's comments over circulation of petition. Council made no comments on whether or not feeling that "schoolteachers are here only one year and should stay out of City's business" was feeling of all council or of one member only. Richardson stated she felt it was a personal fight between Hoffman and Barker and shouldn't be brought before Council.

Mrs. Tom Anderson requested that Shuler check into Bethel Service Unit Health Board regarding the appointment of a resident of Bethel to its Board.



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M/M Richardson - Give one week's notice to people to tie up or contain their dogs or they can be shot. Roll call vote - Crow, Gregory, Richardson, Hoffman - yes, Murphy - no. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS Bus Regulations - M/M Crow - to table bus regulations till next Council meeting, when hopefully, all councilmen will be present. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Ordinance #55 - Shuler - this Ordinance has come before Council several times, never been passed. The Economic Development Committee wanted this on the Agenda; the ordinance would take the place of the Land Use Committee.

M/M Crow - motion to take a 10-minute break. Voice vote, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Reconvened: M/M Richardson - to go into public hearing of Ordinance 55. Voice vote, all voting in favor. Motion passed.

M/M Richardson - moved to continue past 10:00 P.M. Voice vote, all voting in favor, motion passed.

translation.

Discussion on Ordinance - Hoffman suggested having Ordinance 55 discussed later, after Daisy Lamont translates Ordinance into Yupik for benefit of townspeople.

M/M Richardson - moved to have second public hearing after translation, one month from now. Voice vote, all voting in favor. Motion passed.

Land Use Committee Recommendations - M/M Richardson - moved that Council approve Land Use Committee recommendations. Roll call vote - Crow, Richardson, Hoffman voted yes, Gregory and Murphy - no. Motion failed. Maurice Budge requested that his name be removed from list of applicants for lots.

M/M Crow - moved that Land Use Committee have another meeting, make further recommendations to Council at next regular meeting. Voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Electricity in Subdivision - discussion tabled until next regular council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS Taxi Permit Issue: Hagen requested Council give him one more taxi permit. Monte chose not to accept her taxi permit. M/M Richardson - moved to issue Hagen and Monte one more permit each if Monte still wants one. Roll call vote - Gregory, Richardson, Murphy voted yes, Crow and Hoffman voted no. Motion failed.

Trip to Support Sale of Roe Hoffman reported that Phil Guy has been sent to Juneau's meeting on sale of roe; Bruce Crow and Kemp Fisheries contributed to Guy's expenses. M/M Murphy - moved to support trip to Juneau for testifying for sale of roe by subsistence fishermen, by reimbursing Bruce Crow \$100. Roll call vote - all in favor. Motion passed.

Water Rates Increase Hoffman stated he is against raising honeybucket rate from 50¢ per bucket to \$1.00, but wants to have water rates increased 1¢ per gallon. Murphy stated



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he feels this would be unfair burden to low-income people, suggested finding a source of income that would hit higher income people as well as low-incomes.

M/M Crow-moved to table water rate raise. Voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Hospital Beds for Sale Council decided to sell the twenty beds to townspeople.

Added Sources of Revenue Murphy suggested raising city sales tax. M/M Crow-moved to direct Shuler to initiate raising city sales tax. Roll call vote-Crow, Murphy yes, Hoffman, Gregory, and Richardson no. Motion failed. More discussion, Shuler made it clear that raise could not be effective until after an election, after first of the year. M/M Crow-moved to reconsider increase of city sales tax. Roll call vote-Crow, Richardson, Hoffman, Murphy yes, Gregory no. Motioned passed.

Maurice Budge requested Ordinance 52 permitting convicted misdemeanor not be allowed to drive taxi be changed. M/M Murphy-instructed Shuler to amend Ordinance 52 by next council meeting, toward rehabilitating people with records. Roll call vote-Gregory, Richardson, Hoffman, Murphy yes, Crow voted no. Motion passed.

M/M Crow-moved to go into executive session to interview City Manager applicants, but not to vote until December 3rd. Voice vote, all voting in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Meeting began at 12:05. Council Meeting adjourned at 1:30 A.M.

Glenda Schmiebach  
CITY CLERK

Edward Hoffman Jr  
MAYOR