

Minutes of Bethel City Council, Dec. 7, 1959

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson.

Present-Christiansen Approximately 200 others

- Guinn
- Hopstad
- Miller
- Sirilo
- Dr. Jackson
- Persons

The minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence was read concerning cranberries, public lands for recreation and from Mr. McNealy about City Attorney fees.

The Finance Chairman Miller reported that the books balanced and the City has at this time \$24,899.44. Persons moved that the report be accepted. Christiansen seconded. 6 ayes. 0 nays.

Christiansen reported for the Water Committee.

Hopstad reported on the rabies vaccination. He will return outdated serum.

Elliott reported that the Road Commission will keep the right of way clear at the garbage dump 60 feet from the center of the road.

Miller said that the City would be open to bids to keep the garbage dump level.

Miller was appointed by the Mayor as chairman of a committee to work on a parking ordinance. Weise and Elliott complete the committee.

The Speed limit ordinance for cars and other vehicles was read. Much discussion was held. Miller moved that the ordinance be amended to include all roads in the city limit except where roads were under other authority.. Persons seconded. 6 ayes. 0 nays. The ordinance for speed limit for cars and other vehicles was read with the amendment. More discussion was held. Miller moved that the amendment refer to sections 1 and 2 of the speed limit ordinance. Guinn seconded. 6 ayes. 0 nays.

The first reading of the speed limit ordinance for cars and other vehicles was read including the amendment "to include all roads within the City limits except where roads are under other authority." The amendment to refer to sections 1 and 2 of the ordinance.

The vote was polled. Christiansen-yes

- Guinn-yes
- Hopstad-yes
- Miller-yes
- Persons-yes
- Sirilo-yes

The first reading of the speed limit for boats in Brown Slough was read. Discussion was held. The vote was polled. Christiansen-yes

- Guinn-yes
- Hopstad-yes
- Miller-yes
- Persons-yes
- Sirilo-yes.

The Mayor recommended that the secretary write to the Coast Guard to see how we can best assist in enforcing their laws on the river.

Under old business the liquor petition presented at the last meeting by Elliott and Miller was read. The letter from the City Attorney McNealy was read which stated that the petition should not be accepted because the petition requested that the names Elliott and Miller be placed on the ballot. A telegram was then

read from the City Attorney, McNealy which said that it would be legal to eliminate the names of Elliott and Miller and referred the Mayor to Miller for explanation. The Mayor then requested that Miller give information. Miller stated that McNealy told him that the petition could be accepted without the names on the ballot. They had no intention of having their names on the ballot.

The Mayor reviewed the conversation between the Mayor and Mr. McNealy after the wire. Mcnealy said that it had been his first impression that the names, Elliott and Miller were to be included on the ballot. If everyone who signed the petition understood that the names were not to be included on the ballot then the petition could be accepted, if the Council agreed. Six names were read by the secretary that were on the petition. These individuals' names were questioned as to their status of residency in the city of Bethel. Elliot said that these names should be struck off the list.

Much discussion was held with the floor.

Miller made a motion that the petition be accepted. No one seconded the motion. A copy of a legally drawn petition form for liquor for Kotzebur which was made by the City Attorney McNealy was presented for review and copies of this will be available to anyone interested.

A letter from the City Attorney concerning closing hours for places of recreation was read. This was in response to a petition presented to the City Council.

The third reading of the garbage ordinance was read. Weise requested that a vote be held until he could present his brief.

A publication on Public Lands for Recreation and Public uses was read. A committee was appointed to work on this problem: Don Schantz, Chairman

Jimmy Hoffman
Guinn
Gamble
Don Elliott
Diane Carpenter
Jack Weise

Senator Weise presented a petition on behalf of a number of citizens of Bethel. The petition requested a special election for the following topics;

- 1-liquor
- 2-curfew
- 3-garbage disposal
- 4-water
- 5-sewage
- 6-REA

Senator Weise said that he would be returning to Juneau for the legislature on January 20.

The Mayor accepted the petition for consideration and said that a special hearing would be held December 28th for these questions. Smit requested since a Water Committee had already been appointed that this topic be held until all information on water could be presented.

A brief discussion on the definition of a burrough was held by the floor. The Mayor appointed Jimmy Hoffman and Butch Laroux to be added to the Water Committee.

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Committees were appointed to study the problems presented on the petition:

- 1-liquor-Howard Elliott
- 2-curfew-James Paulson, Charles Guinn, Jr. and others on the Teenage committee.
- 3-garbage-Art Nicholson, chairman
-Elmer Nicholson

4-water-present committee, hearing to be held separately

5-sewage- Art Nicholson

-Elmer Nicholson

6-Jimmy Hoffman - RE 17 JCF

It was requested that a copy of the resolution containing the by-laws of the City of Bethel be made available to the council.

Guinn moved that the meetingg be adjourned. Sirilo seconded.

Allays JB.

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Secy, City Council