

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

N.C. THEATRE

FEBURARY 1, 1965

8:00 P.M.

Present: Eddie Hoffman, Schirmer, Jimmy Hoffman, Howard Elliott, Mendola came late. Absent: Sallison

Since this was a special meeting, there was no reading of minutes or correspondence.

Fuel oil bids- Bids on fuel oil for the City should be on bids annually. There have been no bids for two years.
MM J. Hoffman, /Schirmer that fuel services to the City buildings be put up on bids and posted annually. All in favor. MC

A telegram from Senator Bartlett was read by the Mayor. The telegram announced that \$642,000.00 has been authorized for a 2 story addition to the School building. The addition will include 10 class rooms, mechanical room and other facilities.

A letter from Wm. Dickson, University of Alaska, was read. It advised that technical assistance is funded through the OEO. When the funds are available, arrangements may be made for Dr. Kozely's assistance. The Mayor will write OEO to ask for assistance.

BETHEL SALES* Mayor Nicholson states that he feels something should be done about the management of the liquor store. He states that it is the business of the Council to direct the operation of the store if the board of trustees are not operating it to the best interest to the City. His recommendations were.

1. Bookkeeper should be hired to keep the books. On the audits, the auditor has had to do the routine work of posting before an audit could be made.

2. Beer has been allowed to freeze. Steps should be made to authorize the manager to keep the beer from freezing.

3. There should be a chain of command-council, directors to trustees. There should be 6 directors and the chairman should be someone on the Council

4. Trustees should not be board members.

5. Trustees should be elected. (Murlin Day states that they were elected.

Jimmy Hoffman states that he does not feel that the running of Bethel Sales, Inc. is the business of the City Council. It should be left up to the Board of Trustees. Joe Mendola feels that there are some things that should have some action taken on.

It was suggested that the Board have a meeting and take each recommendation up at the meeting. Other recommendations were: The manager should be able to keep inventory up by ordering merchandise and having one of the three trustees sign for it; there should be a policy on whether checks should be accepted. The board will meet Feb.4.

At this point Howard Elliott asked where the funds were being kept. It was mentioned that at earlier meetings, it was decided not to keep more than \$10,000.00 in any one bank. The City presently has over \$50,000.00 in the Kuskokwim branch, including the recreation fund and the savings account. This is to be put on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

BUDGET* The proposal for making a budget for the fiscal year 66 was discussed. It was decided to continue ~~at~~ for the rest of the fiscal year, having expenditures authorized by the Council, and start now, working on the budget for the fiscal year '66. It was mentioned that by bringing all bills to the Council for payment was time consuming.

MM Schirmer/Elliott that bills should be listed and read as a group vote, yes or no. Any bills may be questioned before a poll vote. Mendola, J. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, Schirmer, Elliott in favor. MC

The Mayor brought up a proposition made to him by Al Foss. At present, there is an insurance claim pending against the breaking of a boat belonging to Julius Sirilox in the amount of \$100.00. Mr. Foss will pay Eddie Hoffman the \$135.00 authorized for the clearing of roads, in exchange for the City paying for damages done to Mr. Sirilo's boat. Schirmer, E. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Elliott, Mendola in favor. MC

The budget was worked on by the council. 12 items were discussed and budgeted for the fiscal year '66. They are: Office and administration, postage and phone, payroll taxes, printing costs, supplies, general, insurance, legal and audit, prisoner food and jail maintenance, jail guards, state police contract, dog control, and fire department.

After budgeting the State Police Contract, MM Schirmer/J. Hoffman that the meeting continue past 10:00, for two more items. Dog control and fire department were then covered.

MM Schirmer/Elliott that the meeting adjourn. MC

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