

City of Bethel

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"



• P. O. BOX 7, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

9 February 1971

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Bruce Crow. Roll was called.
PRESENT: Bruce Crow, John Guinn, Kevin Murphy, Jack Baxter, Mayor
Zahradnicek came in late.
ABSENT: Ben Dale, Eddie Hoffman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.
Mayor Zahradnicek voiced an objection to Councilman Dale voting on the awarding of the culvert contract to the Dale Construction Co. Discussion followed and Mr. Zahradnicek then suggested the City Administrator contact the City Attorney regarding the legality and proper procedure to follow in such instances. He further stated he would not sign the culvert contract until this matter has been clarified.

M/M Baxter, Guinn that the City Attorney be contacted on the legality of an councilman voting on such matters. Motion carried unanimously. The City Clerk will report at the next Council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Zahradnicek read the following communications: 1) telegram from Senator Ted Stevens informing us that the City will receive complete funding for the Brown Slough Project; 2) telegram from Senator Stevens regarding the Bethel Seawall. The Corps of Engineers feels the local citizens should undertake the solving of this problem, with technical assistance from the Corps; 3) a letter from Brig. Gen. Roy S. Kelley, Corps of Engineers stating the findings of the Corps on the Seawall and informing us the report has been sent to Washington, D. C. for review. Anyone wishing to submit written views to the review board, should do so before March 5th.

M/M Crow, Baxter that the City Administrator be authorized to request extension of the March 5th deadline, in view of the fact the Corps has not given to the City of Bethel the particular information used in developing a negative answer to the cost benefit-ratio determination. Discussion followed.
Motion carried unanimously.

COMPLAINTS AND PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Representatives of Alaska Steamship stated it is their plan to have 3 trips into Bethel this summer; the first being the middle of June and the last one the end of Aug. or first part of Sept. Bruce Crow introduced Mr. James Deggan from the State Department of Economic Development.



TREASURERS REPORT: None.
ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: None.
MAYORS REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Yukon-Kuskokwim Comprehensive Health Plan.

Mayor Zahradnicek stated the position the City Administrator had taken in previous meetings and ask for Council's thinking on this issue.

Brue Crow re-stated his objection to the City's involvement due to the seemingly active participation of AVCP in the Y-K organization.

Discussion followed.

M/M Crow, Murphy that the application of the Y-K Comprehensive Health Plan not be endorsed by Bethel City Council.

POLL VOTE: Baxter, no; Murphy, yes; Guinn, no; Crow, yes; Zahradnicek, no. Motion didn't carry.

Mayor Zahradnicek that stated that Mr. Webb had received correspondence from Mr. Biss regarding this matter, and suggested that Council withhold their decision until such time as they could be made aware of the correspondence.

M/M Baxter, Guinn this item be tabled until the correspondence from Mr. Biss can be investigated.

POLL VOTE: Crow, no; Guinn, yes; Zahradnicek, yes; Murphy, no; Baxter, yes; Motion carried.

GARBAGE CONTRACT: M/M Baxter, Murphy this item be tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: M/M Baxter, Guinn the budget be accepted as adjusted.

POLL VOTE: Zahradnicek, yes; Guinn, yes; Crow, yes; Murphy, yes; Baxter, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Game of Skill and Chance Permit - Bethel Volunteer Fire Dept. Jack Baxter stated the use of the Permit would be for raffles, sno-go races and boat races.

The question was raised in regards to the liability of both the Fire Dept. and the City, should this permit be granted. Discussion followed.

M/M Crow, Guinn that Council endorse the request from Bethel Fire Dept. for a Game of Skill and Chance Permit, with the provision they comply with the advice of the City Attorney in regards to relieving the City of any liability. Motion carried unanimously.

M/M Baxter, Guinn for adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

I certify these minutes to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jean Faulkner
JEAN FAULKNER, City Clerk

Wm. B. Zahradnicek
WM. B. ZAHRADNICEK, MAYOR