

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution No. 16

WHEREAS, many efforts have been made in the past to secure federal aid for river bank erosion control on the Kuskokwim River adjacent to the City of Bethel without success; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that some type of protection be immediately provided to protect the entire business district of the City of Bethel as well as many homes and other valuable lands; and

WHEREAS, a small grant has been made to the City of Bethel by the State of Alaska Rural Development Agency in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for river erosion control; and

WHEREAS, in a meeting of several members of the City Council with Mr. John Cates, Director of the State of Alaska's Rural Development Agency on the evening of October 14, 1964, Mr. Cates informed the attending Councilmen that he would make every effort to secure an additional grant of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the City of Bethel to be used for river bank erosion, also, upon presentation of the appropriate application and further stating the possibility of an additional grant in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) after July 1, 1965; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has a small amount of funds available in a special savings account which could be directed to River Erosion Control; and

WHEREAS, there is a possibility of securing contributions from land holders facing the river; and

WHEREAS, we have an example of construction for River Erosion Control in the work performed in the fall of 1965 by Swanson Brothers, which has withstood the "Spring Break-up", ice, as well as several blows from the south during 1964 without apparent damage; and

WHEREAS, a quotation has been obtained for piling and lumber necessary to the construction of a protective wall, similar to that of Swanson Brothers, which seems reasonable; and

WHEREAS, an estimate of 3,000 feet of protective wall complete with materials and installation has been made in the amount of \$50,510.00, which seems to be a comprehensive estimate; and

WHEREAS, there is not material available at the present time to initiate work on said River Erosion Project;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that upon obtaining assurance from Mr. John Gates, Director of the State of Alaska Rural Development Agency that:

1. The funds presently held by the City of Bethel may be retained for expenditure to begin in June 1965; and
2. That upon presentation of the appropriate application properly filled out, that an additional grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be made to the City of Bethel at this time for expenditures to also begin in June, 1965; and
3. Whatever reasonable assurance he may be able to give at this time that an additional grant of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) may be made after July 1, 1965 if required for the completion of this initial 3,000 feet of control, that the City of Bethel shall immediately place a firm order for the purchase and delivery by the first boat of 1965 the following list of materials not to exceed the prices set forth:

750-16' piling @ 20¢ per lineal foot

150-10' piling @ 20¢ per lineal foot

78,000 board feet of lumber at \$80.00 per thousand

That the necessary plywood and other suitable facing material, bolts, washers and nails be ordered in sufficient time for receipt on the spring boat from Seattle, that a sufficient amount of money from the special savings account be set aside to pay for those materials plus the cost of freight and handling to the jobsite, that the starting date of this project will be upon arrival of materials and that a committee of five (5) be appointed to complete the planning and expedite the completion of said project, the Chairman of this committee be a permanent Chairman of the Rivers and Harbors committee. This committee will be in addition to the committee for Control of State funds granted for this project.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northern Commercial Company, being one of the large holders of river front property and operating revenue producing enterprises on the river front be respectfully requested to participate in the cost of this project in an amount to make up the difference between the estimate and those funds available from the State grants, plus \$10,000.00 from the City of Bethel Savings. However, in no event should the Northern Commercial Company's proportionate cost be less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or more than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) and in return for this participation, the City of Bethel would convey title to the Northern Commercial Company for that portion of the tide lands fronting on their property.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF October, 1964 BY A VOTE OF  
6 AYES AND 0 NAYS

APPROVED

Arthur L. Nicholson  
Mayor

ATTEST

Jean Graves  
CITY CLERK