

# TANANA

## COUNCIL NEWS

Council Meeting, January 17, 1959, 3:00 P.M. (with representatives from Hospital & CAA, M&O, the Episcopal Church and Tanana Chapel.)

Chief Alfred Grant opened the meeting for community problems and suggestions. The subject of electricity was brought up first. Mr. Slagle of Nenana has corresponded with Coleman about installing electricity for the town. We agreed to write again to Mr. Slagle to ask for more details.

Someone suggested the possibility of having a small sawmill here for the use of the people in building future homes, etc. It was agreed that the matter should be looked into.

Next suggestion: possibility of having a telephone for the people of the town where they could get at it in case of an emergency. A discussion followed concerning fire signals for the town. Plans were made to get with the Hospital and CAA on the signals.

It was brought up that our roads are in bad shape. Discussion followed on different ways to improve the roads. It was agreed that on large projects like this the workers should be paid. The suggestion was made to put everything that needed doing, the material required, the measurements etc. down on paper and present this to whomever is asked to do the job.

The Council has made plans to raffle off different articles for the needy people here who are hard up for food, money, etc.

The Council is really going to try to make this a better community, Basco said. Anybody who has suggestions about improving our town is free to do so at any time. These suggestions will be worked over in Council Meetings and taken up with the community.

Just for the record the Council appointed someone to write off and find out what our powers as a Council have, what are our town limits, and are our laws considered legal.

A nice suggestion was made as to how we could get wood for the community in the future in a very short time. Have men volunteer to work shifts during driftwood time and working together, some in boats, some on the beach, some cutting & hauling we could get plenty of wood for the next winter for the Hall.

The Chief reminded everyone that the whole town, CAA & Hospital included, the men on the site, too, were invited to participate in all community activities.

The meeting was adjourned.

Results of the next meeting were: All proceeds from the door prizes of the 17th and the 31st will be donated to the March of Dimes.

The Woman's Club agreed to give half of the bingo proceeds to The March of Dimes, and the other half will go to the Community fund. This is excluding the profits of bingo games of the 5th & 19th. All coffee sales funds go into the community bank. So lets help with both drives.

The Council approved the plan for having garbage disposal service on a trial basis. Cans must be large enough so that dogs cannot knock them over. Also the cans must be near the road. Then they won't have to be carried far. The garbage collector will not be responsible for the garbage which has been dumped on the ground by dogs or people. Oil drums would be the best to use for garbage disposal units. They would look nicer if they were painted. Get in touch with Basco if you want a drum top cut out for you. But you must furnish the drum. Cost of cutting will be 50¢. The job will be given to someone needing work.

The Council approved the obtaining of telephones to be placed around the community to use in case of emergency.

The Council also approved buying games which will be played at the hall. We will let you all know when game nights will take place.

There will be a box social on the 24th of Jan. after the night movie. Any lady who wants to come must fix two meals and put them in one box wrapped up real pretty. They will all be placed in the middle of the Hall and Chief Alfred Grant will auction them off to the highest bidder. The lady must put her name inside the box on a slip of paper. When the buyer opens the box, he will eat with the lady who prepared this meal. Let's all come to make this the happiest 24th ever!

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF TANANA BY THE COUNCIL AND CHIEF:**

1. That the Council will be composed of 4 members at all Council meetings and not less.
2. The dances will begin at 8 P.M. for the benefit of the children. (All be there if possible.)

3. Children 6 to 14 yrs of age will be sent home from the Hall at 10:30 P.M.
4. Teen-agers will be sent home at 12 p.m. on school days, 2:30 a.m. Saturdays.
5. All intoxicated disorderly persons will positively not be allowed at movies or dances.
6. All persons will pay to see a movie show regardless of whether they get there at the first or last reel.
7. All children will be kept quiet and away from the movie projector at all times.
8. There will be absolutely no dogs allowed left loose to roam around town and disturb other people.
9. No dogs will be shot and left in the vicinity of the town site.
10. No one will take any equipment from the Community Hall without proper authorization.
11. The Council and Chief will call on the law for help if these rules and regulations are not adhered to.

Chief: Alfred Grant J  
Council:  
John Starr Jr.  
Walter Woods  
Lester Erhart  
Basco Minook

TANANA STATISTICS. Last year's census showed about 300 people in Tanana. There are about 20 miles of roads in and around Tanana. Tanana boasts also of: a 4400 ft. airstrip, a CAA, a Roadhouse in the building stage, a PHS Hospital, a new 3 room school, 3 Churches, an N.C. store, a Post Office, a Federal Electric Communications System, a large Community Hall, and an important river juncture from the upper and lower Yukon and the Tanana River. The people in town own deeds to their property which is the result of a U.S. Survey here. There is a U.S. Commissioner here. There are 14 privately owned cars & trucks in town besides CAA, Hosp. & F.E. vehicles. Quite a place!!!

Don't forget the proposed building program which will begin this Spring