
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: January 4, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January 4, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer-

Brian Lefferts- Absent

Charley Chung

Paul Gregory

Council Member Richard Robb

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Police Larry Elarton

Recorder Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF January 4, 2011

MOVED BY:	Robb	
SECONDED BY:	Chung	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF December 7, 2010

MOVED BY:	Robb	
SECONDED BY:	Gregory	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS – Police Chief Larry Elarton

A: Personnel- Hired a new Patrol Officer Amy Davis from Idaho she will be starting on January 17, 2011. She just recently graduated from an academy out of Idaho.

We hired Gabriel Pfeiffer for the CSP full time position opening.

Officer Dias is off of FTO and Officer Limani is still in FTO at this time.

Officer Lee was voted as employee of the quarter for 4th quarter.

Sergeant Drake and Officer Lee participated in operation Santa Clause with the National Guard to Holy Cross this past month.

B: Building- We are still waiting for the title to the building from the Feds. They have had questions to the zoning of the area if it is residential or commercial.

C: Stats for December - BPD had 1022 calls 75 cases 36 arrests Dispatch handled 1219 calls for BPD/BFD/AST CSP 104 males 61 females 43 YKCC 55 YKHC 20 Private Person 17 ACFS 12 17 assault calls, 3 sexual assaults 3 DUI's 2 burglaries 2 stolen vehicles 7 thefts

Animals 23 Animals 18 dogs 5 cats 1 RTO 1 adopted 17 Euthanized in pound 3 dogs 1 Cats

D: Case- There was another murder on December 30, 2010.

E: Sobering Center- will be open the 1st of next month.

E: Questions- Chairman Springer asked if the Chief had heard anything from the FBI reference the other murder case. Chief advised that the FBI had called and spoke to Lieutenant Achee while he was out of State over the holidays.

Member Gregory wanted to the Chief to know that he had found a traffic sign that is covered up by tree limbs on the state highway warning no ATV's or snow machines on highway. He would like to see more enforcement in keeping these vehicles off of the roadways, also would like to see more enforcement of DUI's with these vehicles.

He also asked what happened last spring when there was a gunman in the neighborhood around the school. Chief gave info as to what happened in that incident.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT- Sharri Salyers

A: Vehicle Inspections- 26

B: Vehicle Transfers- 3

D: Renewal Chauffeur Permits-1

E: Alaska Cab Dispatch Company is still in the process of selling the company paper work is not complete at this time.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT- Councilman Robb-

A: Council Meeting- There was only one meeting in December. The council had received a report from the engineer on the Salmonberry property. Sounds like everything is coming together with the reports that we received.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

A: Strategies at combating bootlegging- Councilman Robb called this up for discussion to revisit the issue and to see where things were at. Chairman Springer stated that YKHC is in the process of making pamphlets. Suggestion was made to check with ONC about programs they have in funding for advertisement of the bootlegging issues also they have other programs and people that work with legislators and maybe they could work on making bootlegging a felony in our area. Chairman Springer said he would like to hear from Mr. Trantham and Mr. Hawkins about their organization and their progress in working with the legislation in changing the laws. Request to hold over to the February meeting for further discussion in Old Business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A: Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair-

Open for nominations of Vic-Chair.

Robb nominated Brian Lefferts nomination unanimous voice vote.

Open for nominations of Chair.

Chung nominated Mark Springer nomination unanimous voice vote.

B: Discussion and review if BMC ordinance's 06.04 and 06.08 pertaining to Animal

Control.- A proposed clean up to ordinance was brought forth by Councilman Robb, A discussion on some of the wording that was being stricken from the code ensued and it was decided to review other City's municipal codes to add some wording to the ordinance to clarify it a little better.

A request to hold over to the February meeting for further discussion and review

C: Discussion for February's Scheduled Meeting- there was a conflict with the date and a request to have the meeting postponed to another day was discussed and decided to have a Special regular meeting on February 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm and the Police Annex Building.

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

Charlie Chung- No comment

Paul Gregory- Spoke of concerns pertaining to Animal Control in the community with references to Tribal culture and animals.
He also spoke to the commission about his time working with the legislature in passing Senate CS for CS for House Bill NO. 399(STA) "an Act establishing the office of elder fraud and assistance and relating to fraud involving older Alaskans."

Rick Robb- I would like to look more into what we could do for the city in auctioning items on the internet. This was brought up in our past meetings and maybe we could put something together in the near future to take to the council.

Mark Springer- We appreciate everything that you (directed to the Chief of Police) are doing in the community and I heard that Lieutenant Achee and Sgt. Salyers went to Hooper Bay and spoke to the parents of the victim of Homicide. That was very much appreciated. Thank you.

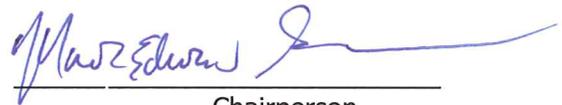
**XII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Chung	
SECONDED BY:	Robb	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – February 7, 2011


_____, Chairperson

ATTEST:


_____, Recorder