
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date January 5, 2010

Regular Meeting

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Richard Robb

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Recorder Sharri Salyers

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SECONDED BY:	Robb	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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SECONDED BY:	Robb	Officers

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SECONDED BY:	Schiedler	Armored to Armorer.

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Fire Chief- A: Building- RFP will be going out sometime this week for the Fire Station Roof and Side Walls it will be out for 30 day. We are looking forward to receiving good bids.

B: Training- We will be starting a new EMT class. We hope to have 10 to 14 people in attendance.

C: New Year Celebration- We had a good turn out this year, all fireworks were funded from the Volunteer Firemen.

Police Chief- A: Staff- Patrol Officer position will be filled by Samuel Swofford this month. Dispatcher position will be filled by Amy Peterson this month. We will be fully staffed in dispatch and we still have one position open for patrol.

B: District Attorney's Office- There are new changes Rural Prosecution will be taking all the cases at this time.

C: Equipment- E-911 and recorder has been shipped will be installed this month. Eforce NetCAD and RMS will be here next week for installation and training. We will be receiving the Tracs program for three vehicles they will be equipped with laptop printer and barcode.

D: Training- Planning on having a First Aid and MANDT training this Month. Training for the Tracs program is the first week in February. We were approved by Alaska Police Standards Council to do our own 80 hours Re-cert Academy.

E: Calls- CSP's picked up 112 people in December. Still down 40% from our high call volume in October.

Chief Elarton discussed the yearend reports and stats with the commission. The report is available from the City Council packet.

Information was given to commission on stolen patrol vehicle.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

- 24 Renewal Vehicle Permits
- 2 Vehicle Transfers
- 2 New Chauffer Permits
- 30 Chauffer Renewal Permits
- 4 Dispatch Transfers

In the procedure of processing a new bus permit to Patrick Oulton.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A: Public Safety Capital Projects update- City Manager Lee Foley-

Fire station and Police building are not fees able for the Ten Million Dollar estimation that was presented to the State. The only programs that are being funded this year by the State are the paving projects at the Airport, Tundra Ridge and Ridge Crest.

The Fire Station has 1.2 million dollars for construction for the current building. The RFP will be posted this next week and it will be out for 30 days. We are in hopes that this repair will at least sustain the building for ten to fifteen years.

The Police and AST Building I am not sure where that stands at this point. I am hoping that we

can move the Search and Rescue Building to its original location at the water front. The plan is to have that completed this spring. That will free up all of the land by the old Korean Church. I am hoping that we can move the Bus Barn to the City Shops area and the City Bus Transit System will be able to utilize that Building. Then we can start working on getting funding for a new Police Station and/or Public Safety Building.

B: Information on New request for private Bus permit- Assistant Transportation Inspector Sharri Salyers presented information to the commission on a request for a Bus permit that has been submitted to her. Also gave information to the commission that there is some question to the bus permit definition in the BMC. It does not state that it must have defined routes and nowhere in the BMC does it state what the fee's can and will be charged or who can approve the routes for the buses. After discussion it was decided to include a review of BMC on the bus ordinance on the February Agenda.

C: BMC 6.04.090- Emergency Animal Control- Chief of Police Larry Elarton presented to the commission information on issues that the Police Department has, due to budget cuts of Animal Control Officer and one of the Community Service Officers positions. The Police Department hasn't been able to keep up with all of the Animals that are running at large whether they are abandoned or came in from other areas. He advised that he was in hopes that Commission would back the Police Department when they made a request to the City Council to instate the Emergency Animal Control ordinance.

MOTION TO SIGN A RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY ANIMAL CONTROL

MOVED BY:	Robb	
SECONDED BY:	Schiedler	

Discussion

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D: Annual Election of Chair-

MOTION TO ELECT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD- MARK SPRINGER

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Chung	

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NOTION TO ELECT VIC-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD- BRIAN LEFFERTS

MOVED BY:	Chung	
SECONDED BY:	Robb	

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X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

A: Charlie Chung- No Comment

B: Brian Lefferts- Want to thank both Chiefs for being here tonight and sounds like you are both keeping busy.

C: Jennifer Schiedler- I really liked the fireworks that the fire department put on for New Years. And I like that the numbers are staying down on the Alcohol calls.

D: Richard Robb- Would also like to thank the Chiefs for their information and also Lee Foley for coming in with his busy schedule and giving us the information on the fire and police, public safety

building. Liked to see the members of the public here with their concerns that is always nice to see them come out and let us know their concerns. I think that if you could have a volunteer Animal Control Officer would be helpful in assisting the Police Department with their issues with the animals that are running at large.

E: MARK SPRINGER- The fireworks were really good this year. The K-300 is in a couple weeks. Thank you all for coming.

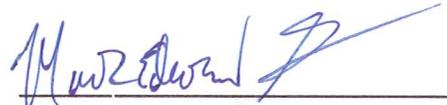
**XI. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Schiedler	

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Next meeting on Tuesday- **February 2, 2010**


_____, Chairperson

ATTEST:


_____, Recorder