
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: January 8, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Joseph Klejka

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Larry Elarton

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF January 8, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2008

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2008

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion approval after amendments to spelling are made

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

MOVED BY:	Klejka	
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SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	
<i>Discussion approval after amendments to spelling are made</i>		
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	

VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

A: Personnel – Fully staffed

One CSO left to go to Sandpoint

One Dispatcher was moved to the open CSO position

New Hire for Dispatch Beth Taylor has over 20 years of experience

B: Civilian Service Patrol – Duties are picking up inebriates and transport to a sleep off centers, now will transport to the jail and/or the hospital. They will not be doing the cop work. The CSP's will have a different uniform from the Officer's to distinguish them from the each other.

C: Grant - paper work has been sent off for the CSP program they may fund the FY-2010 budget for the same amount of money of \$333,000.00. We have checked into the Korean Church to use as a sleep off center. This most likely will not work after talking to the state planning with the fire marshal's office they are saying that we are needing a fire sprinkler system and with the funding that we have at this time, we do not have enough money to put that in and fund the rest of the program. We are still hopeful that the City Council will still let us utilize the Korean Church as an office for the CSP's. We have received funding through the grant for rent on office space.

D: Radio – We are still having issues with our radios we have had paid Alaska Telecom approximately \$8,000.00 and we are still having the same issues. We are looking into Procom to see if they might be able to come and take care of the problems.

E: Building – We are having issues with the heat in our building and the new head of public works is working on it.

F: River Taxi permit was given out and they are not getting the business that they thought that they would be getting so they are unsure if they are going to continue working.

G: City Buses – City is looking for a department head to over see the buses they are down to the Police Department or Public Works. I feel that would be a conflict of interest with the Police Department since I am the Transportation Inspector. The Commission felt that the Police Department should not be involved with over seeing the City Buses.

H: SART Exams - State will only be paying for the Anonymous exams. The evidence will have to go to law enforcement. There will not be any charges pressed at that time. But we still have to have enough proof that there was a crime committed to have the state pay for it. We have paid out in the past three years \$22,000.00 to \$26,000.00 for the SART Exams.

I: Accident- There was a accident involved with our new patrol car at the exit of the new YKHC building.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

Permits and transfers and inspections done from Oct. 1, 2008 to Jan. 8, 2009

A: 14 Chauffeur Permits

B: 34 Transfers with Inspections

C: 54 Inspections only

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A: Radar Signs – Handed out pamphlets with totals of how much it will be to have them shipped to Bethel and also spoke to John Sargent about the grants that are available for the digital radar signs.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A: Limousine permits- Two limousine permits have been issued to Mr. Pak.

**B: City Bus permits – Three bus permits have been issued to the City of Bethel
The Chief is looking into changing some of the BMC on the Bus Ordinance.**

C: ALEISS- (Alaska Law Enforcement Information Sharing System)

This is a Investigative functions for officer sharing information on crimes that have occurred in their area, they enter it into the ALEISS data base. Then the data base can cross check and may generate a possible hit on a suspect that has the same type of MO that you have entered into the system. A grant was given to us in the amount \$12,000.00 to assist in funding. Lt. Achee will be working on this program at this time, other officers will be able to get enter the information into the computer also.

X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Charlie Chung- No comment

B: Brian Lefferts- Happy New Year.

C: Joseph Klejka- Your doing a good job.

D: Mark Springer- Keep up the good work. You might do a little more of a public out reach.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

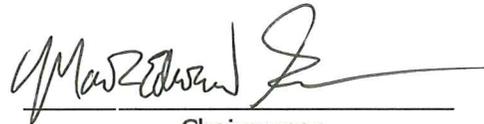
MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Thursday February 5, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder