
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Works Committee Minutes

February 15, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Works Committee Meeting was held on January 18, 2012 at 6:38 p.m. in the City Shop Conference Room, Bethel, Alaska was called to order by Committee Member Chair, Frank Neitz.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frank Neitz, Bill Schreiner, Jennifer Dobson, Jeff Sanders

Excused absence(s): Joseph Klejka

Unexcused absence(s): None.

Also in attendance were the following:

Chuck Willert, Public Works Director

Cheryl Roberts, Public Works Admin, Recorder of Minutes

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Sam Blankenship - No show.

Bill Arnold - Bill was able to answer several questions by the committee that ensued into a discussion, which covered frozen sewer pipes, sewer lines without heat tape, helping the schools, & also the flushing out of the sewer lines on a regular basis. There was also \$15,000 put into City Sub's Budget for next year to help prevent freeze-ups.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	B. Schreiner	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2012 - as corrected.
SECONDED BY:	J. Dobson	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	B. Schreiner	Motioned carried.
SECONDED BY:	J. Dobson	

VOTE ON MOTION	Carried as amended.
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NEW BUSINESS

Item A - Election of Vice-Chair

MOVED BY:	J. Sanders	To Elect Jennifer Dobson as Vice-Chair.
SECONDED BY:	B. Schreiner	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item B - Frozen Service Lines in City Sub - Update - Chuck Willert

Only 3 houses were frozen in City Sub & the City was Budgeted \$15,000 for the next fiscal year to prevent further issues and on a case by case basis. There is a customer whose service lines are in the water & after it starts to thaw, the city will bring the line up and out of the water. The Utility Maintenance Crew will be going around house to house this summer and turning on everybody's circulating pumps to prevent future problems.

MOVED BY:	J. Dobson	Letter of appreciation to acknowledge the Hauled Utility Drivers & Utility Maintenance Workers for working in the record cold conditions over the last 6 weeks.
SECONDED BY:	J. Sanders	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MEMBER COMMENTS

Jeff Sanders - With all the mud all over the road, have we done an Analysis of it? What is the size of the particles? He would like to know what the composition of the mud is.

Chuck Willert - Says we can get a sample Analyzed.

Jennifer Dobson - She attended the Board Training a couple weeks ago. Regarding The Recycle Center RFP, The Alternative Energy Committee passed the recommendation to Council to put it out to RFP. The Public Safety Committee is discussing a Sewer Nuisance Fee at their next meeting.

Frank Neitz - This coming September, talk about putting a note in the Utility Bills. Frank got a commitment from Scott Guinn to possibly be a member on our Public Works Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	B. Schreiner	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	F. Neitz	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 18 DAY OF MARCH, 2011.


Cheryl Roberts
Recorder of Minutes


Frank Neitz, Chair
Apr. 18, 2012