
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: March 1, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on March 1, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mark Springer-

Brian Lefferts- Absent excused

Charley Chung

Paul Gregory

Carol (Annette) Sutton

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 March 1, 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 January 4, 2011

MOVED BY:		An error was made and the minutes for January 4, 2011 were not placed into the council packet they will need to approve minutes for January 4, 2011 the April 5, 2011 meeting.
SECONDED BY:		

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	
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VI. Training provided by City Clerk Lori Strickler – Committee and Commission training.

VII. CHIEF'S COMMENTS – Police Chief Larry Elarton

A: Personnel- The department is fully staffed at this time. Cory Brian was moved to CSO from CSP. CSP has three new employee's Gabriel Pfeiffer, Steven Taylor and Dextor Sherman

B: Building- There has been an issue that has come up with the Salmon Berry location for the new Police Station. The city council will be reviewing this matter later this month and has asked that things be put on hold at this time.

C: Stats for February- BPD had 1198 calls 109 cases 90 arrests Dispatch handled 1350 calls for BPD/BFD/AST CSP 50 males 45 females 47 YKCC 25 YKHC 17 Private Person 6 ACFS 26 assault calls, 5 sexual assaults 3 DUI's 2 burglaries 0 stolen vehicles 2 Accidents

Animals 20 Animals 19 dogs 1 cats 4 RTO 4 adopted 9 Euthanized in pound 2 dogs 1 Cats
D: Case- A cab driver was found guilty by the courts for practicing acupuncture without a license. This incident did occur in the cab that he was driving. The charge that he was charged with is not one in the BMC to pull his Chauffeur permit.

There was an incident with Mr. Back the owner of Taxi cab he has been charged as an accomplice of selling alcoholic beverage. His Chauffeur permit was temporarily revoked for ten days under the BMC 5.20.110 (B)(4). His permit was reinstated after the ten days was up and Mr. Back has been advised that if he is convicted of the charges that the transportation inspector reserves the right to continue any efforts deemed necessary in regarding his chauffeur permit and/or taxi permits.

E: Sobering Center- is open and everything seems to be running smoothly.

E: Questions- Commission member Paul Gregory had concerns of dogs running at large and it is the time of year when we start having issues with the rabid fox's in the area.

Chairman Mark Springer had two questions for Chief Elarton the first question; was in reference to the ATF charges on two individuals that stole the Patrol car last year. Chief Elarton advised the commission that both parties were indicted in federal court. The second questions; in reference to the murder case where does it stand in the investigation? Chief Elarton advised that the rural prosecution unit that had three different District Attorney's working the murder case at the beginning of the case. Now they have June Stein in the office and working the case. It is going through the court process and there is no new information at this time.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT- Sharri Salyers

A: Vehicle Inspections- 5

B: Vehicle Transfers- 5

C: Renewal Chauffeur Permits-0

D: Limo permit was reissued- 1

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT- Councilman Robb-

A: Ordinance 11-02 – passed, this is in reference to the terms on commissions and committees you have 30 days to reapply when your appointment expires.

B: Ordinance 11-03- passed, this ordinance came out of this commission it was in reference to the internet sales of surplus property of the City.

X. 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. It is good to hear that there was an arrest. There are some signs and posters out that YKHC has got out.

Questions to Chief Elarton what are you seeing trend wise in bootlegging. I do not feel that bootlegging has changed much with the community being wet or dry. There aren't as many bootleggers out there now that we are considered wet. We are seeing more alcohol in the houses when we go into them.

The one thing that we are seeing a decline in when we are picking people up they are not drunk off of the wood alcohol, hair spray and other products. Which is an improvement.

B: Discussion and review if BMC ordinance's 06.04 and 06.08 pertaining to Animal Control.- Pertaining to the drafted ordinance Would like to keep A. All dogs located outside the confines of their owners' or keepers' homes shall be securely restrained. Would like to see the 6.04.085 Immediate Destruction stricken or at least worded differently the wording that is being proposed is to drastic. I would like to see that there also be wording in the ordinance for a dog park in the city as well. We need to add a microchip in to the ordinance as well. Would like to have this placed on next month's agenda.

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

Annette Sutton- No Comment

Paul Gregory- Appreciates that we were able to get better lighting for the bus stops. Would like to make a law that makes kids have to have some kind of reflective tape or some type of lighting on their clothing when they are outside after dark. I have concerns about taxi cabs driving around the buses when they have their red flashing lights going. I would also like to see something done there are too many people riding on one snow machine around and I am worried that someone is going to get killed.

Charlie Chung- No comment

Rick Robb- Good work on working on getting the ordinance cleaned up as a group. Good news on the bootlegging and I would like to keep this on the agenda for the next month. Salmon Berry location as far as I am concerned the council has already voted for the police station to be at that location. I have already committed to having the police department at that location and I will stand by my vote.

Mark Springer- These roads are the slickest I have ever seen them and I am disappointed that the state hasn't sanded the highway better this year. I had an incident this week with a car pulling me in front of me and I almost hit them. Sharri could you please call the cab companies and remind them to use their turn signals. I would like to see more of the cabs cited for those type of violations.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Gregory	
SECONDED BY:	Chung	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – April 5, 2011


_____, Chairperson

ATTEST:


_____, Recorder