
City of Bethel, Alaska

Port Commission Minutes

Date 03/19/07

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Port Commission was held on 3/19/07 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Brandon Leary called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission did have a quorum, the following members were present:

Brandon Leary
Allen DeSousa
Clair Grifka
Alan Murphy
Greg Roczicka
Harry Faulkner

Also in attendance were the following:

Peter Williams
Kim Shelden

Absent: Mary Kenick

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Nick Pollock

Nick had a question about the float spaces this year. He wanted to know if the procedures were going to change this year. He wanted to be assured he would get his same float space as last year. Peter assured him that the procedures will not be changing this year and that he will get his same float space. As far as any future changes after this season, the public would be notified accordingly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the February 20, 2007 regular meeting

MOVED BY:	Harry Faulkner	Approval of the February 20, 2007 minutes
SECONDED BY:	Alan Murphy	
VOTE ON MOTION	Passed unanimously	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Clair Grifka	To approve the agenda, as amended
SECONDED BY:	Allen DeSousa	
VOTE ON MOTION	Passed unanimously	

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Brandon said a council member made some comments to him the other day about the Port. This council member has said the Port is wasting lots of money and having all these full time employees year round is a joke, that it used to operate with one person half a year. Brandon said the Port has operated better than it ever has and this council member does not understand nor is aware of what goes on at the Port. Everyone agreed that this council member really needed to come to a Port Commission meeting. Brandon wanted to make everyone aware of what was said.

COUNCIL REP'S COMMENTS

Mary Kenick is absent.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Alan Murphy said he was told by somebody to watch somebody else because they were looking at moving the money into more administrative so they can siphon off some money and show it as overhead. They want to do more of that to get their money, so just be prepared and that was another person on the council that was looking at that.

Greg Roczicka said he brings it up with people every chance he gets about the proposed tariff increase to help improvements in the small boat harbor and most people don't seem bothered by the idea.

Harry said he noticed the welding on the ladders on the seawall and that it looks good. He also said that he was concerned about the safety equipment that they may need while they are doing that. Harry also mentioned painting the ladders some sort of really bright color that looks nothing like the rest of the seawall, just for the safety ladder.

Clair said he did not have anything at this time.

Allen DeSousa had nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A) Public Hearing on Tariff Increases

Brandon called the public hearing on tariff increases to order. Nobody was there to speak. Brandon closed the public hearing on tariff increases.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Recommendations on Tariff Increases

A motion was made for recommendation to city council for a two cent fuel thru put increase, one cent going directly to day to day operations of the small boat harbor and one cent set aside in an account for future port depreciation and replacement.

MOVED BY:	Allen DeSousa	To accept a two cent fuel thru put increase, one cent going directly to day to day operations of the small boat harbor and one cent set aside in an account for future port depreciation and replacement
SECONDED BY:	Alan Murphy	
VOTE ON MOTION	All opposed	

A second motion was then made for recommendation to city council to accept a two cent fuel thru put increase, with one cent for day to day operations of the small boat harbor and one cent for maintenance of the small boat harbor

MOVED BY:	Alan Murphy	To accept a two cent fuel thru put increase, with one cent for day to day operations of the small boat harbor and one cent for maintenance of the small boat harbor
SECONDED BY:	Allen DeSousa	
VOTE ON MOTION	Passed unanimously	

B) Recommendation on City Dock Transfer from State of Alaska

A motion was made for recommendation to city council to accept the State's offer by resolution and to recommend that the city council do the same with the money from the transfer going into an investment account separate from the current Port investment accounts for depreciation replacement and/or repair of catastrophic failure of port facilities.

MOVED BY:	Allen DeSousa	To accept the State's offer by resolution and to recommend the city council do the same with the money from the transfer going into an investment account separate from the current Port investment accounts for depreciation replacement and/or repair of catastrophic failure of port facilities
SECONDED BY:	Greg Roczicka	
VOTE ON MOTION	Passed unanimously	

DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2007

Respectfully Submitted:


Brandon Leary, Chairman

APPROVED THIS 28 day of December 2007.

ATTEST: _____