
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Works Committee Minutes

October 16, 2013

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Works Committee Meeting was held on October 16, 2013 at 6: p.m. in the City Shop Conference Room, Bethel, Alaska was called to order by Committee Member Chair, Frank Neitz.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph Klejka, Frank Neitz, Jennifer Dobson, Scott Guinn, Donna Lindsey, Delbert Egoak, John Sargent, Mike Nevenzel, Brian Lefferts

Excused absence(s): Bill Schreiner

Unexcused absence(s): None

Also in attendance were the following:

~~Chuck Willert, Public Works Director~~

Bill Arnold in place of Public Works Director

Cheryl Roberts, Public Works Admin, Recorder of Minutes

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mike Nevenzel with ProDev - Update on Pool Project.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	J. Klejka	Motioned carried to approve the agenda.
SECONDED BY:	J. Dobson	

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

MOVED BY:	S. Guinn	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2013.
SECONDED BY:	J. Klejka	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Update – 5 Year Plan/RFP – Water & Sewer Master Plan – Bill A.

The company, LCG, needs a feed back to do the final. Jennifer - section 1.5, why is there a price difference? Bill - It was done 3 years ago, but we asked for a price increase due to inflation. Also, section 7.33, the waste water affluent does not currently meet state & federal discharge requirements; what are we not meeting? We aren't meeting the distance of the discharge.

Item B – Update - Institutional Corridor – Feasibility Study – Bill A.

Bill's been working with CH2MHill, for \$7million, we think we can hook up all the way to the Highway. We need another RFP to update the Feasibility Study due to so many changes.

Item C – Update – RFP – Cost Analysis of the City of Bethel’s Water & Sewer Utilities – Bill A.

The rates will be going up. Joe will get with Lori on the rates. The Committee will do a Recommendation to Council to implement the changes from the rate study.

Recommend that the city council implement the rate changes as per the rate study

MOVED BY:	J. Klejka	We Recommend that the city council implement the rate changes as per the rate study. City Council had three (3) different options to choose from.
SECONDED BY:	S. Guinn	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item D - Update – Lagoon Issues – Bill A.

Too much sludge, the dikes are moving, the curtains are shot, and the discharge is too long. The Lagoon was completely drained. The truck dump area, the sheet piles are falling apart.

Item E – Landfill Operations & DEC Inspection

DEC found that we had not been using cover material and that led to some non-ideal conditions. There wasn't a lot of sorting, which was due to staffing challenges, which has now been resolved. The Landfill will last another 15 years, and the walls can go higher.

Item F – Junk Cars & Alaska Logistics Contract

The contract with Alaska Logistics is for 75 cars. The metal is all sorted at the Landfill. The City wants to look at chartering a Barge and getting all the cars out at once and get it over with.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Dust Control Options – Brian Lefferts

Chip Sealing – is the spraying of hot liquid asphalt, emulsion oil, on the road. Then a truck will lay out gravel on top of the oil & then be flattened out and smoothed. Jenny will research all the costs for the process, time, manpower, maintenance, fuel, etc. Recommend it; add it to the scope of work for the "Dust Control". Add this to John Sargents' letter for the state funding request.

Recommend to city council to add up to 5% of the road grant proposal for this procedure.

MOVED BY:	F. Neitz	Recommend to city council to add up to 5% of the road grant proposal for this procedure.
SECONDED BY:	J. Dobson	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item B – Frederick’s City Sub Service Line

Jenny spoke with the home owners & feels this is resolved and moving forward.

Item C – Staffing/Training Plan for Pool

There will be an RFP for Staffing of the pool. What is Public Works' role in the Pool as to maintaining the property?

Item D – Boardwalk at Pinky’s Park / Soccer Field

Soccer field has to be flip flopped because it's not wide enough for the space; had to shrink it up; they had to narrow it due to the easement of the utility pole; about 1500 loads of dirt for it. It has to be regulation size due to the cost.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nothing to add.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Brian L - No Comment

Bill A - No Comment

Delbert E - No Comment

Frank - Boy, anything you guys want to put on here. Jennifer you are the one, some of the things you put on are putting us ahead. I feel we have a good core group here. And I think we can do some good. I want to thank everyone here for your support and just coming.

Joe K – Just like you Frank, I’m getting excited. I think we’re starting to get traction on things & Bill your doing a great job and your attention to detail. And Jenny you are fabulous at chasing these things down. Thank you Brian. We’re just getting a really good group here; we’re a knowledgeable group. We’re just getting a lot of things done here.

Jenny D – Welcome back (to Joe) she was worried we would have a new councilmen to break-in, so I was happy. I would like to say thanks to, Tim Oosterman, he took me on a Lagoon tour. He is super informative & I appreciated his time.

Scott G - (To Bill Arnold) With you doing all this, and if you take over as PW Director, are you still going to do what your doing now or who is taking over your position? Shawn Ahlo will take over my job.

Donna L - I drove through the dump today and looked at the sludge, if I would have had an escort it would have been more interesting.

ADJOURNMENT

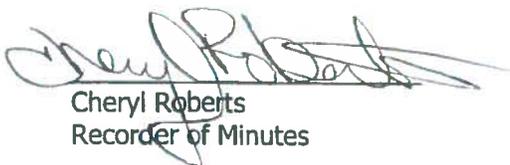
MOVED BY:	S. Guinn	Motion to adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	J. Klejka	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.


 Frank Neitz, Chair


 Cheryl Roberts
 Recorder of Minutes