City of Bethel, Alaska
Public Works Committee Minutes

November 28, 2012 | Special Meeting | Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER
A special meeting of the Public Works Committee Meeting was held on November 28, 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, Jeff Sanders, Scott Guinn
Excused absence(s): Jennifer Dobson, 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
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	S. Guinn	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2012.
SECONDED BY:	B. Schreiner	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	B. Schreiner	Motioned carried to approve the agenda.
SECONDED BY:	S. Guinn	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
In regards to the New Public Works trucks, we didn't have as much money as we thought we did, but we did have one of the New Trucks flown over. Bill Arnold would like to get one of his trucks out here and he has enough money to pay for one. We're going to charter a Herc, three loads, to get the excess piling for the Pool, the Police Chiefs Generator & possibly one other truck. We also had a Sewer Truck rollover in Kasayuli, which has minimal damage & we are unsure what it will take to repair it. The driver has been reverted to shop duty. The leak we had for Glycol has been found, it was an unfused fitting from either CRW or Osborne. We lost about 10 drums per year in the last two years. We are stilling working on getting the new office/shop on 2nd road for our Utility Maintenance crew. H Marker Lake is now thick enough to drive over and Streets & Roads took their lightest grader over it. The thinnest area is 19 inches and the thickest is 24 inches.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Item A - Update - Closeout of 2 Outstanding Grants/ABC Loop
The pre-planning grant is to plan for what you're going to be doing with the Construction Grant. The Construction Grant was to fix the manhole, finish up six lift stations, & to change out pumps. The engineers wanted to put in 4hp pumps in the Lift Stations, but Bill Arnold said I think we need

bigger pumps, so they put in 8hp pumps. They took out Wayne's Arch, did some flushes. Now everything is working fine & is flowing over 500 gallons per minute & two trucks can pull up at the same time.

Item B - Update - Sewer Lagoon
The Grant Manager, John Sargent, came & there was a discussion about preliminary drawings on the Sewer Lagoon, the Committee seemed to be supportive of the project. John Sargent wrote a letter to the state for funding. The pre-planning Sewage Lagoon fix is almost done.

Item C - Update - 5 Year Plan/ RFP - Water & Sewer Master Plan
There was a discussion with John Sargent & the committee & The Sewer Lagoon is the #1 item on the list for the Master Plan, then ABC Loop & then the Institutional Corridor.

Item D - Update - Recycle Center
This will be put into next years' budget, will be city funded, city staffed, by one person & opened to the public one day a week minimum.

Item E - Neptune - Update Rate Study - Meter Housing
The city stopped metering City Subdivision per the City Manager & our previous City Attorney, Michael Gatti; due to the fact it could be a law suit seeing as how we are only metering a certain area & not the others.

Item F - Institutional Corridor
John Sargent organized a big meeting with a lot of people, & Gene Peltola Jr., set up a plan to go for all of the money needed & get it from the Governors' Budget. The deadline is December 15, 2012.

Item G - RFP - Cost Analysis of the City of Bethel's Water & Sewer Utilities
There will be Commercial & Residential water rates & has a December deadline for this.

Item H - Complete Streets Ordinance
Is in the shadows right now & the Planning Commission is still pushing the topic. Brian Lefferts was re-writing the Ordinance so people could understand it better with Jennifer Dobson's' help from our Committee.

Item I - Parks & Recreation - Softball Field - Update
John Sargent said the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant is out right now & he has discussed it with several people and they are looking to put one forward, & Pinky's Park will score us the most points. Ronda Sargent, with the City's Parks & Recreation Dept., & John are looking for baseball field upgrades & the fund grant is due February 1, 2013.

Item J - City Shop Floor
Chuck Willert, Clair Grifka & John Sargent have been working together on this; Bill Arnold has been busy with his Pump House Plants. We are waiting to get with Bill to put some language in there for hooking up the floor drains, then at that time, John Sargent will write it up then put it out to bid. This should all be done by the end of this year.

Item K - New BNC/Swansons Complex Road Access
Chuck would like to see the back road, behind the BNC/Swansons Complex, opened up & for them to turn over the easement to the city so that we can put gravel on it, maintain the road & make sure there's proper drainage to it. It could/would also relieve traffic on Chief Eddie Hoffman/State Highway.

Item L - Wind Generation 100kw per Public Building
B.U.C. now has a "Readymade Inter-Connection Agreement", which John Sargent has a copy of. The renewable energy grant, from the state, requires you to sell into the grid for any independent power producer because that's perceived to be the greatest public good. Just because the City benefits from one building, is not John Doe in Blueberry Subdivision benefiting. But if we send into the grid & everybody gets a little cheaper electricity over all, then everybody now gets two cents cheaper, hypothetically, because we're producing it ourselves.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

MEMBER COMMENTS
Bill - Glad to be back with you, no real comments today.

Scott - Going back to the start of the meeting, with the Lake & the Road, he really appreciates that it's open & the up keep the city is doing on it since he recently bought a house in that area. It's saving him on gas money checking on the place.

Jeff - I want to say Cheryl, the minutes just keep getting better & better, they explain to someone that just got off the jet that's never been here before. They could read these minutes & know what we did. And that's good minutes, that's what they are supposed to do. The December meetings are often cancelled, & that would be my last meeting as I am retiring. So I want to say, that I've enjoyed working with all of you, especially Frank, because you've been here the longest, & everyone else.

Frank - Since the lake crossing is open, H Marker Lake, it has relieved some of the traffic. And rightfully so, it's gonna save our roads. How can we pursue that to get it so it's open? There are safety issues, mostly to take the pressure off the road. How do we keep moving ahead? So if you have any ideas, I'd like to maybe put it on as New Business for next month.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS ~~12~~ 19th DAY OF December, 2012

Frank Neitz, Chair

Cheryl Roberts
Recorder of Minutes