
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

December 4, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on December 4, 2012 in the Bethel City Hall Conference Room.

This meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Pat Jennings *Chair*
Brian Lefferts *Vice Chair*
Paul Gregory
Annette Sutton
Larry Elarton *Chief of Police*

Absent: George Young *Fire Chief*

Excused Absent: Sharon Sigmon *Council Member*
Joe Yoon

Recorders Note: *Also in attendance was Alla Tinker. It was believed at the time of the meeting that Alla Tinker was an approved alternate member for Joe Yoon, to represent the cab industry. It was discovered after the meeting that an alternate for the cab industry is not allowed per the BMC therefore Ms. Tinker was not an approved member of the commission and not eligible to vote on matters before the body.*

Ms. Tinker's participation in the meeting did not interfere with any of the actions by the Commission. The removal of her vote on each action still allowed for the actions/motions to pass by a majority vote of the eligible voting members.

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one wished to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Sutton	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to approve the minutes from July 3, September 4, October 2, and November 6, 2012.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Police Chief Larry Elarton- CSP officers are still in EMT training. A new CSO is being trained by the current CSO, Edward Chase. Two dispatchers are enrolled in the Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) courses, after this course they will be trained as instructors in EMD. We have had meetings with the state to try to go regional for the Alaska Land Mobile Radio System (ALMR) we will be able to communicate directly via radio with the villages and surrounding areas. Total calls were down, but number of investigations remained the same. There were 50 arrests and 3 deaths. Police building is moving along, sheet rock is completed and all levels are painted. They are installing the final bit of flooring by the end of the week. It will probably be the 1st of February at the earliest that we can turn on dispatch. Our generator missed the last barge, but we may be able to piggy-back onto the airlift for the pool pilings which are needed this winter. Without the generator we cannot move dispatch.

Fire Chief George Young- Not present to be heard.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

Police Chief Larry Elarton- We have had 4 or 5 cars that have driven other cars completely off of the road. One chauffeur has done it 3 times, which needs to be addressed. We had a meeting with all of the cab companies; they all agreed they would support an ordinance that cab drivers cannot use a cell phone while driving. This driver is currently suspended under BMC 5.20.110 for 10 days. We would like to extend his suspension time until a special meeting can be held, and he can appeal if he chooses. If convicted of the citations issued to him his permit will be revoked. There were also a couple of the cab companies that had scannable radios in their cabs.

VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Pat Jennings- Would like to see more headlights on patrol cars during times of low-light.

Vice Chair Brian Lefferts- Has been noticing a few fox around town. Encourages people to get their dogs vaccinated. Would like someone to speak to city council about the business discussed at this meeting.

Paul Gregory- There are still sewage issues in city sub.

Annette Sutton- Believes there are some good cab drivers out there.

Sharon Sigmon- Not present to be heard.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to introduce the complete streets ordinance, which was redrafted as an ordinance from a resolution and agreed to be forwarded to city council.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. RESTAURANT INSPECTION ORDINANCE

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to introduce the restaurant inspection ordinance.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
MOVED:	Sutton	Motion to postpone the restaurant inspection ordinance until the next meeting.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

C. SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES ORDINANCE

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to table the sugar sweetened beverages ordinance until we hear back from the finance committee.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE A COMMISSION VACANCY OF CHARLEY CHUNG PER BMC 2.52.070 (9).

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to introduce the matter of Charley Chung.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
MOVED:	Sutton	Motion to declare Charley Chung's seat vacant.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. STATIONARY DISPATCH FOR ALL CAB COMPANIES

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to approve a stationary dispatch for all cab companies.
SECONDED:	Sutton	

MOVED:		Motion to table the matter of a stationary dispatch until next meeting.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	

C. PUBLIC NUISANCE

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to open the public nuisance ordinance.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
MOVED:	Jennings	Motion to forward to city council upon revision by the city attorney.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

D. CHRONIC OR EXCESSIVE NUISANCE PROPERTIES

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to introduce chronic/excessive nuisance.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
MOVED:	Sutton	Motion to table and hear from the city attorney on this ordinance at the next regular meeting.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF March, 2013.



 KaJena Baty, Recorder



 Pat Jennings, Chair