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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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Date: December 7, 2010

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on December 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Chairperson Brian Lefferts called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

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

Mark Springer- Absent

Brian Lefferts

Charley Chung- Came in to the meeting at 7:15 pm

Pat Jennings

Paul Gregory

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 DECEMBER 7, 2010

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### V. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2010

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2010

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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## VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS – Police Chief Larry Elarton

**A: Personnel-** In the process of hiring one Patrol Officer and One CSP personnel. Travis Turner has been released from FTO and is out on the road on his own. Officer's Lamani and Dias have returned from the Academy and are in the FTO program.

**B: Building's-** The Animal Pound building has been being worked on, they have redone the drainage to all the kennels and the pound is back up and running.

We have sent an IM to council reference the engineers report on Salmonberry location. I feel that the report came back with good news on the buildings structure. We are still waiting for the title to the building from the Feds.

**C: Stats for November-** BPD had 1,084 calls 75 cases 36 arrests Dispatch handled 1648 calls for BPD/BFD/AST CSP 68 males 43 females 53 Res 58 non-res 19 assault calls, 1 suicidal party, 2 DUI's 1 Robbery of a Cab Driver.

**D: Vehicles-** One of the patrol cars windows was broken from vandalism.

The Department is looking into buying vehicles for this budget year. There was to be \$60,000.00 rolled over from last year's budget to assist us in obtaining these new vehicles but the old finance director failed in getting this transferred over to this year's budget so we are short on monies. We will be asking the council if we could move at least \$30,000.00 into our budget this year so we can try and obtain two new vehicles.

**E: Computer system-** We have been having issues with Eforce reporting system due to the City server. We will be looking into a standalone server that will be housed at the Police Department we were hoping that this could wait until we moved into our new facility but the way the system has been running we may have to get one working before the move.

**F:** The city employee's Christmas party is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> and I would like to invite the commission members to attend. Every one of you works hard in this commission and you are part of the city.

## VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT- Sharri Salyers

**A: Vehicle Inspections- 20**

**B: Vehicle Transfers- 5**

**C: New Chauffeur Permits- 2**

**D: Renewal Chauffeur Permits-1**

**E:** Alaska cab Dispatch Company is in the process of selling to an individual Mi Ae Son. While in the process of going through permits for this sale there was a mistake made and two of the killed permits from March of this year were reactivated, this issue has been rectified. The twelve permits that were killed in March have been removed from the system and this mistake will not happen again.

There was a meeting between five of the cab dispatch companies and myself. There was a discussion of companies buying the next available permit that comes up for sale to have it killed. As to companies verbal agreement amongst themselves to have a total of thirteen permits killed in March of this year. There is still one permit that needs to be killed.

Camai cab company has a second cab on the road as of Dec. 2 and City Cab also has a second car on the road.

James Pak has requested to reinstate his limousine permit. He was advised that he would have to reapply.

The New Cab driver for Camai is also interested in obtaining a river cab permit for this season. Charlie Chung advised that the BMC would not allow for one vehicle to operate under two permits. After reading the BMC 5.30.170 Single use of vehicle the commission agreed with Mr. Chung.

**VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT-** Councilman Robb-

**A: Grants:** A couple grants that have been approved by council for Public Safety.

**B: Comprehension plan** is on the horizon and they need some ideas and assistance from the commissions. I feel that it would be a good if we got together to discuss some ideas to present to them on public safety issues.

**C: Ridgecrest** there has been a proposal brought forth in widening the road and adding sidewalks close to the schools and the AC quick stop areas.

**IX. A: NEW BUSINESS**

**A: Strategies at combating bootlegging-** councilman Robb called this up for discussion to revisit the issue and to see where things were at since our last discussion. Chief Elarton advised the commission that the phone line had been installed and the phone is up and running we have been logging the calls that we have been receiving and we have also been giving information to the AST want unit. Brian Lefferts advised that YKHC is still willing to help with making pamphlets and fliers to advertise and get more information on the subject out to the public.

There was a discussion on what information we would want on the fliers and pamphlets. A decision was made to motion a movement for this discussion be held over to the January 4, 2011 meeting for more information.

**MOTION TO MOVE THIS DISCUSSION TO THE JANUARY 4, 2011 MEETING IN OLD BUSINESS**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	
<i>Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	

**B: Discussion in reference to snow machines and four-wheelers being driven on**

**Roadways-** commission member Gregory called this up for discussion. He has concerns with All the accidents involving snow machines and four-wheeler. He wanted the commission to look into restricting these type vehicles on the roadways in Bethel. He stated there are just too many lives that are being lost for no reason and if we can restrict them from driving on the roadways than maybe we can save lives.

Brian Lefferts stated that the Stats in 2009 show that ATV fatal accidents surpassed drownings in the delta area.

Paul Gregory also stated that he has witnessed in the early mornings when the buses were picking up children at the bus stops around Tundra ridge. Snow machines wouldn't yield to the buses flashing red lights. Chief Elarton said that To his knowledge no complaints have been received from bus drivers in reference to snow machines not stopping for their signals. He have the officers do some extra patrol in those areas in the mornings.

Paul Gregory also stated that he felt that there is a need for more adequate lighting at the bus stop to protect the children so they can be seen better.

Paul Gregory also stated that he would like to see parking areas around town for snow machines this area would be a fenced in area; this would keep the snow machines from being such a risk in thefts. Mr. Gregory stated that he has seen this being done in other villages and thought that it would be a good idea for our city as well.

**C: Discussion in reference to the Gun Range-** there is a renewed effort to get a new range And gun club with the NRA supporting the efforts. They want to take over the Police Departments range and develop it with grants. We think this will be great for the community as a whole.

**D: Discussion in Selling excessive city property and goods on the internet.**

The commission reviewed Chapter 4.10 in the BMC reference to disposal of personal property Owned by the city. As to how the BMC is written it does not state that the internet could not be utilized in auctioning off items. As long as the guidelines are followed in the BMC and the city council is advised of such disposal of items as it states in the BMC. The Public Safety and Transportation Commission felt that this could be a good resource in disposing of items and still make some type of income to be placed into the General Fund.

**X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

**Paul Gregory-** Please do not be setting up traps so close to town there have been a lot of Pets that have ended up in the snares that people have been putting out close to town.

**Pat Jennings-** No Comment

**Charlie Chung-** No Comment

**Rick Robb-** Where people have been setting their traps are legal. There is a leash law that the people need to remember to use so their pets do not get caught in the traps. Maybe we can review the animal control ordinances in our next meeting if I recall there is a section in the ordinance that states that the animals need to be in voice command in certain areas.

**Brian Lefferts-** No Comment

**XI. ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – January 4, 2010

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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