



City of Bethel

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Regular City Council Meeting

September 25, 2012

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers; Bethel, Alaska



City Council Meeting Agenda

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

September 25, 2012-6:30 pm
City Hall 300 State Highway, Bethel, AK
City of Bethel Council Chambers

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL**
- IV. **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD** – Five minutes per person
- V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA**
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a) **Pg 3** *9-11-2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
 - b) **Pg 11***9-17-2012 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- VII. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
 - a) Public Safety and Transportation Commission
 - b) Port Commission
 - c) Planning Commission
 - d) Parks and Recreation Committee
 - e) Finance Committee
 - f) Public Works Committee
 - g) Energy Committee
- VIII. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 - a) **Pg 25** A Proclamation Recognizing Janet Athanas For Years of Service For City of Bethel (Council Member Robb)
- IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a) **Pg 29** AM 12-30: Approval Of The State Priorities Requests for Inclusion In The Annual Resolution (City Manager Foley)
- X. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) **Pg 39** *Resolution 12-19: Confirming The Appointment Of Election Official Chairs And The Canvass Board Members For The City Of Bethel Regular Election On Tuesday, October 2,2012 (Mayor Klejka)
 - b) **Pg 41** *Resolution 12-20: Requesting The State of Alaska Department of Military and Veteran Affairs to Cease Continued Mothball and Demolition Preparation For The Old Bethel Armory Until An Agreement Can Be Established Between The City Of Bethel And The Lower Kuskokwim School District For The Continued Operation Of The Facility (Mayor Klejka)
 - c) *PTO Request for City Attorney September 13, 2012 (Mayor Klejka)
 - d) Direction To Administration And Legal Counsel To Work With The Lower Kuskokwim School District In Establishing An Agreement For Operations And Maintenance Of The Armory Facility (Council Member Sattler)
- XI. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- XII. **MANAGER'S REPORT**
- XIII. **CLERK'S REPORT**
- XIV. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**
- XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Agenda posted on September 19, 2012, at City Hall, AC Co., Swansons, and the Post Office.

Lori Strickler, City Clerk's Office

(Items on the agenda noted with an asterisk (*) are considered the consent agenda.

All Resolutions noted with an asterisk (*) will automatically be adopted on the consent agenda unless removed from the consent agenda by Council.

Ordinances introduced with an asterisk (*) on the consent agenda will automatically be introduced and set for **Public Hearing October 9, 2012**)

Bethel City Council

Approval of the Minutes

City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 11, 2012 at 6:30pm, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Member Kent Harding
Council Member Gene Jr. Peltola
Council Member Joseph Klejka
Council Member Mary Sattler
Council Member Rick Robb
Council Member Eric Whitney

ABSENT: Council Member Mark Springer

STAFF: City Clerk Lori Strickler
Acting City Manager, Fire Chief, George Young

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Jennifer Dobson –
Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City of Bethel for the 2011 Community Fluoridation Reaffirmation Award.

Willy Keppel-

Spoke on concerns regarding the loose dog population within the City.
Spoke with concerns regarding the council's consideration of increasing the size of the pool from four lanes to six lanes because of the financial responsibility associated with the modifications.

Thanked Dave Trantham Jr. for his work on the Alaska Territorial Guard project.
Sorry to see so many homes on the market without people interested in purchasing. The City should strongly consider options to lower costs to the City so that people can afford to live here.

Spoke in opposition to the manner the council spoke to the Department of Transportation regarding the Tundra Ridge Road project. The Council should have been addressing their concerns with BIA.

Legal contract with the St. Sophia's Church is in place, the City should not be responsible for building a bridge access to the area.

Thanked Council Member Harding for all of his efforts as a council member.

Barbra Mosier-

Spoke in favor of the council's decision to increase the size of the swimming pool from a four lane pool to a six lane pool.

David Trantham -

Thanked Kent Harding as well as City Staff and the rest of Council for their assistance in their support to the Alaska Territorial Memorial Park.

Asked for clarification on the AM 12-30 State Priority Requests specifically the project request for the Moravian Church Access which should have been listed as the Russian Orthodox Church Access.

Supported AM 12-32 and the design of a four lane pool and urged the Council to not move forward with a six lane pool.

Does not feel a million dollar water slide will improve any child or person's health.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:		Robb	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:		Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		All in favor	

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A -8-28-2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B -9-04-2012 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Public Safety & Transportation Committee
 Council Member Harding-
 Nothing to report at this time.

Item B- Port Commission
 Pete Williams, Port Director-

A meeting was not held but there have been two proposals made for the dredging of the boat harbor both under budget.

Item C- Planning Commission

Will be meeting this Thursday at 6:30p in the council chambers.

Item D- Parks and Recreation Committee

Council Member Sattler – Next meeting will be Monday the 17th of September which is the first meeting they have had since the summer break.

Item E- Finance Committee

Discussed the modification of the Code for local bid preference. Ordinance proposal from the Public Safety and Transportation Commission for additional taxation on sugar sweetened beverages.

Item F- Public Works Committee

A meeting will be held next Wednesday.

Item G- Energy Committee

RFP for the Recycling Center was discussed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A - AM 12-30: Approval Of The State Priorities Requests for Inclusion In The Annual Resolution.

MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to adopt AM 12-30.
SECONDED:	Harding	
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to move into a Committee of the Whole.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN	All in favor	

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to reconsider the motion to
SECONDED:	Sattler	approve AM 12-32.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve AM 12-32.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.	

Item C - AM 12-32 Approval Of The Four Lane Pool Concept As
 Currently Provided In The Bethel Aquatic Training And Health Center
 65% Plan As Well As Increasing The Exercise Area To Accommodate
 More Than 14 Occupants.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B-Resolution 12-18: Requesting Assistance In The Tundra
 Ridge Road Improvement From Federal Delegation.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item A -Resolution 12-17: Supporting The Timely Completion Of
 The Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

<i>Item postponed until the next regular meeting.</i>		
MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to postpone until the next
SECONDED:	Peltola	regular City Council Meeting.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to amend AM 12-30 to include
SECONDED:	Robb	budget information, Sewer Lagoon
		upgrade, Armory assistance,
		doughnut hole access road.
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOTION		

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passes, 5-1 Harding opposed
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MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve AM 12-32.
SECONDED:	Peltola	
MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to amend AM 12-32 to change the four lane pool design to a six lane pool design and increase the exercise areas to 2,000 square feet.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to take a five minute break
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion passes, Robb and Harding opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-1 Motion passes, Harding in opposition	

Item D- PTO For The City Clerk September 10, 2012.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item E- PTO For The City Attorney September 28, 2012.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item F - Approval For Mayor Klejka To Attend The Valdez Liquefied Natural Gas Conference As A Panelist As Requested By The Alaska Municipal League.

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to approve travel for Mayor Klejka.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

XI. MANAGERS REPORT

XII. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Robb
Glad the Council can make the difficult decisions regarding the pool project and then still move forward respectfully to insure completion of the project.
Good luck to the hunters still out there.
This week is suicide prevention week; we can all help by listening to those in need.

Council Member Sattler
Thanked everyone for their patience during the last city council meeting while she was calling in.
Thanked Janet Athanas for all of her hard work over the years, her work is commendable. She has done a great job at improving the quality of life for the Bethel residents.
It has been great serving with Council Member Harding and am sorry to learn that he is not running again.

Council Member Whitney
Happy September.

Council Member Harding
Thanked everyone for their support while he has been on Council.
Dust control is an ongoing issue here in Bethel and should be closely monitored by administration.

Vice Mayor Peltola
Fish and Wildlife completed the registration moose hunt and congratulations to all of the successful harvesters.
Fish and Wildlife service has and is continuing access to the BIA site. People are stealing materials from the site, making the area even more hazardous than it was already. Cameras have been installed.
Pleased that there is a lot of discussion on the pool project.

Mayor Klejka
Concurred with Vice-Mayor Peltola, the weather was great for hunting and being outside, it was great to see the successful hunters coming back.

Agrees with Mr. Keppel's statements regarding the number of loose dogs in this community.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Council adjourned at 8:29p.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2012

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 17, 2012 at 12:00pm, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Member Rick Robb
 Council Member Mary Sattler (arrived after roll call)
 Vice Mayor Gene Peltola Jr.
 Mayor Joseph Klejka
 Council Member Mark Springer
 Council Member Eric Whitney

ABSENT: Council Member Kent Harding

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Lee Foley
 City Clerk Lori Strickler

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one wished to be heard.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A - YK Regional Health and Safety Center Project Overview To
 Include Request For Proposal Questions and Contract Direction from
 the Council.

MOVED:		Springer	Motion to move into a Committee of the Whole.
SECONDED:		Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		All in favor	

Council Member Sattler arrive at 12:06p.

*Doug Cobb and Martha Shoenthal from ProDev, the Project Managers on the YK
 Regional Health and Safety Center provided feedback to the Council.*

MOVED:		Robb	Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole.
SECONDED:		Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		All in favor	

MOVED:		Robb	Motion to proceed with the Conceptual Drawings with the six lanes and extended weight room to be released by Architects Alaska and to provide the addendum to the RFP and approve the \$50,000 for the work to be done.
SECONDED:		Peltola	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		All in favor	

MOVED:		Robb	Motion to lock in Architects Alaska as the Architect for the project and listed in the RFP and to include a cost line item for design services.
SECONDED:		Peltola	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		All in favor	

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to insert language in the RFP to include Dispute Resolution Boards then go to contract litigation.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Adjourn at 1:06p.

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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Reports of Standing Committees

COMMITTEES STANDING FOR REPORTS

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**City of Bethel, Alaska
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes**

September 17, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Barb Mosier at 6:03 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Committee, the following were present:

Barbara Mosier, Susan Taylor, Amanda Colvin, Margaret Revet
Erica Neck (6:15 pm), Mary Sattler (6:05 pm)

Excused absence(s):

Unexcused absence(s): Minnie Sallison Fritts

Also in attendance were the following:

Ronda Sargent, Recorder
Janet Athanas, Director

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Tina Powers & Christy D- from Diabetes Prevention- Have funds that they would like to spend on a Park for Kassauli. Janet directed them to the city manager and city planner to see about where and how much space would be available.

2. Jennifer Dobson- Pinky's Park Bellfield. I would like to see more maintenance on the field. Volunteers are willing to put forward funds for field maintenance

3. Leif Albertson-Pinky's Park Bellfield gets a lot of community use and I would like to see some more maintenance on the field for continued use. As users we manage the trash and equipment we use.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	S. Taylor	To make Margaret Revet absence for the regular meeting for May 7, 2012 excused.
SECONDED BY:	M. Sattler	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimously approved	

MOVED BY:	S. Taylor	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting for May 7, 2012.
SECONDED BY:	M. Revet	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimously approved	

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2012.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

VOTE ON MOTION		Unanimously approved
MOVED BY:	S. Taylor	To adjourn the meeting
SECONDED BY:	M. Revet	

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Neck: I am glad the park is being used already.

Colvin: Great to see the piece of equipment installed in tundra ridge, kids are happy and using the equipment, you can see the natural wear and tear on the slides already. It is positive that the playground is going in and parents are talking to the kids about taking care of the park instead of destroying it.

Taylor: I had a fun summer, Lions Club did free craft tables during AML and doing it again during AVCP conference, trying to do that when there are larger events in town.

Revet: Glad Amanda is keeping an eye on Tundra Ridge Park.

Mosier: Glad we had a meeting and had good conversation and brainstormed some good ideas, and heard from the public.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Baseball Field- no action taken

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

VOTE ON MOTION		Unanimously approved
MOVED BY:	M. Fritts	To hold the Open House on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 12:00 am - 4:00 pm
SECONDED BY:	S. Taylor	

- a. Open House-

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

VOTE ON MOTION		Unanimously approved
MOVED BY:	M. Sattler	To approve the agenda.
SECONDED BY:	E. Neck	

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Barbara Mosier, Chair

Ronda A. Sargent, Committee Secretary

Bethel City Council

Special Order of Business

1960 of Business Special Order

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City of Bethel Proclamation

Recognizing Janet Athanas for her Outstanding Dedication to the Community of Bethel

WHEREAS, Janet Athanas relocated from Sonoma County, California to Bethel in 1992 with her husband Larry and their two boys;

WHEREAS, Janet took the job as the Director of the Bethel Youth Center, a collaborative position between the City and the University of Alaska in April 1996;

WHEREAS, in 1997, the City Manager reinstated the Parks & Recreation Department and made Janet the Director;

WHEREAS, in her tenure, Janet developed new parks throughout the community, including the Skate Park, Space Net, 4-H Youth Center Park, and Tundra Ridge and upgraded Dillon, Pinky's Park and Wally's Park;

WHEREAS, Janet was instrumental in constructing trails and boardwalks in Pinky's Park and installing snowmachine crossings where needed to accommodate multiple recreational users;

WHEREAS, Janet and her staff initiated the following youth programs: National Guard 4-H Youth Camp, 4-H Softball, 4-H Soccer and Archery, Garden Club, Teen Focus, 4-H Afterschool: Arts and Crafts, sewing and cooking, and 4-H Art Camp;

WHEREAS, a sample of community projects supported by Janet and her staff include: Adopt-A-Dumpster program, Fourth of July Event, Bike Rodeo, Mink Festival, Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Program, National Trails Day, Bethel Fair, Revival of the Recreation Facility 2005, Beautify Bethel Program, Clean up-Green Up, City Employee Christmas Party, and City Employee Appreciation Barbeques;

WHEREAS, Janet's leadership helped the City earn an Alaska Municipal League Community of Excellence Award in 2004 for the outstanding programs offered through the Youth Center and she was presented with the Distinguished Service Award in 2011 by the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association for all her achievements;

WHEREAS, Janet has been actively involved in the following organizations: Bethel Lion's Club, Boy Scouts of America, Friends of the National Rifle Association, Bethel

Chamber of Commerce, Bethel Art Guild founding member, Alaska Recreation
Parks Association, Tobacco Control Alliance;

WHEREAS, Janet Athanas' altruistic nature and drive has improved the quality of life for
many children, teens and adults, within this community.

THEREFORE, on behalf of the City of Bethel, the Bethel City Council, does hereby recognize,
applaud, and thank Janet Athanas for her service to the community and the City of Bethel. Onward
and upward Janet, you will be missed.

Signed this 25th day in September, 2012.

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Unfinished Business

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	12-30		
Date action introduced:	August 28, 2012 September 11, 2012 September 25, 2012	Introduced by:	City Manager
Date action taken:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Confirmed by:			

SUBJECT/ACTION:

Approval of State Priority Requests for preparation of the Annual State Priority Resolution.

Route to:	Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
X	Port		
X	Finance		
X	Public Works		
X	Planning		
X	Parks and Recreation		
X	Police		
X	Fire		

Attachment(s): None

Amount of fiscal impact	Account information:	
To Be Determined	No fiscal impact	
	Funds are budgeted for.	
	Funds are not budgeted. Budget modification is required. Affected account number:	

The following items were compiled through recommendations and suggestions received from department heads and others in the Administration. They are listed in no particular order:

- New Dog Pound (\$400K)** –The current facility was not designed as an animal shelter. The structure is rotting from within and is located too far away for animal control purposes. This proposed building for animal control would be constructed on the new Police Station property. The City could possibly enter into an agreement with Yuut Elitnaurviat whereby the City would provide funding and trainees from the People’s Learning Center would build the structure to Police design specifications.
- Institutional Corridor (\$20M)** – Essentially, a new water main would be run from City Sub water treatment plant along Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway to a new water storage facility capable of holding approximately 655K gallons of water. From the new storage tank, the water main would then run to several institutions and commercial buildings along the Institutional Corridor. Additionally, new pumps would be installed at the storage tank. In discussions, the more expanded project cost estimate was

12-30	Introduced by:	City Manager
Date action introduced:	August 28, 2012	September 11, 2012 September 25, 2012
Date action taken:	Approved	Denied
Confirmed by:		

\$14.5M. However, that figure was based on concept without a developed design. Requesting \$16M would enable the City to engage an engineering firm for design purposes and then solidify the concept and move forward with construction.

- Petro Port Expansion (\$12.5M)** – Present facility allows for only one barge loading or discharging at a time. Adding an 800 foot face on the river would enable Port to handle two (2) fuel barges simultaneously. It would also allow one freight barge to moor, either for loading/off-loading, or temporary holding while waiting for the freight dock to become available. Currently, freight barges moor to the seawall, putting undue stress and pressure on a wall that was not built for this purpose.

- Dust Control & Road Maintenance (\$5.4M)** – Purchase gravel, calcium chloride, and sodium chloride for use on roads, and hydro-seed materials for road side slopes. Purchasing in large quantities would enable Public Works to provide dust control measures on all gravel roads throughout the City, not just the main thoroughfares. Grant would also allow for purchase of one (1) new water spray truck to augment current equipment.

- Renovate Youth Center & Log Cabin (\$2M)** – The current facilities do not have ADA-compliant restrooms, foundations are damaged, roofs are at the end of useful service life, the interiors are not designed for food service, parking lot is unsafe and poorly designed, and fencing is vitally needed. Grant would include purchasing land from BUC across from Youth Center to develop into a safe and user-friendly parking lot.

- Propose Kaligtug Road (\$5.0M)** – This proposed route, submitted to Council last year as a viable alternative to continuing to pursue completing Tundra Ridge Road through the Polk property (and shared with Senator Hoffman), would restore two (2) access and egress avenues from Tundra Ridge Subdivision by expanding Kaligtug Road from Ptarmigan Road to the existing H-Marker Lake Road. The cost would include obtaining a 100-foot ROW, sand fill, gravel, culverts, hydro-seeding, 3 stop signs, 1 right curve sign, 1 left curve sign, 2 speed limit signs, 2 children at play signs, road markers, an Environmental Impact Assessment, soil sampling, license and Bonding, Insurance, Corp of Engineers' fee, core samples and crane costs to set the concrete culverts.

- City Dock (\$7M)** – The latest City Dock Structural Condition Report states that the East timber wall and East sheet-pile wall must be replaced or face eventual failure and collapse. By using a Design Build Model, funding for entire project could be obtained at once and speed up project completion.

- Old Moravian Cemetery Access (\$350K)** – Current bridge structure has deteriorated to such a degree that access to the cemetery is extremely unsafe and almost untenable. The new bridge would be a 6-foot by 50-foot aluminum gangplank style bridge with helical galvanized pilings and 80 linear feet of galvanized 4' X 6" I beam support. Request funding would also be used to purchase ROW to construct bridge.

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

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- **Recycling Center (\$500K)** – Funding for two (2) operators for two (2) years and make the Recycling Center fully operational for that period of time.
- **Port Office Complex (\$1.5M)** – Current Port office is insufficient for conducting Port operations and offers no meeting facility for the Port Commission. New building could be constructed on present site.
- **Equipment Support for Upgraded Telephone System (\$250K)** – Current CAT5 cable is faulty and would cause new system to fail. New CAT6 cable must be installed to speed up internet access by all 70 City computers in use. The new cable will fully support the new telephone system into the future, improving internet speed and performance and decreasing maintenance requirements.
- **Suction Dredge (\$1.5M)** – Funding would be used to purchase and operate one 8-inch suction dredge to reduce the quantity of sludge in the Lagoon, thereby reducing the quantity of lagoon liquids released into the Kuskokwim River. We currently release about 230M gallons of Lagoon liquids into the river every spring and fall.

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Narrative for AM re State Priorities

Addendum to Action Memorandum No. 12-30

This addendum adds the Donut Hole Access Road and the Sewage Lagoon to the list of proposed State priorities for Council's consideration. The Armory was not added at this point because pertinent information to be discussed at the Special Council meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, may be germane, but will not be covered in time to meet the deadline for packet items.

Additionally, the listing below represents the Administration's recommendation for prioritization:

1. Sewer Lagoon Rehabilitation & Dredge
2. Donut Hole Road
3. Dust Control & Road Improvements
4. Construct Kaligtuq Road Extension
5. City Dock Repair
6. Institutional Corridor
7. Network Wiring Upgrade and Telephone System
8. New Dog Pound
9. Old Russian Orthodox Cemetery Access
10. Recycling Center Improvements
11. Petro Port Expansion
12. Renovate Youth Center & Log Cabin

The final packets submitted to the State for consideration will break down budgetary funding by category within each individual request covering all costs associated with the project.

- 1. Sewage Lagoon Rehabilitation and Dredge (\$9M)** – This project includes many of the recommendations made by Larsen Consulting Group, Inc. in their Bethel Sewage Lagoon Rehabilitation Study. A wetland treatment area on City land near the landfill would be established where liquids from the lagoon would be piped to a large tundra containment area and exposed to air, sunlight, and flora and fauna, where decomposition would occur more rapidly than in the lagoon. Liquids would slowly make their way through this secondary treatment area to Brown Slough.

The City will repair or replace the existing truck dump area at the sewage lagoons. The driveway is failing and must be repaired before a sewage truck punches through the road and a driver gets hurt. Sheet pilings on the sides of the driveway are bowing out and get

worse every day. Some of the solidified sludge might actually be holding up the driveway. The driveway must be repaired before dredging can take place.

Funding would be used to purchase and operate one 40-foot long, 8-inch dredge with auger attachment and trailer. The dredge will be capable of removing material 12 feet deep, perfect for the 9-foot deep sewage lagoons. Sludge removed would be deposited into large 45 ft. long de-watering bags where they would sit on the tundra bank for one to two years. The air and natural elements would decompose the material over the two year period so that the inert "humane" could then be used as landfill cover, saving the City the cost and time of transporting sand from its sandpit for this purpose. The City currently hauls 300 truckloads (30,000 cubic yards) of sand a year to the landfill.

The dredge would also be used by the Port of Bethel to dredge the Bethel Small Boat Harbor every few years and dredge Brown Slough from the River to the Bridge. The Sewage Lagoon Rehabilitation Project would extend the life of the four lagoon cells, provide a better treatment system using natural elements, reduce the need for future capital improvements, and reduce the amount of liquids pumped from the lagoon to the river. The project would provide the City with a dredge that could be used to remove solids from the lagoons and mud from the harbor and slough.

Funding will be used to rebuild the curtains between lagoon cells, reconstruct the earthen walls, and purchase and install a wind-powered aeration system. One or more small wind turbines will be purchased and installed on the bank of the lagoon and provide 100% of the power needed to operate the aerator.

All four cells of the lagoon will be emptied and have a lining installed before being refilled. The lining will be made out of cement or other suitable impermeable material.

2. Donut Hole Road (\$3M) – Construct a new gravel road as an extension of Calista Drive

through the donut hole to Ptarmigan Street. The new road would bisect with the Akiachak Road extension, a new road segment to be constructed as part of the regional aquatic center project. Thus, the new road would not only shorten the drive from Ptarmigan to the highway and vice-versa, but provide two access roads to the aquatic center.

The road will be planned and designed so that it minimizes environmental impact and provides the largest community benefit. The newly constructed donut hole road will allow the Fire Department and Police Department to save time when responding to residents in the Tundra Ridge subdivision and environs. When emergency calls come in, every second counts. Saving time in responses saves lives.

Completion of the Donut Hole Road would accomplish several health and safety, growth and development, and community objectives. The following list is germane:

Health and Safety:

- a. Provide alternate road access for emergency vehicles to respond to residents living in Tundra Ridge subdivision, H-Marker Lake Area and on Ptarmigan Road.
- b. Provide alternate evacuation route for residents in case of a natural disaster.
- c. Provide alternate road access to and from the hospital/clinic, airport, boat harbor, commercial establishments, and work.

Growth and Development:

- a. Open up land along the road for residential, commercial, and industrial development.
- b. Encourage City and private land development along the Donut Hold Road.
- c. Increase employment opportunities during the construction phase of the road and construction of businesses and housing units along the road.

Community:

- a. Save drive time and increase convenience for residents living in Tundra Ridge subdivision, H-Marker Lake Area, and on Ptarmigan Road.
- b. Save time and increase convenience of taxicab drivers, restaurant delivery drivers, and the public transit system operators.

3. **Dust Control & Road Improvements (\$5.4M)** – Purchase road sander, water truck, and other heavy equipment needed to reduce dust and improve road conditions and public safety. Purchase gravel, calcium chloride, and sodium chloride to use on roads to control dust and provide 6-inch lift improvements in places. Purchase hydro-seed mixture to apply to road side slopes to reduce dust and stabilize roadbeds. Purchasing materials in large quantities provides economies, allows City to take advantage of barge schedule, and facilitates storage and use of materials throughout the year.

It includes the one-time cost of specialized equipment to improve drainage, like a culvert steamer, and culverts, flares, and large rocks for installing new culverts. This project includes the cost of attachments for heavy equipment and other equipment needed to improve and maintain Bethel's grave roads.

4. **Construct Kaligtuq Road Extension (\$5.0M)** – This proposed route, submitted to Council last year as a viable alternative to continuing to pursue completing Tundra Ridge Road through the Polk property (and shared with Senator Hoffman), would restore two (2) access and egress avenues from Tundra Ridge Subdivision by expanding Kaligtuq Road from Ptarmigan Road to the existing H-Marker Lake Road. The cost would include obtaining a 100-foot ROW, sand fill, gravel, culverts, hydro-seeding, 3 stop signs, 1 right curve sign, 1 left curve sign, 2 speed limit signs, 2 children at play signs, road markers, an Environmental Impact Assessment, soil sampling, License and Bonding, Insurance, Corp of Engineer's fee, core samples and crane costs to set the concrete culverts. To support the project and reduce the overall capital cost, the City would be willing to provide in-kind: sand, use of heavy equipment, and personnel to complete project.

5. **City Dock Repair (\$7M)** – The latest City Dock Structural Condition Report states that the East timber wall and East sheet-pile wall must be replaced or face failure and collapse. The way the wall was constructed is faulty and has led to sand being drawn down from under the wall and washed out to sea. Hollow pockets are forming in the City Dock subsurface that present a dangerous platform on which to operate. The Port no longer uses the area 50 feet in from the wall and all along the 803 ft. length of the wall.
6. **Institutional Corridor (\$20M)** – Essentially, a new water main would be run from City Sub water treatment plant along Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway to a new water storage facility capable of holding approximately 655k gallons of water. From the new storage tank, the water main would then run to several institutions and commercial buildings along the Institutional Corridor. Additionally, new pumps would be installed at the storage tank. In discussions, the more expanded project cost estimate was \$14.5M. However, that figure was based on concept without a developed design. Requesting \$16M would enable the City to engage an engineering firm for design purposes and then solidify the concept and move forward with construction.
7. **Network Wiring Upgrade and Telephone System (\$345K)** – Current CAT5 cable is a jumbled mess inside walls and ceilings, installed with various standards, and severely limiting the City's ability to upgrade its telephone system to an IP model. Current cable must be removed from three key City buildings: City Hall (Central government), Public Works Building, and XX. New CAT6 cable must be installed in all three buildings to speed up internet access by all 75 City computers in use. The new cable will fully support the new telephone system into the future, improving internet speed and performance and decreasing maintenance requirements.

Bethel City Council

New Business

MEM BUSINESS

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Introduced by: Mayor Klejka
Date: September 25, 2012
Action:
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #12-19

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIAL CHAIRS AND THE CANVASS BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL REGULAR ELECTION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 7 of the Bethel Municipal Code, the following persons have been deemed qualified and have agreed to serve as Election Official Chairs (BMC Section 7.50.010) and/or Canvass Board Members (BMC Section 7.90.010) for the City of Bethel Regular Election on Tuesday, October 2, 2012:

Election Official Chairs

Leanna Isaac
Bing Santamour

Canvass Board Workers

Leanna Isaac
Bing Santamour
Leif Albertson
Molly Samuelson

WHEREAS, this resolution does not preclude the City Clerk's Office from making a replacement appointment in the case of an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Bethel City Council confirms the appointment of these individuals as Election Officials and Canvass Board Members for the October 2, 2012, City of Bethel Regular Election.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012, BY A __ VOTE IN FAVOR AND __ OPPOSED.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

City of Bethel, Alaska

Resolution #12-19
1 of 1

City of Bellevue
Department of Public Works
Engineering

October 1, 2013

Dear Mr. [Name]:

Reference is made to the [Project Name] project located at [Address].

The [Project Name] project is currently under review for [Project Type].

It is requested that you provide the following information:

- 1. [Requirement 1]
- 2. [Requirement 2]
- 3. [Requirement 3]

ATTENTION: ALL REQUIREMENTS

By [Date]

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the [Project Name] project complies with the [Code Title] and all other applicable requirements of the City of Bellevue.

**THE ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION IS VALID FOR THE CITY OF BELLEVUE AND THE BELLEVUE BOARD MEMBERS
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DATE: [Date]

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

City of Bellevue
Department of Public Works
Engineering
[Address]

Introduced by: Mayor Klejka
Date: September 25, 2012
Action:
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #12-20

RESOLUTION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CEASE AND REVERSE MOTHBALL OPERATIONS AT THE OLD BETHEL ARMORY AND CONTINUE TO ALLOW USE OF THE SPACE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY AS A STOPGAP MEASURE UNTIL AN AGREEMENT CAN BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE CITY OF BETHEL, THE LOWER KUSKOKWIM SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITY AND A PLAN FOR DISPOSAL OF THE FACILITY AT END OF USEFUL LIFE OF THE BUILDING

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is owner of the property located beneath the old Army National Guard Armory and has leased the property to the Alaska National Guard for \$1 per year since August of 1976;

WHEREAS, the Alaska National Guard has graciously allowed use of the facility by many community organizations as well as the Lower Kuskokwim School District Ayaprun Immersion School since the construction of the facility;

WHEREAS, with the new National Guard Facility completion at the Bethel Airport, the guard is no longer occupying the old facility and has abruptly closed the area to not only the school district but also the many community organizations that utilize the only publicly available gym space in Bethel;

WHEREAS, the community of Bethel, and especially our youth, no longer have a safe indoor facility to exercise and congregate within,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bethel and the Lower Kuskokwim School District believed meaningful discussions with the Alaska National Guard had been ongoing as to the eventual disposal of the building;

WHEREAS, both agencies believed they had much more time to work out the details regarding the operation of the facility having not received an update from the Guard since August at which time they had not determined a closure date;

WHEREAS, the closure of the facility has impacted this community greatly, with 175 elementary school students having no means of indoor recreation, therefore making it difficult for the school district to find acceptable means for those children to receive the required credits for graduation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Bethel is requesting the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as a stopgap measure, reopen and allow use of the facility by the Lower Kuskokwim School District and the community of Bethel, and work with the City of Bethel and the Lower Kuskokwim School District in maintaining operations of the facility during the short term while plans can be arranged between all three entities for continued operations in the short-term, and long range plans for eventual disposal of the building at end of life.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012, BY A _____ VOTE IN FAVOR AND _____ OPPOSED.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Introduced by: Mayor Klejka
Date: September 25, 2012
Action:
Vote:

Bethel City Council

Office of the Mayor

Mayor's Report

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Association of Village Council Presidents
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Red Devil
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St. Mary's
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September 6, 2012

The Honorable Joseph Klejka
City of Bethel
P.O. Box 1388
Bethel, AK 99559

RE: Support of an Excise Tobacco Tax for the City of Bethel

Dear Mayor Klejka and Bethel City Council:

Alaska has made great strides in tobacco prevention, but there is still much work to be done. The Delta Tobacco Control Alliance is a diverse community coalition that supports tobacco prevention in Bethel, and the YK Delta. We are working together to build a healthier, tobacco-free region by preventing children from using tobacco and eliminating second hand smoke exposure.

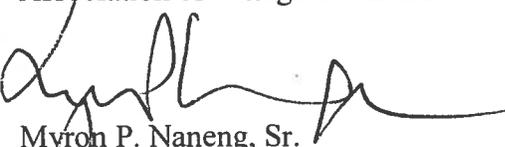
In the YK Delta, nearly 50% of our teens have used tobacco. Fortunately, we have good evidence around what works to reduce tobacco use in youth. If utilized as part of a comprehensive plan, a tobacco tax is a proven strategy to help prevent youth from using tobacco products.

"A 10% increase in the price of cigarettes can reduce consumption by nearly 4% among adults and can have an even greater effect among youth and other price-sensitive groups."

Protecting our children from known health hazards is a shared responsibility. By signing below, we indicate our support of the DTCA's mission to implement a tobacco tax in the City of Bethel.

We urge you, as elected leaders within our community, to join with us and commit to the healthy future and well being of all our young people.

Sincerely,
Association of Village Council Presidents


Myron P. Naneng, Sr.
President



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CITY OF BETHEL

P.O. Box 1388 Bethel, Alaska 99559

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FAX # 543-3817

September 14, 2012

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
Third Floor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

As the Mayor of Bethel I am extremely concerned at the manor the Alaska National Guard handled the abrupt closer of the Armory Building in Bethel. Since 1976 the Alaska National Guard has been operating out of a facility located on City land that the Guard leases for \$1 each year. While in operation, the Guard has been kind enough to share the Armory gymnasium with the Ayaprun Emersion School which provides education to children with a focus on Yupi'k traditions and language during the day, and other community events.

It came to a surprise to many community members as well as the City to read closer statements on the doors of the Armory, indicating the building will not be opened to the public nor will it be available to the elementary school during the day. In the City's discussions with State representatives, we believe we made it clear that we wanted to work with the State to prevent any such closure.

For the past three years the City of Bethel has maintained open communication with the Alaska National Guard regarding the continued operation of the old Armory Building on City land. The gymnasium within the Armory space is the only gym space available to the community. We hope that you will assist us in finding a resolution to the problem very soon.

Sincerely,

p.p. Joseph A. Klejka, MD
Mayor of the City of Bethel

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 11/15/11

TO: [Illegible]

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Major General Thomas H. Katkus
Jerry Walton, Deputy Director DMVA
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Representative Bob Herron

cc.



CITY OF BELMONT



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR SEAN PARNELL

Department of Transportation and
Public Facilities

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September 11, 2012

The Honorable Joseph A. Klieja, MD
Mayor of the City of Bethel
P.O. Box 1338
Bethel, Alaska 99559

Dear Mayor Klieja,

On behalf of Governor Sean Parnell, please allow me to respond to your letter dated August 23, 2012 regarding the Bethel Airport runway project.

I sympathize completely with the concerns you express in your correspondence. We appreciate the critical importance of a fully functioning airport in the Bethel community, and more importantly, we understand the urgency we must demonstrate to minimize impact to passenger operations at Bethel when necessary airport construction and repair work is underway. We are also fully aware of the implications of the coming winter weather.

In keeping with this mindset, the new projected date for opening the runway full width ready for flight check by FAA is Monday, September 17th. After the runway is open the new pavement will be grooved which will take up to 8 days.

I met personally with Lee Foley and Gene Peltola Jr. on August 30th and I have been closely tracking the progress of the project on a daily basis for several weeks. My Deputy Commissioner for Aviation was on site on September 7th and I intend to travel to Bethel on September 12th to again meet with local officials, Knik Construction Co, Inc., our project consultant, and my Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) team involved in this effort. I believe there are significant lessons to be learned among all participating parties responsible to deliver this project and I will personally ensure those lessons are captured and acted upon.

Please accept my explanation and personal involvement as clear evidence the DOT&PF is taking responsibility for those aspects of the project delay that are ours to own, while also

Get Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure.

The Board of Directors of the Bethel Community Development Corporation (BCDC) is pleased to announce that the Bethel Community Development Corporation has been awarded a contract by the State of Alaska to provide housing for the homeless in Bethel. The contract is for a period of two years and is valued at approximately \$1.5 million. The Bethel Community Development Corporation is a non-profit organization that has been in operation since 1980. The organization has a long history of providing housing and other services to the homeless in Bethel. The award of this contract is a significant milestone for the organization and will enable it to continue its mission of providing housing and other services to the homeless in Bethel.

The Bethel Community Development Corporation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The organization's mission is to provide housing and other services to the homeless in Bethel. The organization has a long history of providing housing and other services to the homeless in Bethel. The award of this contract is a significant milestone for the organization and will enable it to continue its mission of providing housing and other services to the homeless in Bethel.

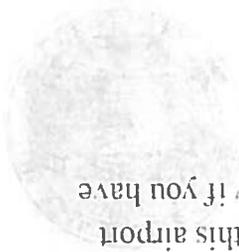
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Marc Lutken
Commissioner



Sincerely,

holding other parties accountable. We regret the inconvenience and difficulties this airport project has caused the Bethel community. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have further questions or concerns. I can be reached at (907) 266-2793.



Red Devil Mine

Environmental Investigation Update

August 2012

This newsletter provides updates on the environmental investigation at the Red Devil Mine, an abandoned cinnabar mine and mercury production facility on the Kuskokwim River. A complete record of documents for this investigation, including previous newsletters, is available at www.blm.gov/ak/red_devil_mine.

The BLM continues work on a **Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study** for the Red Devil Mine site. The purpose of the investigation is to better understand the physical setting, the mine tailings, and analyze potential risks the mine may have on human health and the environment. During the Feasibility Study, BLM will examine what can be done to address those risks.

The investigation uses a process defined under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, known as CERCLA.

Community Involvement

Tribal consultation and community involvement are important to this investigation. The following Kuskokwim River communities accepted the BLM's invitation to meet this spring: Akiak, Atmautluak, Bethel, Georgetown, Kalskag, Lower Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kwethluk, Nunapitchuk, Red Devil, Sleetmute and Tuluksak.



Sleetmute

The purpose of the meetings was to update communities on the process, and discuss the Remedial Investigation (RI) and results of the fish and aquatic insects study in the area. Community participants shared their comments, questions and concerns about the project.

While the level of interest and concern about the Red Devil Mine investigation varied, some common themes emerged. Communities expressed concerns related to cancer risks, the importance of fish in local diets, mining contaminants, employment opportunities for local residents, and the length of time for completing the investigation.



Kalskag

Remedial Investigation Report

The BLM collected soil, groundwater, surface water and sediment samples at and near the Red Devil Mine site during 2010 and 2011. The results were analyzed to better understand the potential impacts to the environment from the tailings left on site by past mine operations. The investigation results were compiled in a draft RI report, which the BLM discussed with Kuskokwim River communities during the spring community meetings. Those results indicate the tailings contain high concentrations of mercury, arsenic and antimony.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reviewed the draft RI report and the BLM is addressing their comments and suggestions.

The BLM will collect additional samples at the site in September to better understand how much of the area may be affected by the mine tailings. The new data will be included in a revised RI report which should be finalized in spring 2013.



Fish Contaminants Study

Since 2010, the BLM and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game have sampled nearly 1,000 fish in the middle Kuskokwim River and nearby tributaries, and in the George and Holiitna rivers. The purpose was to better understand metals concentrations in the fish that make up a large portion of subsistence diets in the area. Some 300 of the pike and burbot sampled were also implanted with radio tags to track seasonal movements of the fish.

Much of the data are still being analyzed, but results show that smaller fish living in creeks within historically mined areas have elevated levels of mercury. Specifically, small tributary fish collected in Red Devil and Cinnabar creeks have much higher concentrations of mercury compared to fish in other tributaries.

The sampling results indicate that mercury levels vary significantly in larger predatory fish such as northern pike and burbot. Pike in the George and Holiitna rivers have higher levels of mercury than pike in the Kuskokwim and Stony rivers. Telemetry data indicate that pike in the George and Holiitna tend to stay in their watersheds. In contrast, burbot move large distances and have mercury levels that vary widely.

In general, this means fish that spend more time in rivers and streams where mercury naturally occurs—and especially where mining has occurred—have higher concentrations of mercury than fish in other areas.

Results of the 2010 data are available at www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/fisheries/rdm_fish.html. The 2012 report with mercury, arsenic and antimony data from samples collected during 2010 and 2011 will be posted soon.

Fish are very nutritious and many species, including salmon, are low in mercury, so fish should be part of a healthy diet. However, some fish may not be safe for women of childbearing age and young children to eat in large amounts because they contain mercury. See fish consumption guidelines in the *Fact Sheet: Mercury in Burbot (Lush) and Pike from the Middle Kuskokwim River Area – June 2, 2011*, developed by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, available at www.epi.alaska.gov/eh/fish.

Next Steps

The BLM will use the data from the Remedial Investigation to develop cleanup alternatives for the Feasibility Study. The BLM would then like to meet with Kuskokwim River communities to discuss the proposed cleanup action and hear comments, questions and concerns from tribes, local governments, village corporations and residents.

Please consider if you would like the BLM to meet with your community when the Proposed Plan is ready for tribal and community review and comment. The best cleanup plan is one that blends science, safety and traditional knowledge to address environmental issues.

Please be a part of this process. Your input matters.



Safety Reminder

Please do not enter the Red Devil Mine site for any purpose, including subsistence activities. The BLM has installed a second gate at the site and additional safety signage. For your safety, please observe the posted safety notices at the site.



HOW TO CONTACT US:

- Jim Fincher, Anchorage Field Manager (907) 267-1246 or (800) 478-1263
- Mike McCrum, Red Devil Mine Project Manager (907) 271-4426
- Mail: BLM Anchorage Field Office, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK 99507
- E-mail: blm_ak_reddevil@blm.gov
- Web: www.blm.gov/ak/red_devil_mine



Bethel City Council

Office of the City Manager

Manager's Report

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 Better City Council

CITY OF BETHEL

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September 18, 2012

From: Lee M. Foley, City Manager

To: Bethel City Council

Info: Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Subj: City Manager's Report

Listed below are some of the action items and activities that I've been working on, and involved in, for the period September 4-18, 2012.

CITY ADMINISTRATION ACTION ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Projects:

- **YK Regional Aquatic & Health Center** – All issues pertaining to the development of an RFP for a contractor have been resolved. The RFP is in the finalization stage and will be issued before close of business on Friday, September 21, 2012.

Arctic Foundations has completed production of 120 of 168 pilings and they have been transferred to Northland for further shipment to Bethel on the last freight barge of the year.

- **State Priorities** – Original suggestions for State Priorities were submitted to Council on September 11, 2012, under Action Memorandum 12-30. That Action Memorandum reappears on the agenda for September 25, 2012, with an addendum.

Miscellaneous:

- **Personal Leave** – I was on approved leave for the period September 7-17, 2012. During my absence, Fire Chief George Young was the the Acting City Manager.

Thank you.

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City of Bethel, Alaska

City Clerk's Office

To: City Council
From: Lori Strickler
Subject: Clerk's Report

Upcoming Council Events:

September 25 Regular City Council Meeting
October 9 Regular City Council Meeting
October 15 Special City Council Meeting

Council Chamber Audio Equipment

The Chariot Group is in Bethel this week installing the audio equipment in the Council Chambers as well as to provide training to key personnel.

Projects

Beginning the third phase of the document retention preservation. Three more books are sent to be preserved for this fiscal year.

Notices have been sent out to the committee/commission member's whose terms are expiring December 31st of this year as well as applications for reappointment. These individuals must submit their application by January 1, 2013, to retain their seat on the body.

City of Bethel Regular Election October 2, 2012

Election officials for the Regular election have been identified and many of them have been through the mandatory training. For those who have not gone through the training, a video will be provided outlining in detail their roll on Election Day.

The Council has been requested to contact the City Clerk's Office with requested attendance and travel dates for the AML Conference which will be held in Anchorage from November 12-16.

2012 Election Calendar

August 28 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

August 31 Post notice for City Regular Election.

Resolution appointing election officials

Proclamation for Janet Athanas
Proclamation for ATG Day

Documents

Much of the time spent in the Clerk's Office will be spent in preparation for the City's Election and the changes that are expected to occur following the elections. My initial plan for leave will be from October 29th until December 10th (six weeks) depending on the health of myself and the baby. If warranted, I may be available to come back to work part-time prior to the six week end date. With if you have any concerns regarding the functions of the office while I am out please contact me immediately.

Due to the timely responses required for claims against the City as well as burial permits, the City Clerk has requested Administration take on those duties while I am out of the office.

While on maternity leave, Bing Santamour will be providing the basic assistance to the City Council and administrative staff. Due to her limited availability, she will not be able to provide research or writing assistance with ordinances, resolutions, proclamations ect. In addition to Ms. Santamour, Kajena Baty will be providing assistance with council meetings and packet preparation.

Additional Information

Nov. 6 GENERAL ELECTION DAY

- October 22 Absentee in person voting available in the City Clerk's Office.
- October 15 Special City Council meeting election of mayor/vice and appointment to committees and commissions.
- October 9 City Council meeting to certify the election.
- October 4 Canvass Board meets to certify the election.

October 2 CITY OF BETHEL REGULAR ELECTION/REA ELECTION DAY

Sept. 17 Absentee in person voting begins for City Regular Election.

Additional Information

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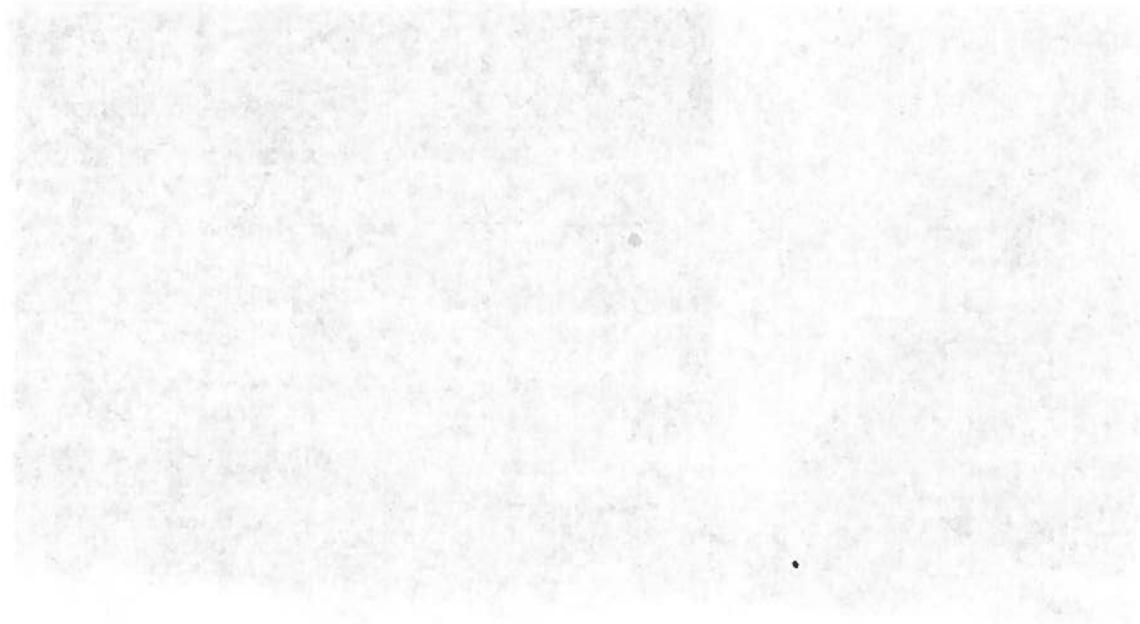
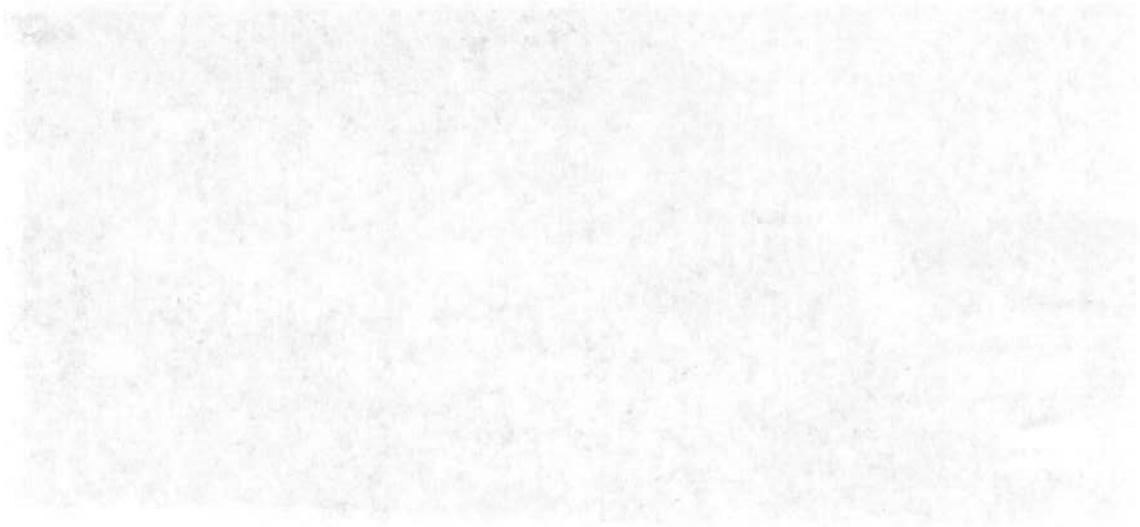
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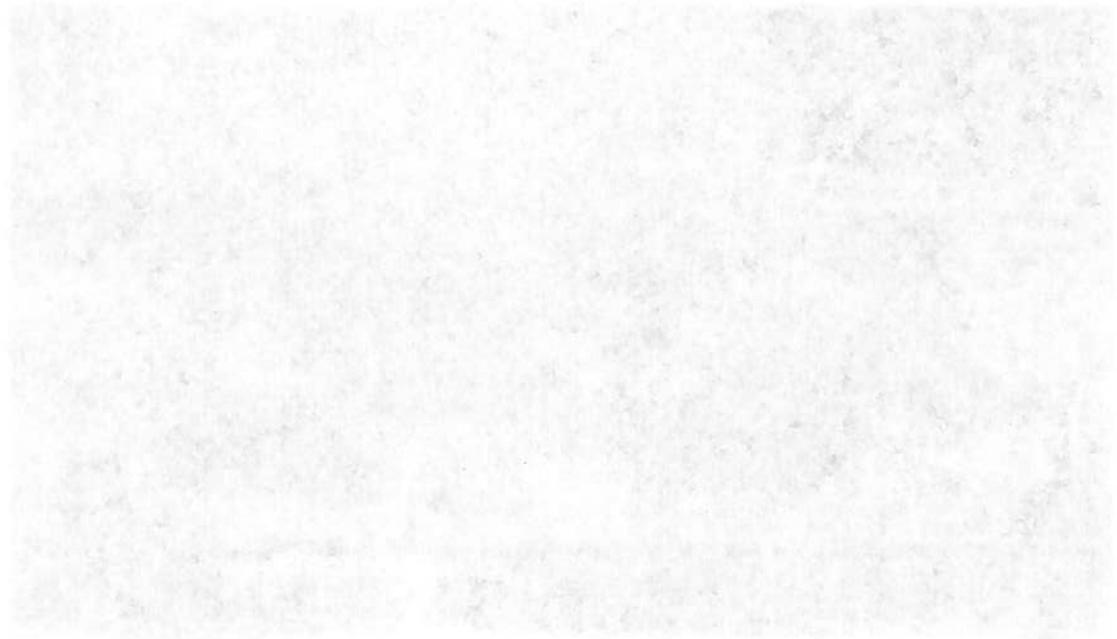
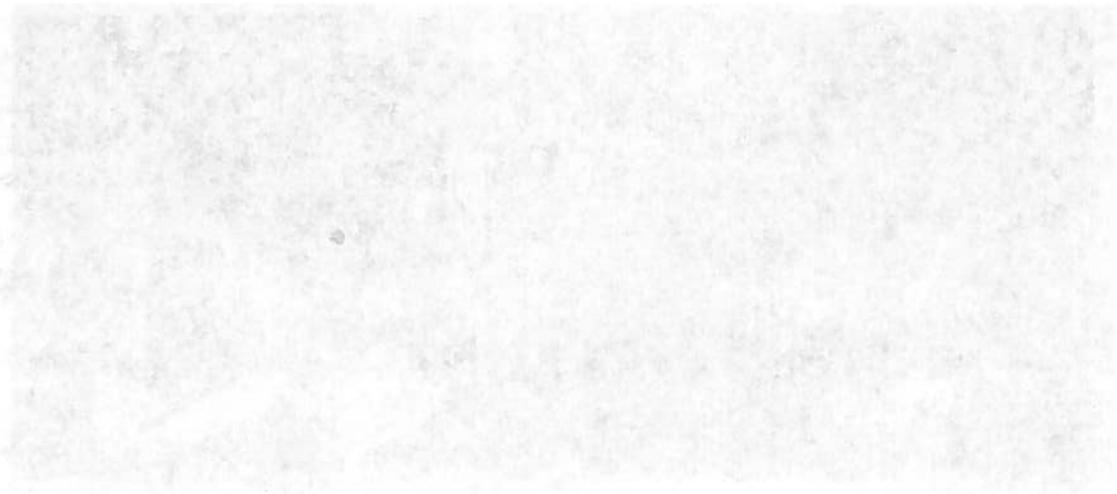
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