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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Works Committee Minutes

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November 18, 2015

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular Public Works Committee Meeting was held on November 18, 2015 in the council chambers of the City Hall, Bethel, Alaska. The meeting was called to order by Frank Neitz at 6:36 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present: Frank Neitz, Scott Guinn, Jennifer Dobson, Delbert Egoak, Robert Champagne, Joseph Klejka arrived at 6:41 pm

Excused absence(s): Donna Lindsey

Unexcused absence(s): Byron Maczynski

Also Present: Director Public Works, Muzaffar Lakhani arrived at 7:30 pm (Joined this meeting after attending the Asbestos awareness meeting at 6:00 pm at Log Cabin. A mandatory meeting to attend for all respondents to the Kilbuck school Fire on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.)

Pauline Boratko, Committee Recorder

- II. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:** John Sargent requested the committee to reconsider their previous decision to reject the \$108,000 grant for the Pinky's Park Project, to construct soccer field, high tunnel community garden, board walk etc. The committee had turned down this grant because of a very high amount of local match required to complete this project, in the ratio of about one dollar of grant to four dollars in city match, and some very stringent terms written in the grant document. The Public Works Committee after deliberations had turned downed this project.

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Joseph Klejka	Motion to approve the agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennifer Dobson	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote
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### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Joseph Klejka	Motion to approve minutes of October 21, 2015 regular meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Robert Champagne	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Item A-Water and Sewer Master Plan/Institutional Corridor Piped Water Supply Project:

The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) is the biggest purchaser of water in the project. YKHC is questioning the water quality if they decide to purchase water from the city. They were looking into getting a discounted rate, if they decide to purchase the water from the city. This decision will be up to council to make, whether to lower the pre-set water rates in the BMC.

**Item B-Sewer Lagoon Request for Proposal (RFP) for Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Engineering Report (ER) for Truck Dump Site-** A grant application in the amount of \$2.1 million dollars is currently in progress. DOWL engineering on City's behalf has submitted the "Technical Memorandum" to the State in support of the grant application. More dollars will be needed to complete the Truck dump site.

**Item C-Need safety lighting in different neighborhoods-**Scott Guinn has been investigating the street lighting in Bethel. He has not completed all of Bethel, but he made sure that he would have that finished by the next meeting. Mr. Guinn found that there are no lights near the board walk around Mallard Lane and it would benefit a great deal if street lights were put in. He will work on a cost estimate.

**Item D-Installing slip lining inside old metallic water pipes in the Bethel Heights subdivision-** Byron Maczynski is working on this issue. Jennifer Dobson mentioned pipe bursting to save money on costs to improve the water quality instead of replacing the whole pipe system.

**Item E-Landfill hours for Saturdays:**

The landfill hours have been set for a half day/4 hours on Saturdays. Frank Neitz asked this to be removed from the agenda for the next meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**-Resignation of alternate committee member Alisha Welch-** Alternate Public Works Committee Member Alisha Welch has resigned.

**-Cost from DOWL for different options of the boardwalk-** A memo from DOWL has been received with all three options that needs to be put for the recommendation to council. Geo Block #3 suggested to be taken out because it does not cover the cost of the removal of the old boardwalk. Scott Guinn would like a request for proposal (RFP) for the cost of removal of the board walk.

Jennifer Dobson presented the State Oral Health System Award to Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani in recognition of using fluoride in the city's water system.

**IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Muzaffar Lakhani reports that the landfill hours has been changed having it be open on Saturday from 12 noon to 4pm. There are currently just two mechanics at the City Shop. The parts clerk position is open. There has not been any feedback received from the lagoon dredging Technical Memorandum submitted to EPA. With the new funding in May it is expected that two new trucks could be purchased.

**X. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Joseph Klejka-** Good Job Zef! Good job Scot, Frank, good leadership.

**Scott Guinn-** Let me know of any bad lighting around Bethel.

**Jennifer Dobson-** Way to go Bethel for fluoridation, Thank you.

**Robert Champagne-** no comment

**Delbert Egoak-** no comment

**Frank Neitz –** We have it, thank you everyone.

**Muzaffar Lakhani-**Thank you for coming everyone, good leadership.

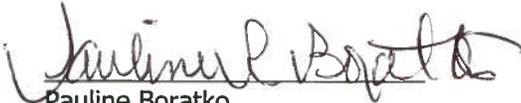
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Scott Guinn	Motion to adjourn
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Joseph Klejka	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion Carried by unanimous vote
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APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF -----, 2015.



Pauline Boratko  
Recorder of Minutes



Frank Neitz, Chair

