
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Works Committee Minutes

July 20, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular Public Works Committee Meeting was held on July 20, 2016 at the council chambers of the City Hall, Bethel, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Joseph Klejka

II. ROLL CALL:

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present: Joseph Klejka, Byron Maczynski, Jennifer Dobson, and Scott Guinn

Excused absence(s): Robert Champagne and Delbert Egoak

Also Present:

Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani
Energy Committee Representative, Jody Drew
City Grant Manager, John Sargent
City Manager, Ann Capela

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: none

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY:	Scott Guinn	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY:	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to approve minutes of June 15, 2016 regular meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.** Institutional Corridor Piped Water Supply Project: The Department of Transportation denied constructing pipe in the public (ROW) right of way. Resulting in acquisition of more easements from YKHC (Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation), BNC (Bethel Native Corporation) and other owners resulting in DOWL Engineering asking for additional \$130,000 in engineering fees to reroute the pipes. City negotiated their fees down to \$90,000.00.

- B.** Sewer Lagoon- PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) and ER (Environmental Report) for Truck Dump site and other options: City Manager Ann Capela presented the committee with documents supporting the truck dump site. Within two years the City should be getting seven new trucks, (Two new sewer trucks and one new water truck has been ordered, and delivery is expected by September 2016 in Bethel).
- C.** Board walk behind the Moravian Church: The Moravian Church boardwalk has been completed, raised and repaired. The repairs were undertaken by city the employees of Utility maintenance division of PW Department.
- D.** Board walk in the Pinky's Park: The repairs of board walk in Pinky's Park has been completed by the Local contractor "Kuqo's Construction" for the contractual dollar amount of \$82,000.00.
- E.** Preventative maintenance logs and schedule for City trucks: Iworqs software is in use, but not to the full extent. The Parts Clerk's position is still vacant, no qualified candidates have applied for this position. Jennifer Dobson requested copy of logs.
The copies of Logs for the month of June 2016 were provided to the committee.
- F.** Update on boardwalk/trail behind the college to hospital: Committee members discussed different routes to choose from and still yet to make a final decision.
- G.** Closure of the dump for salvage: Mayor Rick Robb wrote a policy that was presented to the committee. All agreed with the document to allow residents to salvage from the dump.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Leveling of the Bethel Heights Water Treatment Plant Building: Pictures were presented to the committee of damage to the concrete floor and the sagging beams and/or heaving piles. Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani also discussed this issue with "DOWL Engineering" city's consultants, who suggested to monitor the cracks in the floor and keep logs, The in charge foreman has been assigned to keep logs. PW Director will look into more options to correct damage.
- B.** Recommendation for ordinance modification allowing composting toilets:

MOVED BY:	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to recommend and permit to composting toilets
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

- IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director of Public Works, Muzaffar Lakhani reports that the PW has started the construction of the multipurpose soccer field in Pinky's Park with the in-house labor force as directed by the city council.
There was a small fire at the landfill, reportedly may have been caused by medical waste not properly disposed.

Three new utility trucks are expected to arrive in Bethel in September 2016 last Barge.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Byron Maczynski- no comment.

Jennifer Dobson- I was happy to see the boardwalks repaired at Pinky's Park and behind the Moravian Church. Commended Public Works for their efforts.

Scott Guinn- no comment.

Joseph Klejka- no comment.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY:	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED BY:	Scott Guinn	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote	

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF August, 2016.


Pauline R. Boratko
Recorder of Minutes


Joseph Klejka
Chair