City of Bethel, Alaska
Public Works Committee Minutes

March 16, 2016 Regular Meeting Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular Public Works Committee Meeting was held on March 16, 2016 at the council chambers of the City Hall, Bethel, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Joseph Klejka

II. ROLL CALL:

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present: Byron Maczynski, Robert Champagne, Delbert Egoak, Jennifer Dobson, and Joseph Klejka

Excused absence(s): Scott Guinn

Also Present:
Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani
Committee Recorder, Pauline Boratko
City Planner, Ted Meyer

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: none

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY:	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to approve the agenda with the exception of taking out topic VII C in unfinished business.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY:	Robert Champagne	Motion to approve minutes of February 17, 2016 regular meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

MOVED BY:	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to elect Joseph Klejka as Chair of the Committee.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote	

MOVED BY:	Joseph Klejka	Motion to elect Jennifer Dobson as Vice-Chair of the Committee.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote	

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Institutional Corridor Piped Water Supply Project: The project update was discussed by the Public Works Director.

B. Sewer Lagoon- PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) and ER (Environmental Report) for Truck Dump site and other options: PER & ER drafts were shared with the members of the committee for their comments and input.

C. Hiring and Retention of the Employees: City is working to get wage and Hour study done for the City employees.

D. Funding Strategies: Byron Maczynski is working on a resolution for support from the local Native corporations.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approving the Resignation of Frank Neitz: The resignation was discussed and announced.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani shared with the committee the information of the I.C. water supply project. The Engineer's cost estimate at 90% complete design is @ $5.9 million and the amount already expended to date from the total grant of $7.00 million is @ $1.48 million. If the bids came at the estimated cost, that will create a shortage of about Six Hundred thousand dollars ($600,000.00) at this point. Different options were discussed including, city to front the shortage OR to curtail the scope of the work like services to the customers to complete the project within the available dollars.

BNC has granted three easements, which have been accepted by the city council, signed by Mayor and recorded in the recorder's office. YKHC is expected to approve grant of additional three easements for this project.

Two new sewer trucks and 1 new water truck have been ordered.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Delbert Egoak- Sad to see that we lost two members of the committee.
Byron Maczynski- no comments.
Robert Champagne- no comments.
Jennifer Dobson-Sad to see Frank go, Thank you Scott for your time.
Joseph Klejka- Really good group, Thank you.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY:	Delbert Egoak	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote	

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF MAY, 2016.

Pauline R. Boratko
Recorder of Minutes

Joseph Klejka
Chair