
City of Bethel, Alaska

Finance Committee Minutes

Monday February 22, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on February 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Carol Willard at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Willard, Albertson, Shear, Cochrane, Egoak (arrived late), Trantham, Russell

Excused absences: Shantz

Unexcused Absences: None

Also in attendance were the following:

Hansel Mathlaw, Finance Director

Patty Burley, City Attorney

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to be heard

MOTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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| MOVED BY: | Russell | To approve the agenda. |
| SECONDED BY: | Cochrane | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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MOTION: APROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2016

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To approve the minutes. |
| SECONDED BY: | Russell | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Elections Per the Committee Rules, 1st Meeting of the Year (Deferred from last meeting)- Shantz

MOTION: To Elect the committee for 2016

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| MOVED BY: | Shear | To elect the committee members for the 2016 year. Carol Ann Willard is voted as chair, Jon Cochrane was voted as vice chair. |
| SECONDED BY: | Cochrane | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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2. Gaming Sales tax Review- Finance Director

(At this time, Chair Carol Ann Willard declared a conflict of interest and stepped out of the meeting at this time.)

This is on the agenda at the request of some of the gaming organizations in Bethel.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO HEAR FROM THE GAMING REPS.

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| MOVED BY: | Russell | A motion was made to suspend the rules in able to hear from the gaming representatives. |
| SECONDED BY: | Shear | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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Club representatives stated that the biggest expense is sales tax. The city collected \$493,000 in sales tax from gaming. Don't want the non profits to go belly up but we want to keep the city afloat.

MOTION: To go into committee as a whole.

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To go into committee as a whole. |
| SECONDED BY: | Shear | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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MOTION: To come out of committee as a whole.

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To come out of committee as a whole. |
| SECONDED BY: | Russell | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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3. Revenue Sources and Funds- Willard

This was initially brought up a couple months ago as a topic from the city manager. Information on funding that was being lessened by the state. We can add it to the agenda in a future meeting. The state has to set some kind of laws into motion before the city can move forward with taxing internet sales.

MOTION: To go into committee as a whole

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| MOVED BY: | Cochrane | To go into committee as a whole. |
| SECONDED BY: | Russell | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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MOTION: To come out of committee as a whole.

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| MOVED BY: | Shear | To come out of committee as a whole. |
| SECONDED BY: | Cochrane | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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COMMENTS

Council Rep- Ridgcrest Drive update; glycol bid update, leasing vs purchasing water and sewer trucks.

Finance Director- No comment

Member Trantham- Glad to have a quorum, need to find more revenue for the city.

Member Egoak – No comments.

Vice Chair Cochran – appreciates the level of discussion tonight, good progress.

Chair Willard- Thank you all for being here sorry for not being here last month.

ADJOURNMENT

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To adjourn the meeting until next month. |
| SECONDED BY: | Cochrane | Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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APPROVED THIS 28 DAY OF March, 2016.



Carole Jung, Recorder



Carol Ann Willard, Chair