
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Works Committee Minutes

December 16, 2015

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular Public Works Committee Meeting was held on December 16, 2015 in the council chambers of the City Hall, Bethel, Alaska. The meeting was called to order by Frank Neitz at 6:40 pm

II. ROLL CALL:

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present: Frank Neitz, Byron Maczynski, Scott Guinn, Jennifer Dobson, and Delbert Egoak arrived at 6:42 pm

Excused absence(s): Robert Champagne and Joseph Klejka

Unexcused absence(s): Donna Lindsey

Also Present: Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani

II. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY:	Scott Guinn	Motion to approve minutes of November 18, 2015 regular meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	

VOTE ON MOTION	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 YKHC (Hospital) would like to pay reduced water rates if they were to buy water from the city from this new project, but all businesses are to be treated the same and shall pay the rates prescribed in the BMC. Any changes to the rates will have to be requested to the city Council. The Hospital would not agree with the city for the pipe route suggested in the 2010 & 2014 Feasibility studies, and would like it to be rerouted to go around the parking lot. This realignment would add about 1400 lineal feet of pipe to the project, and hence will throw the budget off. Hospital

authorities have refused to the city's request to help pay for this additional cost. It was decided that committee chair person would invite the Hospital authorities to the PW Committee next regular meeting and have discussion! Scott Guinn commented that, the city should start the construction of this project and if the money runs out, we will stop there and ask for additional grant money to complete the project.

Item B-Sewer Lagoon Request for Proposal (RFP) for Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Engineering Report (ER) for Truck Dump Site:

The sewer lagoon is in desperate need to be rebuilt. Dan Sullivan (State Representative) advised council member Byron Maczynski that he would help out. A fourth option of making the city's main lift station as a sewage truck dumping site has been added to the PER at the request of the State officials.

City personnel have voiced their concerns and reservations to this option. Bryon Maczynski would like to have full scope of work and cost to take to Washington.

Item C-Need of safety lighting in different neighborhoods-

Scott Guinn has finished surveying the lighting in different neighborhoods in Bethel. There are a few spots but the main concern would be on Mallard Lane. Estimated cost for each light is \$5-6 thousand dollars. Must explore grant opportunities to support the project.

Item D-Installing slip lining inside old metallic water pipes in the Bethel Heights subdivision- Byron Maczynski has received information from "PVC Pipes" company who have shown interest in this project. Estimate cost for slip lining according to DOWL is \$180-\$190 per foot of lining.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

-Cost estimate to remove the existing boardwalk between the Hospital and the College: Estimate received from DOWL for the removal of exiting boardwalk is @ \$60,000.00. Permits will be needed for the properties. Land owners will be identified and council will have to authorize to move forward.

MOVED BY:	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to submit an Action Memorandum with all three options from DOWL to council to choose from.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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An Action Memorandum was signed by the Chair and he would forward it to the City Clerk.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Muzaffar Lakhani reports that the Log Cabin is not gaining any revenue and it is costing more for the City to keep it up and running with just the current three contracts. This is where the Parks and Recreation crew office is, and it is suggested to have their office moved or find a new office for them if more money is lost.

Also as an FYI, there are roughly 20,700 lineal feet in Loop "A" and 10,500 Lineal feet in Loop "B" , a total of 31,200 feet of the metal pipe in the Housing area of the piped water supply system, supplied by the Bethel Heights Water Treatment Plant. The 2nd draft of the PER for the Truck Dump Site at the Lagoon, dated December 2015 by DOWL has been submitted to the Committee members for their review via email. Director also informed the committee of the two dates (1/11/16 @ 6:00 pm and 1/21/16 @ 6:30pm) were set for the annual training for the committee members by the city clerk.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Scott Guinn- no comment.

Jennifer Dobson- I have noticed water and sewer lights on, and I am aware of some freezes.

Byron Maczynski- I am trying to get as much done as possible before I go to Washington.

Delbert Egoak- Happy Holidays!

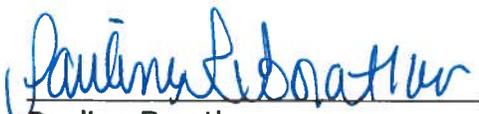
Frank Neitz – Newton Chase & Joseph Klejka both from YKHC praised the work and efforts of Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani on this project and for the city. Thank you building maintenance department, for maintaining the city buildings during the winter months. Thanks to all members of the Committee for their time.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY:	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to adjourn
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion Carried by unanimous vote
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APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF January, 2016.


 Pauline Boratko
 Recorder of Minutes


 Frank Neitz
 Chair