

City of Bethel, Alaska

Finance Committee Minutes

Monday October 26, 2015

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on October 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Willard, Shantz, Albertson, Trantham, Cochrane, Egoak

Excused absences: Shear, Russell

Also in attendance were the following:

Hansel Mathlaw, Finance Director

Tonya Hendrix, Assistant Finance Director

Carole Jung, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Michelle DeWitt- Spoke on behalf of Bethel Community Services Foundation regarding the sales tax they pay during their gaming nights. She wants to put it on the agenda in a future meeting.

Buck Bukowski- He spoke on behalf of VFW. Stated that it is difficult to track and collect sales tax on their gaming nights. (example: rippies, bingo.) He would like to be taxed on the net income instead of gross income.

John Sargent- John had some recommendations for changes in the purchasing ordinance. Add to the agenda in a future meeting.

Ana Hoffman- Spoke in opposition of the alcohol ordinance.

MOTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Albertson	To approve the agenda for the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Cochrane	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: To amend the agenda to strike old business items from agenda.

MOVED BY:	Albertson	To strike the old business from agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Cochrane	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from Sept 28 meeting with corrections. There were a few typos in the minutes that needed to be corrected.

MOVED BY: Shantz

SECONDED: Trantham

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMENTS

Finance Director Comments- I've hired someone to fill the payroll position and we are still looking for a general ledger accountant.

COUNCIL REP COMMENTS- I'm glad to be back. There were some questions about the alcohol ordinance we have that on our agenda tomorrow. There's been discussion but not much movement. Some wanted to scrap it entirely and some thought to change it. The only thing that happened right now is that the entire keg portion is off now. It's still a work in progress and it's on for tomorrow night's council meeting at 6:30.

Member Trantham- Thanked everyone for coming. I'm very much concerned about the alcohol ordinance. I've even read about it in the Anchorage newspaper. I've lived here for 50 years and I've seen it all. For those 50 years there have been illegal sales and legal sales a couple times. I really want to see legal sales in this town. I'm tired of all the bootlegging and the city hasn't collected a dime or even a penny in taxes. The people mandate it and 800 people voted. The people want legal sales. The sales tax we will collect will be a substantial amount of money.

Member Cochrane- Nice to be back, I was on vacation for the last meeting and I missed the discussion on the alcohol ordinance. The ordinance seems cumbersome so you may see me at a council meeting.

Chair Willard- No further comments, thanks for coming. It was nice to have some people to be heard.

Member Egoak- Glad to be back, I tried to make the last meeting but I had other business to attend to.

Vice Chair Shantz- No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To adjourn the meeting until next month. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.
SECONDED BY:	Cochrane	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF November, 2015.

Carole Jung
Carole Jung, Recorder

Carol Ann Willard
Carol Ann Willard, Chair

