
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 10, 2007 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 6:30p.

II. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum, the following members of Council were present:

Members present:	Council Member David E. Trantham Council Member Mary Kenick Council Member Eric Middlebrook Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen
Members absent:	Vice-Mayor Tundy Rodger Council Member Andy McGowan Mayor Dan Leinberger (arrived at 8:30p.)
Others present:	City Manager Wally Baird City Clerk Sandra Modigh

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Mark Springer addressed Council to thank all that participated in the New Veteran's Cemetery Ceremony. Mr. Springer spoke as the Chairman of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission in favor of ordinances 07-15 & 07-16. Mr. Springer stated that we are in a critical situation with our police department and retention of officers. Mr. Springer stated that the taxi cab rate increase should be considered.
2. Allen Hippler addressed council as the Chairman of the Finance Committee to speak in favor of ordinance 07-17, increasing the water & sewer rate services.
3. Jong Jun addressed council to speak in favor of a taxi cab rate increase due to the cost of living.
4. Alla Tinker addressed council to state that a council member should bring the taxi rate increase ordinance back before council and also spoke in favor of ordinance 07-15 & 07-16.

5. Yun Hwang addressed council to state that the taxi cab drivers are not allowed to transfer their vehicles between companies as they would their licenses' and would like to see that revised.

MOVED:	Trantham	To request the taxi rate increase ordinance be introduced at the next council meeting
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Kenick	To approve the Consent & Regular Agenda for the July 10, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as amended removing resolution 07-24 and ordinance 07-17 from the consent agenda, and move ordinance 07-17 as item A under new business.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

- a) 6/26/07 Regular City Council Meeting

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-11: An Ordinance Prohibiting Toxic Substances From Being Transported Through, Used, Discharged, Or generated Within The City Limits Of The City Of Bethel

Ordinance 07-11 is set for an additional public hearing on July 24, 2007

Public Hearing:

None

Item B- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 06-12 (G): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY06-07 Budget Establishing An Increase Of Funds To The Vehicle Maintenance Account

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve ordinance 06-12 (G): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY06-07 Budget Establishing An Increase Of Funds To The Vehicle Maintenance Account
SECONDED:	Kenick	
MOVED:	Trantham	To amend the ordinance to have the administration total net change to reflect zero.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Item C- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 06-12 (H): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY06-07 Budget Establishing An Increase Of Funds To The SART Account

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Kenick	To approve ordinance 06-12 (H): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY06-07 Budget Establishing An Increase Of Funds To The SART Account
SECONDED:	Trantham	
MOVED:	Trantham	To amend the ordinance to have the administration total net change to reflect zero.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.

Item D- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-15: An Ordinance Amending The Bethel Municipal Code, Chapter 5.30.070 Regarding The Number Of Vehicles Operating Per Permit

Public Hearing:

1. Mark Springer addressed Council as the Public Safety & Transportation Commission Chairman to speak in favor of ordinance 07-15.

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve ordinance 07-15: An Ordinance Amending The Bethel Municipal Code, Chapter 5.30.070 Regarding The Number Of Vehicles Operating Per Permit
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Item E- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-16: An Ordinance Amending The Bethel Municipal Code Chapters 5.30.140 & 5.40.120 Regarding Records Kept By Chauffeurs And Dispatch Services

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve ordinance 07-16: An Ordinance Amending The Bethel Municipal Code Chapters 5.30.140 & 5.40.120 Regarding Records Kept By Chauffeurs And Dispatch Services
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Trantham	To recess for 10 minutes
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

III. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction Of Ordinance 07-17: An Ordinance Increasing The Rates/Fees Charged For City Of Bethel Water And Sewer Services

MOVED:	Trantham	To introduce ordinance 07-17: An Ordinance Increasing The Rates/Fees Charged For City Of Bethel Water And Sewer Services
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
MOVED:	Trantham	To hold two additional public hearings on ordinance 07-17
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Item B- Resolution 07-24: A Resolution Of The Bethel City Council Choosing To Pursue Conventional Waste Water Treatment Facilities

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve resolution 07-24: A Resolution Of The Bethel City Council Choosing To Pursue Conventional Waste Water Treatment Facilities
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
MOVED:	Trantham	To postpone the resolution until the July 24, 2007 council meeting
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Postponed until 7/24/07</i>	

Item C- Resolution 07-25: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council Authorizing The Transfer Of Ownership Of The Narrow Body Cutaway Van/Bus From The City To ONC

Resolution 07-25 was approved by council on the consent agenda.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council Member Jorgensen) reported that the committee has not met since the last council meeting but stated that clean-up green-up participation is completed and thanked the community.

Port Commission (Council Member Kenick) reported that the commission has not met since the last council meeting.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Middlebrook) reported that the commission last met and discussed the following:

- Permit hearing postponed until the August meeting
- Police Department staffing issues

Finance Committee (Council Member Trantham) reported that the committee has not met since the last council meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Letter from AML re: membership renewal and years upcoming goals
- Letter from Mayor Begich re: Alaska Student Safety Summit
- Letter to Commissioner Leo Von Scheben, DOT re: Port of Bethel transfer

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Court Complex Revenue Bond
- Letter to BUC re: waste heat services
- Acting Police Chief and officer staffing

VI. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- 7/17/07 Town Meeting re: ordinance 07-11
- Council vacancies & candidacy submission deadlines
- Codification
- Committee/commission vacancies

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Trantham- thanked the community and other participants for their attendance at the Veteran's Cemetery Ceremony. Council member Trantham reminded council to register to attend the AML Summer Legislative Meeting.

Council Member Middlebrook-no comment

Mayor Leinberger- just returning from an out of town trip; no comments

Council Member Kenick-no comment

Council Member Jorgensen – thanked everyone who helped with clean up green up; hug an elder

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Kenick	To adjourn the meeting at 8:46p
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

With no further business before the Council the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF JULY 2007.

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk



Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor