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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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March 1, 2005

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 1, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Dyment called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

Andy McGowan	Dave Trantham
Hugh Dyment	R. Thor Williams
Stanley "Tundy" Rogers (6:32p)	Dan Leinberger (6:32p)
Yolonda Jorgensen	

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager  
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk  
Bill Griffith, Facilities Programs Manager (Sate of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Water)

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

*None*

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	McGowan	To approve agenda for March 1, 2005 Special Meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous consent 7-0.
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A – Resolution #05-08: A Resolution to Restore Village Safe Water**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To approve Resolution #05-08: A Resolution to Restore Village Safe Water Funding.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous consent 7-0.	

**Item B-Presentation by Bill Griffith regarding the Village Safe Water Fund for the City of Bethel.**

Bill Griffith discussed the Village Safe Water Funding process and development.

Mr. Griffith advised Council funds if granted, would be available August 2005.

Mr. Griffith suggested the City of Bethel put together a detailed plan for the first \$30 million granted to the City of Bethel.

Mr. Griffith suggested the City of Bethel begin projects with loans until the funds have been granted.

Council discussion regarding the Village Safe Water Fund, process, and expenditure options.

Council opened discussion to include the public.

Mike Shantz stated the sewer treatment plant (sewer lagoon) should be top priority on the Water and Sewer Master Plan.

Council recessed at 7:45 p.m.; reconvened 7:55 p.m.

Oly Olson presented questions to Mr. Griffith.

Council and Administrative discussion continued with Mr. Griffith.

City Manager presented to Council a tentative schedule of the 95% Plan:

- March 8, 2005-YKHC Presentation
- March 15, 2005- Public Works 95% Plan draft
- March 24, 2005-Finance Committee to review 95 % Plan draft
- March 29,2005-95% Plan Public Hearing at Council Meeting
- April 12,2005-95 % Plan Introduced to Council

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Dymant – Mayor Dymant stated this funding is a major opportunity for Bethel and a challenge for City Council.

Council Member Trantham – Council Member Trantham commented, "It's sad when the Mayor questions the integrity of Council Members" and requested an apology. Thanked our guests, the public, and PublicWorks department for attending the meeting.

Council Member Williams- Council Member Williams reminded Council and the public that YKHC and Council discussed in 1994-1997 the Water and Sewer Plan, and suggested Council to work with YKHC.

Council Member Rodgers- Council Member Rodgers stated that in 1997 Gene Peltola stood in front of the City Council stating YKHC would provide and fund their own water and sewer plan for Kasayuli. Best wishes to Antone Anvil and Sarge Connick. Take a snow machine ride and hug an elder.

Council Member McGowan- none at this time

Council Member Jorgensen- Council Member Jorgensen thanked Bill Griffith and the public for addressing the Council on the Water and Sewer Master Plan.

Council Member Leinberger- Council Member Leinberger stated there is a widespread belief that YKHC has made overtures regarding the Kasayuli Planning. Council Member Leinberger also presented questions to Jim Patterson (VSW) relating to YKHC Kasayuli planning. Requested the City Clerk to review minutes from '97 to research YKHC Kasayuli Planning discussions.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	McGowan	To adjourn meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Williams	

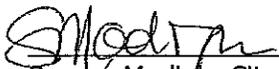
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous consent.
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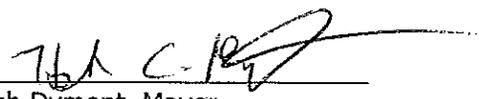
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

**APPROVED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2005.**

ATTEST:

  
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

  
Hugh Dymant, Mayor