
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

January 13, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 13, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

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| R. Thor Williams | Dave Trantham |
| Hugh Dymont | |
| Hugh Short, Jr. | Andrei Jacobs |
| Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers | |

Excused absence(s):

Unexcused absence(s): Dario Notti

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Amanda Roudebush, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Rich Gannon – K-300 Race Manager

- K-300 Sponsorship
- Race committee appreciation
- City of Bethel representation at K-300 Awards Banquet 1-19-04

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To approve the minutes from the December 5 and December 9, 2003 meetings as amended |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

December 5 – Grammar errors; December 9 – Wrong name on a 2nd to a motion, Change Council member Rodgers to Excused Absence, Item E to BNC not ONC, Word left out "Commission"

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion passes unanimously |
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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To approve the consent agenda and regular agenda as amended |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

Removal of Agenda item A in New Business

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion Passes Unanimously |
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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Short's report included the following:

- Discussion ensued about the absence of Council Member Notti from Council Meetings.

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To excuse Council member Notti from end of November 18 and December 9, 2003 regular meetings; and to unexcused him from the 1-13-04 meeting forward. |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

Discussion ensued. Letter was read into record by Council Member Rodgers from the Chairman of the Public Work Committee. The issue of Council Member Notti's absences are excused or unexcused was discussed in depth. Referrals to the BMC and the actual definition of excused and unexcused.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion passes 4-2 (Trantham, Rodgers) |
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- Letter from Mark Stemp regarding proposed development of remaining core township lands

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To direct the Planning commission to develop a road plan through the "Donut Hole" and to get the City Attorneys opinion on "Public Land Usage" with other possible options and to report back to Council in 90 days. |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

Discussion ensued. Council spoke about the reasons why to put in a new road. Congestion with in the City is a major problem that was discussed. Developing commercial property for the City was also discussed.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion passes 5-1 (Williams) |
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| MOVED BY: | Dyment | To Amend the Motion to include the City Attorney opinion on "Public Land Usage". |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

Discussion ensued. Would like attorneys' opinion, BNC opinion and planning Commission opinion so as to make an informed decision. Discussions also ensued about a related issue with Crowley Tank Farm.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion passes unanimously |
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- FY04 Draft Public Housing Agency Plan – Public Comments 1-15 thru 3-1-04
- Recommendation to City Council from Public Safety and Transportation Commission – Cab Tape Recorded Dispatch
- Recommendation to City Council from Public Safety and Transportation Commission – City or Private owned Impound Area
- Recommendation from Finance Committee to request RFP for a Revenue Feasibility Study
- Letter to Council to fill position on the Finance Committee from William Nettles
- Application to Council to fill vacant position on the Finance Commission from Allen Hippler

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To appoint Williams Nettles and Allen Hippler to the Finance Committee |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

Vacant seat was established.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion passes unanimously. |
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- Winter Cities Conference Invitation
- Weekly update from Governor Murkowski

MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT

City Manager Herron's report included the following:

- Community Economic Development Strategy Plan – 1/20/04 @ 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers
- Court Expansion Project Discussion
- Potential Transfer of Senior Services to a third party – Agenda and Discussion
- Transit Grant – RFP advertisement on 1/12/04
- GAO Report: Alaska Native Villages Affected by Flooding & Erosion summary
- Council Member's request for information
- Personnel Matters – Current full-time vacancies, new hires, and recent terminations or resignations
- City Manager Travel Status – 1/16/04 – Personal Leave

10 MINUTE BREAK

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senior Advisory Board – SAB met on 1-12-04 and they had no quorum. Council Member Trantham spoke of the request by some seniors to speak about issues. They spoke about concerns and ideas for about one hour and fifteen minutes. He will provide a list of their concerns at the next Council meeting. He also spoke to Council about the AML Questionnaire.

Parks and Recreation Committee – The after school program is taking in almost 80 to 100 youth. He encouraged the public to come by and see the facility. The Committee discussed ideas for the Bowling Alley.

Planning Commission – The Commission met 1-8-04. Council Member Rodgers spoke of a few handouts they received at their meeting. A Memorial Park was discussed. They had some correspondence with the Army Corps of Engineers. They want the City of Bethel to take over the management of the Borrow Pits. They also spoke about Harrelson Estate Subdivision. It has never been included with the general permit. There are numerous violation concerns. John Malone recommends not accepting any inclusion of the Harrelson Subdivision. The commission also discussed the Trails Plan.

Port Commission – The last meeting was held 12-15-04. The chairman declared one vacancy. The Commission also accepted the donation of the YKHC Quonset Hut. The Port has finished the repairs to the Dock from when the Northland barge hit. They also discussed the new Port office – moving it and building a on a new portion.

Public Works Committee – Council representative Notti was not present at the meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission – Council Member Dymont spoke about the proposal to remove the DEC Food Inspector in a few months. The commission also spoke about a need for a impound facility for the City of Bethel.

Finance Committee – The next Finance Committee meeting will be Thursday, 1-15-04. At the last meeting they spoke about an Ordinance that restricts the monthly penalty for Sales Tax at \$1500.00. The Committee will speak more about maybe raising the penalty or not. They also discussed getting an Auditor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing for Ordinance #03-17: Amending the section 2.52.035 of the Bethel Municipal Code to allow each City Council member to be appointed to more than one Board, Committee, or Commission if approved by the City Council.

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To approve Ordinance #03-17: Amending the section 2.52.035 of the Bethel Municipal Code to allow each City Council member to be appointed to more than one Board, Committee, or Commission if approved by the City Council. |
| SECONDED BY: | Dyment | |

Mr. Willy Keppel spoke against Ordinance #03-17. *Discussions ensued.*

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion Fails 3-3 (Trantham, Williams, Rodgers) |
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NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Resolution # 04-01: A Resolution of the Bethel City Council certifying that the Municipality did suffer significant effects during the program base year from fisheries business activities that occurred within the fisheries management area.

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To approve Resolution # 04-01: A Resolution of the Bethel City Council certifying that the Municipality did suffer significant effects during the program base year from fisheries business activities that occurred within the fisheries management area. |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

Discussion ensued. Rob Strahan spoke of the particulars of what kinds on effect were and are being suffered in our area.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion Passes Unanimously. |
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Item B – Resolution # 04-02: A Resolution of the Bethel City Council declaring January 11- 17, 2004 as Alaska Local Government Week.

Resolution #04-02 was passed on the Consent Agenda

Item C – Introduction of Ordinance #03-21(S): A Substitute Ordinance Authorizing the acquisition and/or exchange of interests on land between the City of Bethel and owners of property in City Subdivision for utility easements; Authorizing vacation and rededication of drainage easement; and Authorizing the adjustment of boundaries of the preservation district T–P District

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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | To approve Introduction and set Public Hearing on 1-27-04 for Ordinance #03-21(S): A Substitute Ordinance Authorizing the acquisition and/or exchange of interests on land between the City of Bethel and owners of property in City Subdivision for utility easements; Authorizing vacation and rededication of drainage easement; and Authorizing the adjustment of boundaries of the preservation district T–P District |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

Discussion ensued.

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To suspend the Rules to hear Public Testimony on Ordinance #03-21(S) |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

Sherry Neth – Spoke in favor of Ordinance #03-21(S)

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion Passes Unanimously |
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Item D – Introduction of Ordinance # 03-22: An Ordinance amending sections 2.04.050 and 2.12.010 of the Bethel Municipal Code regarding the deadline for submission of materials for the Council Packets

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To Introduce and Set Public Hearing on 1-27-04 for Ordinance # 03-22: An Ordinance amending sections 2.04.050 and 2.12.010 of the Bethel Municipal Code regarding the deadline for submission of materials for the Council Packets |
| SECONDED BY: | Trantham | |

Discussion ensued. Amendments underline new wording in part B, and change from Tuesday to Friday.

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Item E – Discussion Item – AML Board of Directors Strategic Planning Questionnaire

Discussion ensued about the topics of the AML Questionnaire.

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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | Giving full Council support to Council Member Trantham at the upcoming AML Conference, including financial support. |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion passes unanimously. |
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Item F – Discussion Item – Water/Sewage

Discussion ensued about prices of the Piped Water and Sewer System in City Subdivision.

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To suspend the Rules and go past 10:00 P.M. |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion Passes Unanimously |
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5 MINUTE BREAK

Item G – Discussion Item – AML Appointment

Discussion ensued.

Item H – Discussion Item – Drug Testing for Councilmen

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Comments

Council Member Rodgers gave his condolences to the family of Nellie Snow and Japhet Anvil.

Council Member Trantham commented that he will be in Juneau.

Vice Mayor Williams

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To instruct the City Administration to look at a feasibility study of a Bond issue to build a new police station, and report back to Council with other options that may be available. |
| SECONDED BY: | Dyment | |

Discussion ensued.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion passes unanimously. |
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Council Member Jacobs spoke of Teamwork.

Council Member Dyment made comments about a new police station.

Mayor Short made comments for the City Clerk about paper work from the commissions/committees.

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M. |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion passes unanimously. |
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APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____ 2003.

ATTEST:

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

Amanda Roudebsuh, City Clerk