
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 23, 2007 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Leinberger called the meeting to order at 6:30p

II. ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Council Member Jorgensen
Council Member Kenick
Mayor Leinberger
Council Member Middlebrook
Vice-Mayor Rodgers
Council Member Trantham

ABSENT: Council Member McGowan

STAFF: City Manager Baird
City Attorney Sigmon
City Clerk Modigh

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. R. Thor Williams addressed Council to state that he received a blue slip from the City on his door stating that Frank G. had found his palm pilot and thanked him for going out of his way by doing so. Mr. Williams spoke in opposition of Council revising the travel per diem. Mr. Williams also spoke in opposition of Council fighting over the Mayor and stated that Council has larger issues to address.
2. Paul Gregory Sr. addressed Council to state that the community is in need of lighting at bus stations within the community and stated that the trucks and cars need to slow down. Mr. Gregory also addressed the dogs that are running around in packs and snow machine drivers that are traveling too fast and suggested that all machinists be licensed by the State as well as the City curfew being enforced.
3. Elizabeth Roll, Mike Bricker, and Monica Leinberger, Board Members of The Tundra Women's Collation, addressed Council to state that there has been preference on behalf of Council for one death in particular within the community and the same attention has not been given to other deaths in town that are just as tragic and senseless. The Tundra Women's Collation Board Members invited Council to attend their annual meeting this Sunday at 2p at the Lions Club and requested Council and the communities support against violence.

Mayor Leinberger requested to have "Reward Policy" placed as an item on the 2/13/07 Council agenda.

Council concurred to recess for 5 minutes at 7:10 p.m.

4. Yolonda Jorgensen, as a community member, addressed Council and spoke in opposition of the crimes within the community and spoke in favor of a community recreation center or a multiuse facility.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Vice-Mayor Rodgers	To approve the Regular and Consent Agenda for the January 23, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as amended removing ordinance 07-02 from the consent agenda and postponing ordinance 07-07 until the next City Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Council Member Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing of Ordinance 07-01: An Ordinance Of The City Of Bethel, Alaska, Readopting The Bethel Municipal Code

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Vice-Mayor Rodgers	To adopt Ordinance 07-01: An Ordinance Of The City Of Bethel, Alaska, Readopting The Bethel Municipal Code
SECONDED:	Council Member Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		

Item B- Cemetery Committee Member Make-up

MOVED:	Vice-Mayor Rodgers	To direct the City Clerk to post vacancies for the Cemetery Committee.
SECONDED:	Council Member Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		

MOVED:	Council Member Kenick	To recess for ten minutes.
SECONDED:	Council Member Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed 5/1 (Vice-Mayor Rodgers voting in the negative)		

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution #07-03: A Resolution Requesting Funding From The State Of Alaska To Replace The Bethel Fire Station Roof

Resolution #07-03 was passed on the consent agenda.

Item B- Resolution #07-04: A Resolution Requesting Assistance From The State Of Alaska To Conduct The Preliminary Ground Work And Concept Design For A Joint Law Enforcement Center

Resolution #07-04 was passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- Introduction Of Ordinance #07-02: An Ordinance Giving The Council the Authority To Change The Designation Of Mayor And Vice-Mayor To Another Council Member

MOVED:	Vice-Mayor Rodgers	To introduce ordinance #07-02: An Ordinance Giving The Council the Authority To Change The Designation Of Mayor And Vice-Mayor To Another Council Member
SECONDED:	Council Member Trantham	
MOVED:	Council Member Kenick	To release the confidential memo dated 1/23/07 from the City Attorney to City Council.
SECONDED:	Council Member Middlebrook	
The City Attorney requested that the memo remain confidential.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion Failed 3/3 (Council Member Jorgensen, Vice-Mayor Rodgers and Council Member Trantham voting in the negative)	

MOVED:	Council Member Jorgensen	to strikeout "of at least four" under item E and insert "a super majority of"
SECONDED:	Vice-Mayor Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed 5/1 (Council Member Trantham voting in the negative)	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion Failed 2/4 (Council Member Jorgensen, Council Member Kenick, Mayor Leinberger and Council Member Middlebrook voting in the negative)	

Item D- Introduction Of Ordinance #07-03: An Ordinance Regarding References To Sanitary Cans That Will Amend Sections 13.08.010, 13.08.025, 13.08.080, 13.08.125, And 13.05.240 Of The Bethel Municipal Code

Ordinance #07-03 was introduced on the consent agenda and is set for public hearing on February 13, 2007.

Item E- Introduction Of Ordinance #07-04: An Ordinance Regarding Manufactured Homes That Will Add Sections 15.06, 15.06.010, 15.06.020, 15.06.030 And Amend Section 15.14 Of The Bethel Municipal Code

Ordinance #07-04 was introduced on the consent agenda and is set for public hearing on February 13, 2007.

Item F- Introduction Of Ordinance #07-05: An Ordinance Regarding The Bethel Coastal Management Plan 2006 Plan Amendment That Will Amend Section 16.08.040 Of The Bethel Municipal Code

Ordinance #07-05 was introduced on the consent agenda and is set for public hearing on February 13, 2007.

Item G- Introduction Of Ordinance #07-06: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.04.020 And 4.04.025 Of The Bethel Municipal Code Regarding The Budget Estimate Preparation And The Fees And Charges Revenue Estimate Preparation

Ordinance #07-06 was introduced on the consent agenda and is set for public hearing on February 13, 2007.

Item H- Introduction Of Ordinance #07-07: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.04.140 Of The Bethel Municipal Code-Organization Of Council

Ordinance #07-07 was postponed until the February 13, 2006 meeting.

Council concurred to excuse Vice-Mayor Rodgers from the meeting.

Item I-Discussion Of New Water & Sewer Cost Formula

Council discussed the agenda item; no action was taken.

MOVED:	Council Member Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony.
SECONDED:	Council Member Jorgensen	
Paul Gregory addressed Council to state that a town meeting would need to be held on this matter.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 6/0	

Item J- State Of Alaska Per Diem Rates And Possible Revision Of City Council Travel Policy 06-02

MOVED:	Council Member Middlebrook	To revise the City Council Travel Policy 06-02-Travel Expenses to change the meal allowances to \$12-breakfast, \$15-lunch, and \$25-dinner.
SECONDED:	Council Member Kenick	
MOVED:	Council Member Kenick	To amend the motion to approve the state of Alaska per diem rate.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed for lack of a second	
MOVED:	Council Member Kenick	To amend the motion to include the City employee travel per diem

SECONDED:	Council Member Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion ruled out of order	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion Failed 1/4 (Council Member Jorgensen, Council Member Kenick, Mayor Leinberger and Council Member Trantham voting in the negative)	

Council concurred to recess for ten minutes.

Item K- Discussion Of Jail House Expansion

The City Manager and Council discussed the matter.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council Member Jorgensen) advised Council that the committee has met since the last Council meeting and discussed the following:

- Youth Center Family Night
- IGDBG
- 4-H Program
- Trails Committee mgt

Port Commission (Council Member Kenick) advised Council that the Commission has met since the last Council meeting and discussed the following:

- Budget
- Public hearings

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Middlebrook) advised Council that the Commission has not met since the last Council meeting.

Finance Committee (Council Member Trantham) advised Council that the committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

MOVED:	Council Member Kenick	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p.m.
SECONDED:	Council Member Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed 4/1 (Council Member Jorgensen voting in the negative)		

Alaska Municipal League (Council Member Trantham) advised Council of funds that are in the Governors proposed budget and changes that are being made. Council Member Trantham stated that although we passed resolution 06-27, AML is in favor of a two year plan for PERS to get to 6%.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Letter from the Alaska Wood Energy Development Task Group
- Corey LePore's resignation letter from the Planning Commission

Mayor Leinberger appointed Minnie Sallison Fritz to the Cemetery Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment of Minnie Sallison Fritz to the Cemetery Committee
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 5/0		

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Letter from the Department of the Army & the Air Force in regards to the Alaska Armory National Guard reimbursement in the amount of \$243,837.95
- CIP
- Community meeting with ONC "Taking Back the Night"

X. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- Special State wide election has been called for April 3, 2007.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Trantham advised Council of his agenda and appointments while in Juneau.

Council Member Middlebrook stated that the City employees and the three Council employees are doing a great job and he appreciates them and thanked the community for speaking up on issues that concern them, it's appreciated. Council Member Middlebrook

advised Council and the community that the PS& Transportation Commission will be discussing taxi fare increases at their next meeting.

Council Member Kenick wished a Happy Anniversary to Vice-Mayor Rodgers and his wife and a Happy Birthday to Council Member Jorgensen. Council Member Kenick also stated that we have many volunteers and that the City should be giving adequate notice to all volunteers for their meetings as well as meeting material.

Council Member Jorgensen reiterated the importance of paying attention to the elders of the community; hug an elder.

Mayor Leinberger stated thanks all that participated in the K300 and reminded the community of the upcoming TWC meeting. Mayor Leinberger stated that he also thanks the community for participation with Council.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Council Member Jorgensen	To adjourn the meeting at 10:19p.
SECONDED:	Council Member Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 5/0		

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:19p.

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007.

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor