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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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May 25, 2005

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 25, 2005, at 6:30p in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

### ROLL CALL

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

Andy McGowan  
Hugh Dymont  
Dan Leinberger

Dave Trantham  
R. Thor Williams  
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers (arrived at 6:37p)

Excused Absence(s):

Yolonda Jorgensen

Also in attendance were the following:

John Malone, Acting City Manager  
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. David E. Trantham spoke to Council and the community as a Board Director of the Alaska Municipal League to state he worked very hard to work on funding for Bethel and other communities in the State of Alaska (Region 9), unfortunately some of the funding was not granted.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To approve the May 25, 2005 Council Meeting agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Williams	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous Council consent.
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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Item A- Proposed FY06 Annual Budget

Mayor Dymont addressed a Press Release from Senator Lyman Hoffman regarding the FY06 Capital Budget, specifically the \$771,000 allotted for emergency Port repairs and the \$235,000 for PERS.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To increase line item 10-51-649 (Lobbyist Salary) to \$40,000 in the proposed FY06 Budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Assistant Finance Director Walters provided Council a 5-25-05 Revised Proposed FY06 Budget and explained the revisions.

### *Meeting recessed from 7:05p until 7:14p*

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 17-50 (JAG Grant) of the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	McGowan	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 29-50 (DMV) of the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 41-50 (E-911) of the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	McGowan	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Council discussed the transfer of the Senior Center to ONC.

Council Member McGowan suggested a shared operation of the Senior Center between the City of Bethel & ONC.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To change department 10-51- City Manger salary to \$95,000 and remove the Administrative Assistant position in the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	Move for a division of the question.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	<i>Motion failed for lack of a second.</i>
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To amend the motion to remove the Administrative Assistant position from the main motion.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-1 (no-Rodgers)
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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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***Meeting recessed from 7:45p until 8:12p***

During the meeting recess Council devised a list of City positions to be considered for removal in the Proposed FY06 Budget order to save funds.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To remove the Administrative Assistant from department 10-51.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

HR Manager Hightower and Council discussed options for the Administrative Assistant position.

Council Member Leinberger stated he thought position cuts are premature until the City is aware of whether the Senior Center will be transferred to ONC.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To amend the motion to fund the Administrative Assistant for six months.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	<i>Motion failed for lack of a second.</i>
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Council Member Leinberger suggested Council agree on a ranking order of positions to be removed if necessary.

Council Member Rodgers stated that Administration should take the responsibility of creating the ranking order of positions to be removed if necessary.

Council Member Williams stated the amount of funds at this time the City would be pulling from the reserve fund is an average of \$600,000 and that the City will to save money by removing positions.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (no-Trantham & Leinberger)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To rank in order the remaining positions to be removed to save funds if necessary.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Williams	

Discussion between Departments and Council related to the responsibility of the motion on the floor.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 2-4 (yes-McGowan & Trantham)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To remove the Temporary Accounting Clerk position from Department 10-53 proposed in the FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

Finance Director Strahan spoke in opposition of eliminating the position.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To increase line item 10-53-64-Audit Expense by an additional \$50,000.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Williams	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (no-Rodgers & McGowan)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To remove the Account Clerk/Payroll Position from department 10-53 of the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

Finance Director Strahan spoke in opposition of eliminating the position.

Council Member Williams spoke in favor of eliminating the position.

Assistant Finance Director explained to Council the numerous other positions and skills the current employee holding the position provides the City.

Council Member Leinberger spoke in opposition of the motion.

Mayor Dymont spoke in opposition of the motion.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 1-5 (yes-Williams)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To unfund a Police Officer position from department 10-61 of the proposed FY06 budget until we have a qualified candidate.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

Police Chief Dudley addressed Council to discuss the motion.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 2-4 (yes-Williams & Trantham)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To remove 3 Temporary Road Improvement Worker Positions from department 10-66 of the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

Public Works Director Ogle requested Council compromise and remove 2 Temporary Road Improvement Workers.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To amend the motion to remove 2 Temporary Road Improvement Workers from department 10-66 of the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Trantham	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (no-Williams & McGowan)
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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
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*Meeting recessed from 9:42 until 9:55p*

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To continue meeting past 10p to complete proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinbere	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-2 (no-Rodgers & McGowan)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To remove the Project Safety Position from department 10-67 of the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	McGowan	

Public Works Director Ogle and HR Manager Hightower discussed the need for a Project Safety Position to protect the City.

Public Works Director Ogle suggested moving the position under the City's Administration Department.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-1 (no-Williams)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To remove the Port Director Position from department 52-50 of the proposed FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	McGowan	

Public Works Director Ogle stated there will be a great amount of maintenance this summer and agreed that the idea of Public Works running Port seasonally does need to be addressed.

Council and Public Works Director Ogle discussed options regarding the motion.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed by a unanimous roll call vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To remove a permanent Mechanic II/Oiler Position from department 51-91 of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Williams	

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To amend the motion to include a Temporary Mechanic/Oiler Position from department 51-91 of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To remove the Fire Captain Position from department 10-60 of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	<i>Motion failed for a lack of a second.</i>
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-51-City Manager as amended of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-52-City Clerks Office as amended decreasing 10-52-541-Council Travel/Training to \$13,440.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-53-Finance amending the Finance Directors salary to \$95,000 of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-1 (Trantham).
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-54-Planning of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-60-Fire Department of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodgers	To adopt department 10-61-Police Department of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Trantham	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-1 (no-Williams)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-65-Public Works of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodgers	To adopt department 10-66-Streets & Roads as amended of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To amend 10-66 to reflect overtime-\$10,000 and shift differential-\$30,000.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-67-Projects & Safety of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-70-Property Maintenance amending overtime-\$5,000 and shift differential-\$10,000 of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-71-Parks & Recreation of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-72-Community Services of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adopt department 10-73-In-kind & Transfers of the FY06 proposed budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To adjourn meeting at 10:59p
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

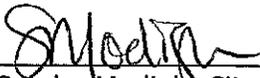
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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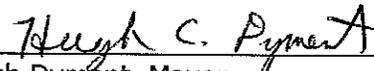
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned 10:59p.

**APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2005.**

ATTEST:

  
 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

  
 Hugh Dymont, Mayor