City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2007 Regular Meeting Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 9, 2007 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members present:

Mayor Dan Leinberger
Vice-Mayor Tundy Rodgers
Council Member David E. Trantham
Council Member Mary Kenick
Council Member Andy McGowan
Council Member Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen

Others present:

City Manager Wally Baird
City Clerk Sandra Modigh
City Attorney Sharon Sigmon
Tiffany Zulkosky
R. Thor Williams

II. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Gary Vanasse addressed Council to state that he was there for a good old fashioned tail chewing. Mr. Vanasse stated that he has never been more ashamed of his council. Mr. Vanesse stated that the attendance of council members were atrocious as well as the lack of interest for council members to complete an agenda and proceed past 10p if needed. Mr. Vanesse stated that council may need to meet more often if they are not able to complete the business on the agenda. Mr. Vanasse stated that council needs to keep the personality and personal stuff out of council meeting. Mr. Vanasse stated that he hopes to never have a council member walk out on a meeting. Mr. Vanasse thanked the members stepping down and welcomed the new members taking their seat and wished all the best of luck.

2. Sam Shields, on behalf of the VFW & American Legion, addressed Council to present Council Member Trantham an award of appreciation and a civil coin in his honor.

Council Member Trantham thanked the representatives, provided history of his services in the military, and stated that he is a survivor.

3. Jody Malus addressed Council to state that there used to be a pool in the community that provided swimming lessons and inquired as to what happened to the pool. Mrs. Malus suggested an ordinance be passed which would provide a forum for the community to address council candidates. Mrs. Malus stated that the City is in need of volunteers for the Finance Committee. Mrs. Malus stated that the City of Bethel is not going to put up with what was dealt with in the past and stated that she is now aware of the petition process to remove a council member from their seat. Mrs. Malus stated that each council member should be required to complete an annual financial disclosure statement. Mrs. Malus thanked Council Member Trantham for his services.

4. Monica Leinberger, as a TWC Representative, addressed Council to state that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mrs. Leinberger stated that TWC is in need of a new building and that TWC has been working with the City of Bethel Grant Manager on a CDBG Grant to secure funds for a new facility. Mrs. Leinberger stated that the community will have an opportunity to speak at a public hearing being held on this matter October 12th, 4p-6p, in Council Chambers.

III. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve the Consent & Regular Agenda for the October 9, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	McGowan	To direct the City Clerk to prepare an award of appreciation for City of Bethel employee, Billy Stewart
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN		

MOTION	Carried unanimously

IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Review Canvass Board Certificate Of Election

Council reviewed the Canvass Board Certificate of Election.

Item B- *Resolution 07-30: A Resolution Certifying The Results Of The October 2, 2007 Regular City Election

Resolution 07-30 passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- Award Ceremony

City Manager Baird presented Council Member Trantham and Council Member McGowan Awards of Appreciation for their terms serving the City of Bethel as Council Members.

MOVED:	Trantham	To recess to 10 minutes
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Item C- Oath Administered To Newly Elected City Council Members/Seating Of Newly Elected City Council Members

City Clerk Modigh administered the oath of office the newly elected City Council Members; new Council Members were seated.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item A- 9/25/07 Regular City Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- <u>Introduction of Ordinance 07-22:</u> An Ordinance Amending The Bethel Municipal Code 2.04.100 Regarding Council Vacancies

Ordinance 07-22 was introduced on the consent agenda and was set for public hearing on October 23, 2007.

Item B- Council Member Travel Approval To Attend The Alaska Municipal Leagues 57th Local Government Conference/ NEO Training

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To approve travel for interested City Council Member to attend the AML Conference.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To suspend the rules to allow David E. Trantham to address Council to provide an update on the Finance Committee meeting
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed	

Council was advised that the committee has not met since the last council meeting.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning Commission (Vice-Mayor Rodgers) stated that the commission has not met since the last council meeting due to a lack of a quorum

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Middlebrook) advised Council that the commission has not met since the last Council meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Council Member Middlebrook addressed some concerns regarding a recent appeal that was handled by our City Attorney.

Alternative Energy Committee (Mayor Leinberger) stated that the committee has not met since the last council meeting.

Cemetery Committee (Mayor Leinberger) stated that the committee has not met since the last City Council Meeting.

Port Commission (Council Member Kenick) stated that the commission has not met since the last City Council Meeting.

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council Member Jorgensen) stated that the committee has not met since the last City Council Meeting.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Committee/commission vacancies
- Adhoc Multiuse Recreation Facility Committee
- Jailhouse expansion
- Domestic Violence Awareness

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To approve travel for the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to attend the AML conference.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- USDOT funding authorization letter
- Little Red School House Big Red Art Auction this weekend.

X. CLERK'S REPORT

- AML/Personal travel
- Council Member World Client email accounts

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT

Vice-Mayor Rodgers swished all the seniors that have birthdays this month, happy birthday and reminded the community to hug an elder.

Council Member Williams introduced his family who attended the meeting. Council Member Williams thanked the community for voting and stated that he is willing to work for the community.

Council Member Middlebrook welcomed the newly elected officials.

Mayor Leinberger welcomed the newly elected officials and thanked the former council member and stated that the he is looking forward to a great year.

Council Member Kenick congratulated the newly elected council member and thanked all candidates that ran for council.

Council Member Zulkosky thanked the community for their support and stated that she is very honored to represent the community.

Council Member Jorgensen welcomed the newly elected council members and thanked the community for voting and encouraged the community to submit an application to become part of the Adhoc Recreation Facility Committee.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Rodgers	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 6 - 1 Rodgers voting against	

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:21p.

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.

Mary Kenick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk