
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 13, 2007 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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
Mayor Leinberger
Council Member McGowan
Council Member Middlebrook
Vice-Mayor Rodgers
Council Member Trantham

ABSENT: Council Member Kenick

STAFF: City Manager Baird
City Attorney Sigmon
City Clerk Modigh

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Donna Perry addressed Council to speak in favor of ordinance 07-08.
2. Diane McEachern addressed Council to speak in favor of ordinance 07-08 and also addressed her electric bill regarding heating her water sewer pipes.
3. Bethel Regional High School Students addressed Council to speak in favor of a multiuse recreation center.
4. Beverly Hoffman addressed Council to speak in favor of a multiuse recreation center within the community.
5. Emilie Jorgensen addressed Council to speak in favor of a multiuse recreation center.
6. Susan Taylor addressed Council to advise the community that this is the City's 50th Anniversary and invited Council and community members to attend their upcoming meeting. Mrs. Taylor also spoke in favor of a multiuse recreation facility.
7. Dawn Hackney addressed Council to speak in favor of ordinance 07-08 and submitted an initiative petition to the City Clerk on its behalf.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Rodgers	To approve the Regular and Consent Agenda for the February 13, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as amended removing ordinance 07-08 from the consent agenda.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A-Award of Appreciation Presentation for Robert Lekander

Mayor Leinberger presented Mr. Robert Lekander an Award of Appreciation on behalf of the City Council and Administration.

Item A- Presentation By Greg Jones, GV Jones & Associates, Inc.: Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Plan, Re-Evaluation Draft Report

Greg Jones of GV Jones & Associates addressed Council and the community to give a presentation on the Waste water Treatment Upgrade Plan, Re-evaluation Draft Report

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item A-1/23/07 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were passed on the consent agenda

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To recess for ten minutes
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing 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

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To adopt 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
SECONDED:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed 5/1 with Council Member McGowan voting in the negative.

Item B- Public Hearing 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

Public Hearing:
None

MOVED:	Rodgers	To adopt 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
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	to insert the language "to another parcel of property" before the language "in the City of Bethel" and after the word "relocate" in section 15.06.030 Construction Standards of the BMC.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		
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Item C- Public Hearing 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

Public Hearing:
None

MOVED:	Rodgers	To adopt 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
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		

Item D- Public Hearing 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

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Trantham	To adopt 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
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		

Item E- Introduction Of (Substitute) Ordinance #07-07: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.04.140 Of The Bethel Municipal Code-Organization Of Council

Substitute Ordinance 07-07 was introduced on the consent agenda and set for public hearing on February 27, 2007.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A-Introduction Of Ordinance #07-08: An Ordinance Designating An Annual Budgetary Allotment For The Planning, Construction, Operation And Maintenance Of A Multiuse Recreation Center

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To introduce ordinance 07-08: An Ordinance Designating An Annual Budgetary Allotment For The Planning, Construction, Operation And Maintenance Of A Multiuse Recreation Center
SECONDED:	Trantham	
MOVED:	Trantham	To hold two public hearings: Feb 27 th & March 13 th
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Motion passed unanimously 6/0		
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Council directed Administration to contact other entities to request in writing that they would help with grant efforts towards a multiuse recreation facility.

Item B-Reward Policy

MOVED:	McGowan	To refer this agenda item to the Public Safety & Transportation Commission.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed 5/1 with Council Member Middlebrook voting in the negative.	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To take a brief recess.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed 5/1 with Vice-Mayor Rodgers voting in the negative.	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
Vice-Mayor Rodgers stated that he would be departing the meeting at 10p.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed 5/1 with Vice-Mayor Rodgers voting in the negative.	

Item C-Petroleum Price Monitoring

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To direct the City Manager to implement a plan to monitor the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The wholesale price of relevant petroleum products on the west coast on at least a monthly basis during the shipping season 2. local wholesale prices 3. wholesale prices off the barge and/or tank farms at other locations in Western Alaska including McGrath and Nakiski 4. Negotiated prices with AVEC for areas relevant to the local prices 5. an attempt at the two five year history of these prices should also be made And to also direct the City Attorney to learn basic anti-trust law and to be vigilant and
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	

	inform Council of possible violations.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion Failed 2/3 with Council Member Jorgensen, Council Member McGowan and Council Member Trantham voting in the negative.

Item D-Approval Of The Water & Sewer Cost Formula Reconstruction

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To approve the Water & Sewer Cost Formula Reconstruction.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 5/0	

Item E-Acknowledgement Of The Volunteer Services Of The Administrative Advisory Cemetery Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To move forward with the efforts to acknowledge the volunteer services for the former Administrative Advisory Cemetery Committee.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed 4/1 with Mayor Leinberger voting in the negative.	

IX. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

- New meeting schedule-2nd Wednesday of every month at 6p at the log cabin
- Hockey Association/Winter camp

Public Works Committee (Council Member McGowan) advised Council that the committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

Administrative Advisory Alternative Energy Committee (Mayor Leinberger) advised Council that the committee last met on 2/5 & 2/6 with APS and discussed the following:

- Devise a policy of energy per Nelz Anderson

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Middlebrook)

advised Council that the Commission last met on 2/12 and discussed the following:

- Off road vehicles
- Staffing issues
- Taxi rate increases
- Violence within the community

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to proceed past 11p
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 5/0	

Finance Committee (Council Member Trantham) advised Council that the committee last met on 1-25 and discussed the following:

- Water & Sewer Cost Rate Reconstruction
- 1 vacancy
- Economic Division Position for the City of Bethel
- Solid waste enterprise fund
- Thanked the Public Works Department, the Finance Department, and Jeff Sanders

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Letter from the Alaska State Division of Community Advocacy regarding the FY08 population

Mayor Leinberger appointed Teresa Jacobson to the Planning Commission

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment of Teresa Jacobson to the Planning Commission
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 4/0	

Mayor Leinberger re-appointed Brandon Leary to the Port Commission

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the re-appointment of Brandon Leary to the Port Commission
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 4/0	

Mayor Leinberger re-appointed John P. Guinn to the Planning Commission

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To confirm the re-appointment of John P. Guinn to the Planning Commission
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 4/0		

Mayor Leinberger re-appointed Allen M. Hippler to the Finance Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the re-appointment of Allen M. Hippler to the Finance Committee
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 4/0		

Mayor Leinberger appointed Martha Perry to the Cemetery Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment of Martha Perry to the Cemetery Committee
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 4/0		

Mayor Leinberger appointed Julius E. Pleasant to the Cemetery Committee

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To confirm the appointment of Julius E. Pleasant to the Cemetery Committee
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion Failed 2/2 with Council Member McGowan and Council Member Trantham voting in the negative.		

Mayor Leinberger appointed Leo H. Andrew to the Cemetery Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment of Leo H. Andrew to the Cemetery Committee
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 4/0		

Mayor Leinberger appointed Buck Bukowski to the Cemetery Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment of Buck Bukowski to the Cemetery Committee
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 4/0		

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MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment of Buck Bukowski to the Cemetery Committee
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 4/0		

Mayor Leinberger appointed Susie Trantham to the Cemetery Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment of Susie Trantham to the Cemetery Committee
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion passed unanimously 4/0		

- Letter from the State Division of Community Advocacy-Grants Section regarding notice of grants scheduled to lapse
- Letter from Mike Ronald, a community member in regards to community needs
- Letter from Serena Core, a community member in regards to community needs
- 2007 Russian Mission Annual Winter Carnival Schedule
- Letter from Alaska Brands Group regarding Alaska Businesses
- AML Annual Dues: \$6,6046.00
- Letter from the Sate of Alaska Department of Military & Veterans Affairs regarding the Veterans' Memorial Endowment Grants Awarded

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Letter from the Denali Commission regarding Bethel waterfront funding
- Memo from the City Manager-Ice Road Participation
- Memo from the City Manager-Services at the airport
- Memo from the City Manager/HR-Employee Water & Sewer Benefits
- Letter from the City Attorney regarding business license reminders
- Letter from the City Attorney regarding business travel

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve the City Attorney's travel.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 5/0	

XII. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- Committee/Commission member term expatriations & updates
- APOC Financial disclosure forms
- Annual training for committees/commissions/council
- PFD applications
- Personal leave

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To approve the City Clerk's personal leave
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 5/0	

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED:	McGowan	To postpone the City Clerks evaluation and the last action agenda item until the next Council meeting.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 5/0	

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Trantham apologized to council for becoming confused throughout the meeting. Council Member Trantham discussed the SB on ethics and stated that our ethics ordinance is being circulated. Council Member Trantham thanked Council Member McGowan for recognizing an employee, the City Clerk for her help, and administration for their reports. Council Member Trantham also suggested a Council retreat.

Council Member Middlebrook stated he heard very good things about Council Member Tranthams trip to Juneau and thanked him for his efforts.

Mayor Leinberger stated that he is fully in support of the multiuse recreation center.

Council Member McGowan stated he had no comments for the evening but wait until the next meeting.

Council Member Jorgensen thanked the community for speaking on behalf of the multiuse recreation center and stated to hug an elder.

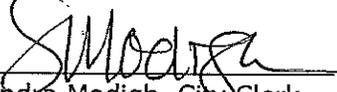
XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To adjourn the meeting at 12a
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passed unanimously 5/0	

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:00a.

APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007.

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor