
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

July 8, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 8, 2003, 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:

David Trantham	Jerry Drake
Carl Berger	Andrei Jacobs
Joy Shantz	Hugh Short, Jr.

Excused absence(s):

Unexcused absence(s): Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A. Mark Springer

- Consider Port Director changing to Harbormaster for law enforcement duties
- Asked the Council to ask for a Emergency Planning Report from the City Manager
- 4th of July was great, congratulations to the Parks & Recreation Department
- Thanks for water/sewer services for the fast customer service recently to his home

B. Willy Keppel

- Will wait to speak under Unfinished Business item A: Ordinance #03-11 and New Business item C: Sanitation Business Plan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Jacobs	To approve the minutes of the 6-24-03 regular meeting as amended.
SECONDED BY:	Shantz	

M/M by Shantz to excuse Mayor Short from the 6-24-03 meeting due to it was his second daughter's first birthday.

Seconded by Drake.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Jacobs	To approve the agenda as amended
SECONDED BY:	Berger	
Council Member Trantham asked to remove Item B from the consent agenda. City Manager requested the Council to add item D under new business: Lift Station Generator Bid		
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	

MAYOR'S REPORT

Included in the Mayor's report:

- Calendar of City Council meetings for the remainder of the year
- Newsletters from Representative Mary Kapsner re: Paying for Our Schools, Focus on Resource Development, Governor's Vetoes
- Letter from Napakiak Irinraq Company and memo from Jonna Daugherty, Sales Tax Supervisor re: Napakiak Irinraq Power Company

Council Member Trantham asked for a status update on City Clerk applicants – *three received*.
Council Member Trantham made a special request to all other council members not to travel between now and the next municipal election due to budget concerns.

MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT

City Manager Herron's report included the following:

- the three names of the City Clerk applicants, since one applicant was received right before the 5:00pm deadline today, copies of the applications will be delivered to all Council members on Wednesday
- Advised the Council that the July 1st bid opening for the Main Lift Station Project yielded only one bidder and that bid was nearly one million dollars over the engineer's estimate. The City will work with the engineer and Village Safe Water to re-bid a portion of the project and the City will procure a portion of the materials for the project
- EPA's determination letter on the City of Bethel's application for a Brownfields grant
- Draft proposed lease and ordinance for the Assisted Living Home has been forwarded to YKHC for their review and comment
- a copy of the notice from the Alaska Public Offices Commission on lobbyists and lobbying activities.
- an update on site visits to law firms who have submitted proposals for the Legal Services RFP
- a list of current personnel vacancies, new hires and terminations/resignations since the last council meeting
- Travel status

Council Member Trantham asked the City Manager about the status of the following:

- 1) Cindy Andrecheck's damaged vegetation
- 2) ASCG's inspection trip report under City Planners report
- 3) Monthly financial reports from administration to Council

Council Member Berger asked the City Manager about the status of the following:

- 1) Liability and property insurance quotes for FY2003/2004
- 2) AMHTA Transit Grant

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senior Advisory Board

Council Member Berger stated that the Board has not met since the last council meeting.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Council Member Jacobs stated that the Committee has not met since the last council meeting.

Planning Commission

Council Member Shantz stated that the Commission has not met since the last council meeting.

Port Commission

Council Member Rodgers was not in attendance to give his report.

Public Works Committee

Council Member Trantham reported that the Committee will meet on July 15, 2003 and highlighted the Committee's future discussion on a possible Utilities Commission.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council Member Drake stated that the Commission has not held a meeting since the last council meeting. *Council Member Trantham asked Council Member Drake if the Commission has reviewed Ordinance #03-11, the reply was no.*

Finance Committee

Mayor Short stated the Committee has not met since the last meeting due to lack of a quorum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing – Ordinance #03-11: Amending the Bethel Municipal Code section 5.20.170 to restrict children under twelve years old from riding in a regulated vehicle front seat that has a passenger air bag

Mayor Short opened the public hearing

- A) Willy Keppel spoke in opposition as that the ordinance was poorly written and asked why taxi cabs are being singled out when all vehicles are regulated by the state.
- B) Andrew Steele, City of Bethel Taxi Cab Inspector spoke in favor of the ordinance and shared his knowledge of the dangers of airbags for children from recent training sessions

Mayor Short closed the public hearing

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt ordinance #03-11
SECONDED BY:	Shantz	

Council Member Trantham moved to amend the motion to postpone the vote until the next council meeting for a second public hearing so the ordinance can be referred to the Public Safety and Transportation Commission for their recommendation
 Seconded by Shantz

VOTE ON MOTION	The amended motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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Mayor Short recognized Community and Economic Development Commissioner Edgar Blatchford in the audience of the Council Chambers.

MOVED BY:	Berger	To suspend the rules to allow Community & Economic Development Commissioner Edgar Blatchford to speak the members of council and the listening public
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

Commissioner Blatchford greeted the council and explained his purpose for being in the Bethel region. After his opening remarks, there was a question and answer session between the council and the commissioner

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Ordinance #03-12: Amending the Bethel Municipal Code section 4.16.040 to clarify that all political subdivisions of the state are exempt from sales tax

Ordinance #03-12 was introduced and set for public hearing on July 22, 2003 under the consent agenda.

Item B – Resolution #03-24: Supporting the development of an Assisted Living Home in Bethel, Alaska and designating the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) as the principal agency for those purposes

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt resolution #03-24
SECONDED BY:	Berger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried unanimous voice vote.
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Item C – Presentation of Sanitation Utilities Business Plan

MOVED BY:	Drake	To place this on the next council meeting under the suggested sample resolution format
SECONDED BY:	Jacobs	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried unanimous voice vote.
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Item D – Lift Station Generator Bid Award

MOVED BY:	Jacobs	To award the Lift Station Generator Bid to Precision Power, LLC in the amount of \$84,777
SECONDED BY:	Shantz	

Council Member Drake declared that his brother is the manager of Precision Power, LLC and asked he abstain from the vote

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried unanimous voice vote. (Drake abstaining)
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COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Trantham commented on the nice 4th of July and would like to thank the Parks & Recreation Department for their strong efforts on the 4th of July.

Council Member Rodgers was not in attendance.

Council Member Drake also commented on the wonderful 4th of July, his mother was here and took a ride on the Hovercraft with her.

Council Member Shantz recognized the Parks & Recreation Department for their great work on the 4th of July festivities. Commented on the weather and reminded everyone to wear their personal flotation devices when on the water.

Council Member Jacobs thanked the Napakiak residents for their 4th of July activities on July 5th. Spoke on the Donlin Creek project and expressed his hope that Governor Murkowski would advise our region on the good and negative impacts that the Donlin Creek project will have for all of us.

Council Member Berger complemented the Parks & Recreation and thanked the volunteers in helped in the 4th of July activities. Senator Lisa Murkowski will be in our region mid-August. Also Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman will be a guest speaker at an August Chamber of Commerce luncheon. In addition, Commissioner Marc Antrim of the Department of Corrections will be a future August speaker at the Chamber. Also reported that Anchorage People Mover has begun to provide bus service between downtown, the Dimond Center and the airport. During the month of July, this service is free.

Mayor Short also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department, volunteers and the Police Department for their fine work during the 4th of July.

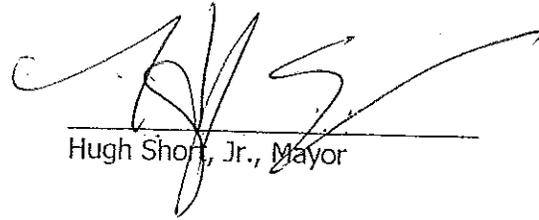
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adjourn the meeting
SECONDED BY:	Shantz	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

APPROVED THIS ____ **day of** ____ **2003.**



Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Janette Persinger, City Clerk