

City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

April 29, 2006

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 29, 2006, at 9:00am, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 9:34am

ROLL CALL

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

David E. Trantham Andrew McGowan
 R. Thor Williams
 Dan Leinberger

Absence (s):

Mary Kenick
 Hugh Dymont
 Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

Also in attendance were the following:

Wally Baird, City Manager
 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk
 Sharon Sigmon, Staff Attorney

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Cezary Maczynski addressed Council to speak in opposition of the current road conditions and suggested that we run the road graders in the evening instead of the morning after the evening freeze.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED:	McGowan	To approve the agenda for the April 29, 2006 Special Council meeting.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
MOVED:	Trantham	To reduce the time allotted for each department by 50%.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON SECONDARY MOTION	Failed	2-2 (No: Leinberger & Williams)
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

MOVED:	McGowan	To declassify the confidential memorandum from the City Attorney dated 4/27/06.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed	1-3 (No: Williams)

MOVED:	Trantham	To accept the budget as presented.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed	2-2 (No: Leinberger & Williams)

MOVED:	Leinberger	To direct the City attorney to release the confidential memorandum on Monday, 5/1/06, given to Council on 4/27/06.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	4-0

Council concurred to recess from 9:58am until 10:17am

NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Capitol Improvements

Council discussed Capitol Improvements projects for the upcoming FY07 Budget.

- \$250,000 to streets & roads from the budget reserve
- \$250,000-streets & roads-3 trucks, 2 sanders/plow
- \$150,000 Fire Department roof
- \$20,000 Calcium Chloride
- \$35,000 Animal Control Vehicle
- \$40,000 Sodium Chloride
- \$5,000 Parks & Recreation Grant Match
- \$10,000 Computer System Upgrade-PD

MOVED:	Trantham	To make Hoffman, Willow, Akiak, and the mid section of Ptarmigan road the top priority for streets & roads.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Unanimous

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve \$5,000 for the Parks & Recreation grant match
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Unanimous

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve \$35,000 for the Police Department Animal Control Vehicle
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Unanimous

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve \$10,000 for the Police Department Computer System Upgrade.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Unanimous

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve \$22,000 from the fund balance to purchase a new vehicle for the City Manager.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed	2-2 (No: McGowan & Williams)

MOVED:	McGowan	To fix the Fire Department Roof for \$150,000.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Unanimous

Council concurred to recess from 11:55a until 12:07p

MOVED:	Leinberger	to approve the expenditure of \$80,000-Calcium Chloride, \$40,000-Sodium Chloride and two streets & roads trucks unless we get the community dividend, if received, then the 3 rd truck would be approved
SECONDED:	McGowan	
MOVED:	Leinberger	To amend the motion by removing the three trucks from the main motion.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed	2-2 (No: Trantham & Williams)
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Unanimous

Council concurred to break for lunch from 12:33 until 1:38p

Item B- Budget Philosophy, General Fund and Revenue, Special Funds and Accounts

City Manager addressed Council to discuss the Budget Philosophy.

Finance Director Walters addressed Council to discuss the General Fund and Revenue.

Item C-Department Budget Review

Public Works Department

MOVED:	McGowan	To keep the maintenance position and task him with the fire department roof.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	unanimous

MOVED:	Trantham	To add a Mechanic I Oiler position from page 70.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Unanimous
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Unanimous

MOVED:	Leinberger	to change the shift differential to \$5,000 and the overtime \$10,000
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Failed	1-3 (Yes: Williams)

Council concurred to recess from 3:04p until 3:17p

MOVED:	McGowan	To increase the Hauled Water & Sewer line 563 by \$3000 per department and increase piped water and sewer to \$1800 per department
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Unanimous

MOVED:	Trantham	To place \$30,000 in an unnumbered line item (possibly 648) for contract hauling of sand.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Unanimous
MOVED:	McGowan	to amend the motion to increase the amount

SECONDED:	Leinberger	to \$50,000
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Unanimous
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MOVED:	Leinberger	To postpone this budget meeting until Thursday, May 4 th , 6:30p to obtain additional budget information.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed	3-1 (No: Trantham)

Fire Department

MOVED:	Trantham	To accept the Fire Department budget as presented.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed	2-2 (No: Williams & Leinberger)

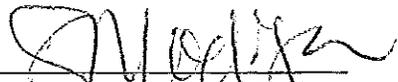
MOVED:	McGowan	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed	3-1(No :Trantham)

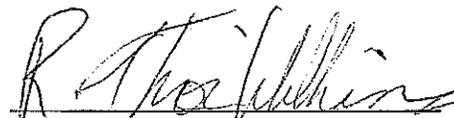
Mayor Williams exited the meeting, due to a lack of a quorum at that time the meeting adjourned at 4:08p.

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:08p

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF MAY, 2006.

ATTEST:


Sandra Anderson, City Clerk


R. Thor Williams, Mayor