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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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June 24, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 24, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Berger 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
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers	

Excused absence(s): Joy Shantz  
Unexcused absence(s): Hugh Short, Jr.

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager  
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodgers	To remove the time limit under People to Be Heard and during Reports of Standing Committees
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by council consensus.
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### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Item A – Award of Excellence presented to the City of Bethel from the Americans for Non-Smokers Rights

Former Mayor Agnes Phillips and Vice-Mayor Berger accepted the award from Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation regarding the Americans for Non-Smokers Rights.

Agnes Phillips expanded on the history of the originating ordinance.

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- A. Howard Morris, Chief of Police: Swearing in of new office**
  - Vice-Mayor Berger swore in the four new police officers – Josh Trigg, Kelly Grimes, William Perry and Derek Davidson.
- B. Cindy Andrecheck: Unauthorized tree removal**
  - Stated that trees were removed from her property during the process of surveying
  - Asked that City communicate with it's citizens

- Asked for clarification regarding the changing of the boardwalk
  - *Discussion and questions from the City Manager and Council ensued*
- C. Agnes Phillips: Courtesy**
- Stated her support of the police department and their professionalism
  - Explained her recent contact with a Bethel police officer
  - Spoke of her subsistence activities
  - Thanked the police officer for his courtesy and professionalism
  - Explained her experience with a purchase involving a clerk with the lack of courtesy
  - Asked that persons be observant of others

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the amended minutes of the 6-10-03 regular meeting and 6-18-03 special meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the agenda as amended
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jacobs	

Correction to the approval of minutes – approving the minutes of the 6-10-03 regular meeting

M/M by Trantham to remove items B & C from the consent agenda.

Seconded by Jacobs.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Included in the Mayor’s report:

- Letter and certificate from Bethel Council On The Arts
- Letter from Bill Sharrow, Special Assistant to Congressman Don Young re: Resolution #03-19

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To appoint Dorothy Vasquez to the Parks & Recreation Committee and Donna Chris to the Port Commission
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**MANAGEMENT TEAM’S REPORT**

City Manager Herron’s report included the following:

- Explained the Council requested \$300,000 reduction of the General Fund Balance
- Correspondence with Clint Farr Re: Rural Alaska Transition Plan to Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel
- RFP for legal services
- Personnel matters
- Travel status

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Senior Advisory Board**

Council Member Berger stated that the Board met on June 9, 2003 and reported on the state of the activity at the Senior Center.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Council Member Jacobs stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee held their meeting today with a tour of the parks. The parks tour will continue at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

### **Planning Commission**

Council Member Shantz was not in attendance.

### **Port Commission**

Council Member Rodgers stated that the Port Commission met on June 16, 2003 and highlighted the draft minutes.

### **Public Works Committee**

Council Member Trantham reported that the Public Works Committee met on June 17, 2003 and highlighted the draft minutes of that meeting. He also spoke of the desire to begin a Utilities Commission.

### **Public Safety and Transportation Commission**

Council Member Drake stated that the Public Safety and Transportation Commission has not held a meeting since the previous council and stated that the next meeting would be on July 1, 2003.

### **Finance Committee**

Mayor Short was not in attendance.

*A break was taken from 7:34 p.m. to 7:39 p.m.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item A – Discussion item – Port Assets**

Council Member Rodgers stated that the Port has received a 275' conveyer belt in lieu of payment of a debt and stated that there has been a monetary loss to the Port Department because the belt went to another department. When it is necessary for the Port to use it, the belt is in need of repair.

City Manager Herron stated that all of the assets are the City's and that the City used all of its resources to recuperate the debt that was owed to the City. City Manager Herron went onto state the need of the City to mix its own sand and further explained the benefits of the use of the asset. City Manager Herron has spoken to each department regarding the borrowing of other department's equipment and will be speaking to each department further.

Council Member Rodgers asked about the manner in which the payment was listed on the "books". Rob Strahan stated that the asset is listed by the department; however the asset is not the ownership of the department. The equipment may be used elsewhere. He further stated that the value of the asset is more than the amount of the bill. The City did not gain the revenue but the asset.

**Item B – Resolution #03-22: Supporting the Bethel Fire Department in their efforts to work in conjunction with the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation in seeking grant monies for Phase III of the Code Blue Project**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To adopt resolution #03-22
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jacobs	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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**Item C – Resolution #03-23: Supporting the Bethel Fire Department in their efforts to seek grant monies from the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To adopt resolution #03-23
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodgers	To suspend the rules to allow George Dahl to speak the members of council and the listening public
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Trantham	

Mr. Dahl greeted the council and explained his purpose for being in Bethel.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**Item D – 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**

*Ordinance #03-11 was introduced and set for public hearing on July 8, 2003 under the consent agenda.*

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Berger** thanked the City Clerk for her service. Commented on the subject of courtesy and the City’s responsibilities.

**Council Member Shantz** was not in attendance.

**Mayor Short** was not in attendance.

**Council Member Jacobs** commented on the actions of the City Clerk. Thanked the students that he met in Quinhagak and their demonstration of their abilities. Council Member Jacobs asked that the activities of July 4, 2003 be broadcasted so that all members of the public may be informed to the activities.

**Council Member Drake** commented on his receipt of a registered letter from Bethel Utilities.

**Council Member Trantham** commented on the calls that he has received from citizens regarding the budget and Boys & Girls Club. Council Member Trantham stated that cooperation and understanding go a long way. Council Member Trantham further stated the need to make Bethel a friendlier place and voiced his concerns regarding the City Attorney process.

**Council Member Rodgers** commented on the state of fishing and questioned the cost of \$35,000 per hook up for the water and sewer system.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adjourn the meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003.**

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Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janette Persinger, City Clerk