
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 10, 2007 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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 Trantham
Vice-Mayor Rodgers (arrived at 6:37p and departed at 7:50p.)

ABSENT: Council Member Kenick
Council Member Middlebrook

STAFF: City Manager Baird
City Attorney Sigmon
City Clerk Modigh

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Brian Lefforts, YKHC Injury Prevention Coordinator, addressed Council to speak in opposition of the requested budget cuts for City Departments, specifically the Police Department. Mr. Lefforts stated that Council needs to consider what's in the best interest of the community.
2. Mark Springer addressed Council to speak in favor of ordinance 07-09 on behalf of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission. Mr. Springer stated that the Commission and the Chief of Police does not have an issue with Council bringing in outside agencies to address the cold case issues. Mr. Springer also stated that he agrees with Mr. Lefforts in regards to budget cuts that affect the Police Department and would like to see Council show their appreciation for the Police Department. Mr. Springer invited Council Members to tour the current Police Building to support a new Public Safety Building. Mr. Springer inquired about a park in Kasayuli Subdivision. Mr. Springer gave kudos to the people at the McCann Treatment Center that worked on eliminating the amount of fox's in Kasayuli and also to Bethel Search & Rescue for picking him up from being stranded in the Tundra.
3. Willie Keppel addressed Council to speak in favor of the City of Bethel joining the Renewable Energy Alaska Project. Mr. Keppel inquired as to why the People's Learning Center is not participating in local hire and suggested that the City of Bethel,

as a Board Member, bring this to their attention. Mr. Keppel spoke in opposition of Resolution 07-17.

4. Ray Watson, Chairman of ONC, addressed Council to speak in opposition of ordinance 07-09 until more information is provided to the community. Mr. Watson thanked ONC for accepting the fuel oil distribution on behalf of the City of Bethel. Mr. Watson stated that ONC has contributed to the betterment of the community by providing funding for the Fire House roof using the ICDBG Grant. Mr. Watson stated that we all need to keep in mind to be fair in regards to the reward offered by the City of Bethel for the taxi driver that was recently murdered.
5. Brandon Leary, Chairman of the Port Commission, addressed Council to speak in favor of and further explain Resolution 07-17.
6. Vicki Malone addressed Council to speak in favor of Resolution 07-19.
7. Lamont Albertson, Executive Director of Yuut, addressed Council to speak in favor of and to further explain and answer any questions regarding Resolution 07-19.
8. Greg Rodzicka addressed Council to speak in favor of Resolution 07-17.
9. Louis Mallet Jr. addressed Council to state that he supports a community transit system and

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	McGowan	To approve the Regular and Consent Agenda for the April 10, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as amended by removing meeting minutes from 3/13/07 & 3/27/07 from the consent agenda.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
MOVED:	Trantham	To move the Mayors Report to Item C under Unfinished Business.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion failed 3/1 with Mayor Leinberger voting in the negative.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion Passed Unanimously 4/0 with None voting in the negative.	

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A-Award of Appreciation Presentation For The Former Administrative Committee

Mayor Leinberger presented the former Administrative Committee with individual Awards of Appreciation as well as a plaque for the entire committee.

Item B-National Volunteer Week Proclamation, April 15-21, 2007

Mayor Leinberger proclaimed April 15-21, 2007, National Volunteer Week for the City of Bethel.

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To take a 10 minute recess.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion Passed Unanimously 4/0 with None voting in the negative.		

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item A-3/13/07 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To approve the meeting minutes from 3/13/07 & 3/7/07
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
<i>Motion failed for lack of a second</i>		

MOVED:	McGowan	To postpone the 3/13/07 & 3/27/07 meeting minutes until the 4/24/07 Council meeting.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion failed 3/1 with Mayor Leinberger voting in the negative.		

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To approve the council meeting minutes from 3/13/07.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
MOVED:		
SECONDED:	Trantham	To amend the minutes to reflect that Council Member Trantham did not have an opportunity to speak under Council Member Comments.
	McGowan	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion Failed 2/2 with Council Member Jorgensen and Mayor Leinberger voting in the negative.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion failed 3/1 with Council Member Trantham voting in the negative.

Item B-3/27/07 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To approve the meeting minutes from 3/27/07.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
MOVED:	Trantham	To amend the meeting minutes to reflect that Council Member Trantham requested to be excused from the meeting.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion failed 3/1 with Mayor Leinberger voting in the negative.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion failed 3/1 with Council Member Trantham voting in the negative.	

MOVED:	McGowan	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion failed 3/1 with Mayor Leinberger voting in the negative.	

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 07-17: A Resolution Approving An Increase In The Port Of Bethel Fuel Through-Put Tax

MOVED:	Kenick	To adopt resolution 07-17: A Resolution Approving An Increase In The Port Of Bethel Fuel Through-Put Tax
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
<i>Original motion was made at the 3/27/07 meeting, however, the meeting adjourned during the motion and the motion rolled over to the 4/10/07 meeting.</i>		
MOVED:	Trantham	To table resolution 07-17 until the 4/27/07 council meeting
SECONDED:	McGowan	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion Passed Unanimously 4/0 with None voting in the negative.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Resolution tabled until 4/10/07</i>

Item B-July 2006 City of Bethel Bid For Sodium Chloride & Calcium Chloride

Council discussed nominating a presiding officer due to Mayor Leinberger's conflict of interest.

Council Member McGowan departed the meeting at 8:56p.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction of Ordinance 07-09: An Ordinance Amending 5.20.020 Of The Bethel Municipal Code Increasing Taxi Cab Rates

Ordinance 07-09 was introduced on the consent agenda

Item B- Resolution 07-18: A Resolution Supporting The City's Preparation And Submission Of An FY 2008 Alaska Community Transportation Grant Application To Obtain Transit System operating Funds

Resolution 07-18 was adopted on the consent agenda

Item C- Resolution 07-19: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council To Support A Joint Agreement Between Yuut Elitnaurvait & The City Of Bethel To Apply For An Economic Development Administration Grant

Resolution 07-19 was adopted on the consent agenda

The meeting adjourned at 8:56p due to a lack of a quorum.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF APRIL 2007.

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor