City of Bethel, Alaska
City Council Minutes

September 7, 2004 Special Meeting Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 7, 2004, at 12:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Short called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Hugh Dyment	Dave Trantham
Hugh Short, Jr.	Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers (telephonic)
Michael O'Brien	R. Thor Williams
Andrei Jacobs	

Also in attendance was the following:

Robert Herron, City Manager

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Bonnie Gregory
   - Stated that she is opposed to Ordinance #04-23.
   - Shared her childhood memories of when Bethel had a liquor store.
   - Noted the negative social impacts that alcohol would have on the community.

2. Sherri Neth
   - Expressed her strong opposition to Ordinance #04-23.
   - Clarified the difference liquor store and alcohol delivery site and stated that she is opposed to the liquor store but in support of a delivery site.
   - Stated her opposition to the procedure of Council trying to put Ordinance #04-23 on the Ballot

3. Will Updegrove
   - Stated his disappointment in the Council in the procedure they were taking to put Ordinance #04-23 on the ballot.
   - Stated that he does not think the process in which Council is taking is legal.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve agenda for September 7, 2004 Special Meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance #04-23 as Amended: An Ordinance to place on the October 5, 2004 Municipal election ballot the question of whether to approve a City owned liquor store that is operated by the City through a contractor, as well as an advisory vote question of whether to establish an alcohol beverage delivery site, and to exempt this ordinance from the provisions of the Bethel Municipal Code Section 7.10.070 which requires adopting an ordinance containing a ballot question at least 45 days before the ballot question is to be voted upon.

1. Chrissie Christiansen
   - Stated her opposition to the City liquor store.
   - Shared her memories of her childhood and the less fortunate children of alcoholic families.
2. Ollie Olson
   - Stated the Council needs to make up their mind in if they are going to follow the law.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To recess the September 7, 2004, meeting until 6:30 PM on September 7, 2004.
SECONDED BY:	Jacobs	

Council Members discussed whether or not to continue the meeting until 6:30 PM.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion fails 3-4 (No – Rodgers, Jacobs, O'Brien, Short)

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To adopt Ordinance #04-23.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

Council Members discussed the issue of voting at the Noon meeting and not having the meeting continued until 6:30 PM.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion fails 3-4 (No – Trantham, Jacobs, O'Brien, Short).

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Jacob	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote 7-0

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF September 2004.

ATTEST:

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

Selena Malone, City Clerk