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# City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

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May 22, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 22, 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, the following members of Council were present:

**PRESENT:** Council Member Jorgensen  
Council Member Kenick  
Mayor Leinberger  
Council Member Middlebrook  
Council Member Trantham

**ABSENT:** Vice-Mayor Rodgers  
Council Member McGowan

**STAFF:** City Manager Baird  
City Attorney Sigmon

## **III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

1. Former Mayor R. Thor Williams addressed Council to speak on behalf of the positive aspects of the community. Mr. Williams also discussed the physical responsibility of the Council, Department Heads, and the City Manager to the community. Mr. Williams requested that the Council hold regular meetings to address the budget. Mr. Williams spoke in opposition to providing additional land for the assisted living facility. Mr. Williams stated his concerns regarding the water & sewer rates. Mr. Williams advised the Council and the community of Foster Appreciation Month and thanked the community foster families. Mr. Williams advised Council not to address the taxi fare increases.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Kenick	To approve the Regular and Consent Agenda for the May 22, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as amended, removing resolution 07-21 & 07-22 from the consent agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Passed Unanimously 5/0		

**V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Item A-5/8/07 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**

*Council concurred to approve the 5/8/07 meeting minutes*

**VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Item A-Resolution 07-21: A Resolution Requesting Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Funding Through The State of Alaska, Village Safe Water Program**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To approve resolution 07-21: A Resolution Requesting Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Funding Through The State of Alaska, Village Safe Water Program
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Kenick	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Passed Unanimously 5/0		

**Item B-Resolution 07-22: A Resolution Requesting (Planning) Project Funding Through The State Of Alaska, Village Safe Water Program**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To approve resolution 07-22: A Resolution Requesting (Planning) Project Funding Through The State Of Alaska, Village Safe Water Program
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Trantham	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Passed Unanimously 5/0		

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 3 Of Ordinance 07-08 For The Planning, Construction, Operation, And Maintenance Of A Multiuse Recreation Center**

**Public Hearing:**

*None*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To approve ordinance 07-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 3 Of Ordinance 07-08 For The Planning, Construction, Operation, And Maintenance Of A Multiuse Recreation Center
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Passed 3-2 (No: Kenick & Trantham)		

**Item B- Renewal Of City Manager**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To discuss the City Managers contract
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Passed Unanimously 5/0		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	To plan for an evaluation for the City Manager at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Council meeting in June.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Trantham	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Failed 3-2 (Yes: Trantham & Jorgensen)		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To extend the City Managers existing contract to June 30, 2009
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keinck	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Passed 4-1 (No: Trantham)		

**Council concurred to take a 10 minute recess**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Kenick	To reconsider the vote on ordinance 07-10
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Passed Unanimously 5/0		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Kenick	To approve ordinance 07-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 3 Of Ordinance 07-08 For The Planning, Construction, Operation, And Maintenance Of A Multiuse Recreation Center
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Kenick	To amend ordinance 07-10 to have a 1% sales tax increase for 2 yrs for planning, construction, operation & costs and a .5% sales tax increase for the next 18 yrs for operation & maintenance costs.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	

<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed 4-1 (No: Trantham)
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**Item C- Vision 2025**

Council Member Trantham addressed Council regarding the 2025 Plan

<b>MOVED:</b>	Trantham	To send the 2025 Plan to the Planning Commission to take a look at the plan and provide council their comments.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Kenick	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To request that the Planning Department put the plan in better preserved form
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	

<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed Unanimously 5/0
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<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	To preserve the youth letters
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Trantham	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed Unanimously 5/0	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed Unanimously 5/0	

#### Item D- Upcoming AML Travel

Council Member Trantham urged all Council Member and the Mayor to attend the Summer AML Meeting

Council Member Trantham advised Council that he will not be running for his seat on the AML Board and urged someone from Bethel to run.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To approve travel for any Council Member that may want to attend the Summer AML Meeting
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Kenick	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed Unanimously 5/0	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To approve travel for the City Manager to attend the Summer AML Meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Kenick	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed Unanimously 5/0	

#### Item E- Car Crusher Purchase

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	To reject the offer from Mr. Salsbrun to purchase the car crusher
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Kenick	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Motion Passed Unanimously 5/0	

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### **Item A- Introduction Of Ordinance 07-11: An Ordinance Prohibiting Toxic Substances From Being Transported Through, Used, Discharged, Or generated Within The City Limits Of The City Of Bethel**

*Ordinance 07-11 was introduced on the consent agenda and set for public hearing on June 12, 2007.*

### **Item B- Introduction Of Ordinance 07-12: An Ordinance Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Beginning July 1, 2007**

*Ordinance 07-12 was introduced on the consent agenda and set for public hearing on June 12, 2007.*

### **Item C- Introduction Of Ordinance 07-13: An Ordinance Prohibiting Payment Of Any Demand Which Does Not Have Proper Supporting Documentation**

*Ordinance 07-13 was introduced on the consent agenda and set for public hearing on June 12, 2007.*

## IX. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Middlebrook)** advised Council that the Commission discussed the following at their last meeting:

- Cab industry
- Ordinance to eliminate the trip sheets
- Taxi cab business licenses
- Pedestrian safety

**Finance Committee (Council Member Trantham)** advised Council that the committee has not met since the last Council Meeting.

**Alaska Municipal League (Council Member Trantham)**

- SB 125 PERS Funding
- SB 72 Revenue Sharing

**Cemetery Committee (Mayor Leinberger)** advised Council that the committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

**Port Commission (Council Member Kenick)** advised Council that she was not in attendance at the last Port Commission meeting.

**Parks & Recreation Committee (Council Member Jorgensen)** advised Council that the committee discussed the following at their last committee meeting:

- Vacancies
- Clean-up Green-up

**X. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Served breakfast for children of deployed parents with the 4-H
- Letter from Sen. Murkowski re: passed exemption
- Thank you letter to Sen. Stevens re: postal rate relief

**XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Trantham	To approve the City Managers travel and to place the City Attorney as the Acting City Manager during his absence.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Kenick	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Passed Unanimously 5/0		

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Trantham**

- Loose dogs could bite
- Dust control-thank you
- Transparency

**Council Member Middlebrook-no comment**

**Council Member Jorgensen-no comment**

**Mayor Leinberger-no comment**

**Council Member Kenick-no comment**

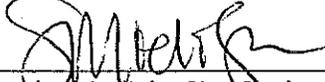
**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	To adjourn the meeting at 9:25p.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Motion Passed Unanimously 5/0.	

**With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:25p**

**APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2007.**

ATTEST:

  
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

  
Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor