

City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 9, 2010 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order at 6:30p.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Allen Hippler
 Council Member Beverly Hoffman
 Mayor Joseph Klejka
 Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook
 Council Member Heather Pike
 Council Member Richard Robb
 Council Member Williams

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Lee Foley
 City Clerk Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD-

No one wished to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Williams	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to move item G, Annual Pay Increase For The City Clerk, Contingent On The Passage Of A Satisfactory Evaluation From The City Council, to follow the Executive Session.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Robb	Remove Resolutions 10-19 and 10-20 from the consent agenda.
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Remove Resolution 10-21 from the consent agenda.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A - Debrief From Stacie Toner, Community Service Patrol Grant Administrator.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A- 02/23/2010 Regular City Council Meeting.

Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 10-07: Adopting A Land Use Amendment To The City’s 1997 Comprehensive Plan Pertaining To Intoxicating Beverages.

Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.

No one wished to be heard.

Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adopt Ordinance 10-07.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to insert "Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-2 Motion passes, Robb and Middlebrook opposed	

I. NEW BUSINESS

Item A - Resolution 10-19: Creating A Separate Fund To Place Revenue Collected From One Half Of One Percent Sales Tax Rate To The Operation, Maintenance Of The BATH Facility.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to adopt Resolution 10-19.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Laurie Walters.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to amend, to insert "planning construction operation and maintenance" of the multiuse facility.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion ruled out of order.	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to refer to the Finance and Parks and Recreation Committees for review and advice.
SECONDED:	Pike	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend, to have the resolution come to the council by the second meeting in April.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION	5-2 Motion passes Hoffman and Williams opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	2-5 Motion fails, Hoffman and Robb in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Hoffman opposed	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to take a ten minute break.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Hoffman Klejka and Hippler opposed.	

Item B - Resolution 10-20: Cama-i Dance Festival Donation In The Amount Of Sales Tax Collected On Admissions Sold To Attend The Festival.

MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to adopt Resolution 10-20.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item C – Resolution 10-21: Proceeding With The BATH 95% Completion.

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to adopt Resolution 10-21.
SECONDED:	Pike	
MOVED:	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from John Sargent the Grants Manager.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Pike	Motion to table Resolution 10-21 until the first meeting in May.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON TABLING MOTION	4-3 Motion passes, Middlebrook, Robb and Hoffman opposed	

Item D- AM 10-11: Bulletin Board To Display Each Council Members Photos And Interested, Get To Know Your Council Members

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve AM 10-11.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Klejka opposed	

Item E - AM 10-12: Approving The Hiring Of K&L Gates, Joan Trovostino, To Work On The Easement Purchases For The Port Facilities.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve AM 10-12.
SECONDED:	Pike	

MOVED:	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Port Director, Pet Williams.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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Item F- AM 10-13 Approval Of The City Of Bethel Equal Opportunity Policy.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve AM 10-13.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item H- Personal Leave Request For The City Clerk June 5th-16th.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the City Clerk's personal leave request.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

II. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission –

- Still pursuing grants for the grant stabilization.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission-

- Cabs had a fare war and the outcome of that, there were 12 permits surrendered to the Police Department. One more will be submitted shortly.
- Private Bus and the bus operating as a cab.
- Cab rates.
- One vacancy and two alternates on the Commission.

Public Works Committee –

- No Report

Planning Commission –

- Amendment to the City of Bethel Plan and incorporated alcohol.
- Donut Hole

Finance Committee-

- Sales tax and delinquencies.

Cemetery Committee-

- No Report

Parks and Recreation Committee-

- No Report

III. MAYOR'S REPORT

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT

V. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Council Member Williams –

- No Comment

Council Member Pike –

- Big thanks to the Yellow Ribbon Program and their efforts in assisting the Territorial Guard and Veterans.

Council Member Robb-

- The BATH Facility has a lot of community support even from everyone on the council. The finances of the facility is a major concern for members of the council and community.
- Good luck to local mushers out on the Iditarod trail.
- Cama-i festival coming up.

Vice-Mayor Middlebrook –

- Be safe out there.

Mayor Klejka –

- This was a very thought out meeting and very important.
- Wish the best to the young mushers out there.
- The community needs to talk to the council members about what they want with regard to the BATH Facility.

Council Member Hoffman-

- The BATH Facility is an emotional issue. There are conflicting thoughts on this issue, if people are not in support of this project they need to come forward and inform the council members.
- Solicitation of support to other people in the community will be a priority.

Council Member Hippler-

- Many old arguments were brought up during the discussion of the BATH Facility. Some believe the plan is ambitious and costly to counter that, there is \$500,000 budgeted annually. The money for the 95% is saved already. If it is determined that it isn't possible to secure construction grants without going to the 95% level then spending the \$500,000 to get to the 95% level will be something to support. Hopefully the City will begin to secure funds prior to making that commitment.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to extend the meeting past 10:00p.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

MOVED:	Middlebrook	<p>Motion to go into executive session -</p> <p>Item A- Matters Pertaining To The Corporation's Legal Position; Legal Strategies On Contractual Agreement With Property Owners To Establish Land Use For The Purpose Of 2010 Water And Sewer System Improvements.</p> <p>Item B-Matters, Unless The Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed in public, subjects that tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A person- City Clerk Annual Evaluation.</p> <p>Item C-Matters, Matters That, By Law Or Municipal Charter Or Ordinance, Are Permitted To Be Kept Confidential From Public Disclosure; BMC 4.16.260 Disposition Of Tax Information -AM</p>
SECONDED:	Pike	

	10-13: Nicholson's Auto.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A- Matters Pertaining To The Corporation's Legal Position; Legal Strategies On Contractual Agreement With Property Owners To Establish Land Use For The Purpose Of 2010 Water And Sewer System Improvements.

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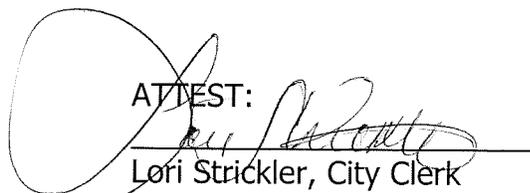
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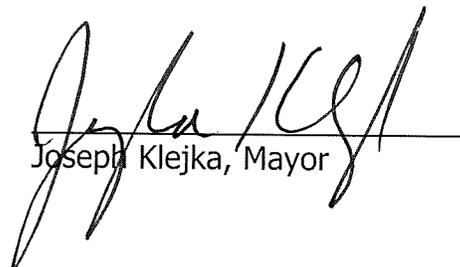
Item G- Annual Pay Increase For City Clerk, Contingent On The Passage Of A Satisfactory Evaluation From The City Council.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the annual pay increase for the City Clerk.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

 Lori Strickler, City Clerk


 Joseph Klejka, Mayor