
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2006

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 12, 2006 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members present:

Mayor R. Thor Williams
Council Member Hugh Dymont
Council Member Dan Leinberger
Council Member Andrew McGowan
Council Member Dave Trantham
Vice-Mayor Mary Kenick

Members absent:

Council Member Tundy Rodgers

Others present:

City Clerk Sandra Modigh
City Attorney Sharon Sigmon
City Manager Wally Baird

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Willie Keppel addressed Council to state that he has been working long and hard with the Alternative Energy committee and they are ready for phase 1. Mr. Keppel also stated that at the last meeting City Council laid into the City Manager regarding the Court House Expansion and that he has pulled past City Council meeting minutes and resolutions showing that Council has approved and directed the City Manager to proceed with this project.
2. Agnes Pete Phillips addressed Council to state that she is pleased to be in attendance and wanted to thank Council and Administration for their hard work and professionalism. Mrs. Phillips stated that she was here to speak on behalf of the police department. Mrs. Phillips stated that she would like

to see the department fully funded because they are the one who enforce our laws and protect our community. Mrs. Phillips also thanked the candidates that are running for Council and spoke in support of the City and the community and advised everyone to take care of their community.

3. Bob Herron addressed Council to remind City Council and the community that we forgot about the September 11th memorial. Mr. Herron stated that the City of Bethel, 5 yrs ago held an acknowledgement to remember the tragic event. Mr. Herron stated that we should all be thankful for what we have here within our community but we should still keep in mind the broader picture.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGUALR AGENDA

MOVED:	Dyment	To approve the agenda for the September 12, 2006 Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting as amended removing ordinance 06-12 (c) from the consent agenda
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
MOVED:	Trantham	To amend the agenda to move the Mayor's Report to be addressed after the Special Order of Business
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 2 - 4 McGowan, Trantham voting for.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 5 - 1 Trantham voting against.	

IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Presentation By Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Executive Director Deven Mitchell

Deven Mitchell, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Executive Director, addressed Council to to review the basics of Bond Banking Financing including: bond financing, capital expenditure policy issues (pay-as-you-go or pay-as-you-use), bond structure and vocabulary, general obligation vs. revenue bonds, certificates of participation, credit review process, and the benefits of using a Bond Bank. (Mr. Mitchell provided Council a pamphlet to follow along with his presentation).

Council and Mr. Mitchell discussed the pros and cons of the Bond Bank and timelines.

MOVED:	Trantham	To complete all work on all agenda items prior to adjournment tonight.
SECONDED:		
<i>Council concurred to recess from 7:49p until 8:03p</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Motion ruled out of order</i>	

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item A-8/29/06 Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes approved/ revised on the consent agenda

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 06-21: An Ordinance Amending Section 10.02.455 Of The Bethel Municipal Code Pertaining To The Operation Of Snowmobiles And Other Off-Highway Vehicles On Highway And Other Locations

Public Hearing:

1. Dario Notti requested more copies of the ordinance be provided to the community prior to public hearing.

MOVED:	Leinberger	To suspend the rules to address item B prior to item A.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

Item B- Approval Of Renegotiated Alaska Court System Lease

MOVED:	Dyment	To approve the lease with the court system with a cap on electricity costs and a renegotiation clause after the first two years based on a weighted consumer price index as amended.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	

MOVED:	Leinberger	To cap the electricity costs at \$90,000
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	
MOVED:	Leinberger	To amend the motion to use a regional CPI & depreciation as an expense used in calculating breakeven costs for purposes of establishing lease revenue.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Motion Failed for lack of a second</i>	
MOVED:	Dyment	To amend the motion to be specific regarding using a regional Consumer Prince Index.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
MOVED:	Kenick	To amend the amendment to use the Consumer Price Index Bethel based.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Amendment to amendment supersedes amendment</i>	
MOVED:	Dyment	To direct the City Manager to make his best effort to include depreciation in his negotiations with the State
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.
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Item C- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 06-21: An Ordinance Amending Section 10.02.455 Of The Bethel Municipal Code Pertaining To The Operation Of Snowmobiles And Other Off-Highway Vehicles On Highway And Other Locations

Additional public hearing is set for 9/26/06

Public Hearing:

1. Dario Notti addressed Council regarding his areas of concern within the ordinance.
2. John O'Brien addressed Council to state his areas of opposition regarding the current language of ordinance 06-21.
3. Peter Jacobs Sr. to address Council to speak in favor of ordinance 06-21.
4. Galin Dierksen addressed Council to request additional amendments to the ordinance prior to adoption and to point out his areas of concern.
5. Bob Graham addressed Council to speak in favor of ordinance 06-21.
6. Agnes Pete Philips addressed Council to speak in opposition of ordinance 06-21.

MOVED:	Dyment	To amend the ordinance by striking the new language of ordinance 06-21, Section 2. #5
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

MOVED:	Dyment	To amend Section 6-Effective Date by striking "immediately upon" to "one month after"
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

MOVED:	Leinberger	To amend the ordinance to insert "upon the fourth offense" after the word cited and before the word under to Section 5 part 2
SECONDED:	Dyment	
MOVED:	Leinberger	To table the amendment until the next City Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	
<i>Vice Mayor Kenick departed the meeting at 9:37p.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Amendment suspended until the next City Council meeting	

Council Concurred to recess from 9:38p until 9:51p

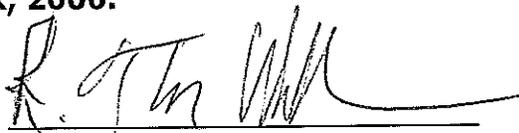
MOVED:	Dyment	To attach a map of the roads impacted by ordinance 06-21.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

MOVED:	Dyment	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 4 - 1 Williams voting against.	

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


R. Thor Williams, Mayor