

Introduced by: Eric Middlebrook, Mayor  
Date: February 26, 2008  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 7-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 08-05**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO REIMBURSE THE BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED**

**WHEREAS**, the city of bethel is requesting from the state an annual total of \$380,000 for the continued dispatch and communication service for the department of public safety and other enforcement agencies;

**WHEREAS**, an initial contract began in July 2006, prior to that contract services were provided free of charge, thereafter an annual service contract was put into place for those duties, the fees totaling \$39,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the communication center at the bethel police department filters calls and requests from and for the department of public safety and other enforcement agencies 24 hours a day;

**WHEREAS**, with almost 69,000 total calls for service for a period of three (3) years the bethel police department serviced over 6,000 calls for the Alaska state troopers alone;

**WHEREAS**, the city of bethel has encumbered additional duties as part of the special services contract, which were not expected during contract agreement, including radio dispatch during non-contract and contract hours; assisting on-call department of public safety personnel with additional phone responses and documentation of these calls for service, and assisting with search and rescue personnel and monitoring assignment of said personnel for documentation;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of maintaining secured data access to the Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) and user fees are being encumbered solely by the Bethel Police department;

**WHEREAS**, over the years the equipment used to provide these services has become outdated, the cost of the repairs to this equipment is estimated over \$50,000.00, the parts are expensive and difficult to find and the cost for upkeep needed for this type of equipment has and will continue to rise;

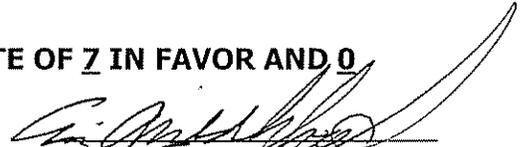
**WHEREAS**, with the extended services provided to the department of public safety and other enforcement agencies outside the scope of the contract and the ongoing issues of

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the equipment the funds provided under the contract are inadequate to appropriately service the needs asked of the bethel police department by the state.

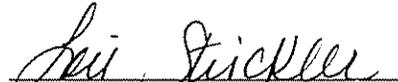
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the city of bethel requests additional compensation for the current special service contract so the bethel police department may support the department of public safety in providing essential services to the people and communities of the Yukon Kuskokwim delta.

**ENACTED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**



Eric Middlebrook., Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk