

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager  
Date: June 22, 2010  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 6-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 10-36**

#### **BETHEL AQUATIC TRAINING AND HEALTH CENTER CONSTRUCTION FUNDING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development, Facilities Program offers grants for the construction of public facilities;

**WHEREAS**, facilities that meet health and safety needs of the community are more likely to be funded;

**WHEREAS**, as an eligible grant applicant, the City of Bethel must describe the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center project in terms of its priority for water safety instruction, swimming lessons, lifeguard training, and a place where people can exercise, lift weights, lose weight, and improve overall fitness;

**WHEREAS**, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 added over \$1 billion to the USDA grant programs, thereby increasing the amount of grant funds the City of Bethel can receive for a project from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000;

**WHEREAS**, the USDA office in Anchorage encouraged the City of Bethel to prepare and submit its application for BATH Center funding by August 1, 2010 to qualify for USDA-administered ARRA funds;

**WHEREAS**, a USDA funding formula used Bethel's median income of \$57,321 to determine that if Bethel applied for \$1,000,000, it would have to show \$1,857,143 in matching funds applied to the project;

**WHEREAS**, USDA allows federal, state, local, and private contributions to count as match;

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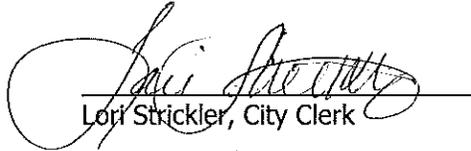
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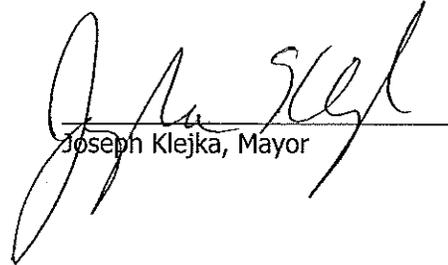
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council supports the preparation and submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Community Facilities Program to request \$1,000,000 in construction funds to build the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center.

**ENACTED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2010 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
Joseph Klejka, Mayor