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# City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

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April 22, 2008

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 22, 2008 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

## **II. ROLL CALL**

### **Members present:**

Mayor Eric Middlebrook  
Vice-Mayor R. Thor Williams  
Council Member Tundy Rodgers  
Council Member Dan Leinberger  
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen  
Council Member Willy Keppel

### Members absent:

Council Member Willy Keppel  
Council Member Tiffany Zulkosky

### **Others present:**

City Manager Wally Baird  
City Clerk Lori Strickler

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

*David Trantham – Gasoline in Anchorage is \$4.01; the crude oil price is \$1.17.*

*This is a very special day for me, 17 years ago this community came together, Chief George Young was dispatched to my house to help with the delivery of my granddaughter;  
a few weeks ago the City of Bethel submitted a report about the fire dept. Someone in the city apparently did a lot of research/investigation to make a determination as to what happened 30years ago. Nothing in the report would sustain in a court of law except open cell foam.*

*Fritch Charles- City Employees are concerned about losing their job. We have already lost two hard working employees, our Public Works Director, Wayne Ogle; Greg Sargent; the City Attorney a few months ago. The procedure was not right, you could have done it differently.*

*The Council needs to work together. A few weeks ago a council ember stopped a city driver and told them how to drive, that was wrong. You should have respect for you employees; they are the ones who are running your city.*

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

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Move to adopt the Consent and Regular Agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Leinberger	Table the Introduction to Ordinance 08-03 Repeal BMC 4.18.060 Bethel Endowment Fund Reinvestment Proposals.
<b>SECONDED:</b>		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Combine <b>Item E.</b> Discussion Of The Water And Sewer Master Plan Priorities and <b>Item C.</b> Resolution 08-08 A Resolution Approving Basic Services Contract For The City Of Bethel Heights Piped Water Distribution Upgrades Funded By The State Of Alaska Village Safe Water Program.
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

*The following minutes were approved on the consent agenda*

- a. 04/04/2008 Special Meeting
- b. 04/08/2008 Regular Meeting
- c. 04/15/2008 Special Meeting

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A – Introduction of Ordinance 08-04: An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Supporting An Amendment To Chapter 5.40.020 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Chauffeur Application For License.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Move to introduce 08-04 An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Supporting An Amendment To Chapter 5.40.020 Of The Bethel Municipal Code,
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	

		Chauffeur Application For License.
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carries unanimously	

**Item B – Resolution 08-08: A Resolution Approving Basic Services Contacted For The City Of Bethel Heights Piped Water Distribution Upgrades Funded By The State Of Alaska Village Safe Water Program/ Discussion Of The Water And Sewer Master Plan Priorities**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Move to adopt Resolution 08-08: A Resolution Approving Basic Services Contacted For The City Of Bethel Heights Piped Water Distribution Upgrades Funded By The State Of Alaska Village Safe Water Program
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Update the Water and Sewer Master Plan to accommodate Resolution 08-08.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion Ruled out of order.	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Suspend the rule to allow the Public Works Director speak on this issue.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Move to break for ten minutes.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	4-1 Leinberger opposed	

**Item D - Approval Of Waiver For The City Of Bethel To Contract With KC Supply**

*Council Member Leinberger wished to be excused from this portion of the meeting for a conflict of interest.*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to table this issue until a written contract between KC Supply and the City of Bethel can be established.
<b>SECONDED:</b>		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		Dies for lack of a second

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	Move to suspend the rule to hear from Mr. Leinberger about this issue.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Motion to grant a waiver between KC Supply and the City of Bethel for janitorial product and vending machines.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Amend the motion to approve the motion with the stipulation that the written description of the items and the written minutes from this meeting be provided to the Council as soon as possible.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgenson	Suspend the rule to hear from Lee Foley as long as it pertains to the issue at hand.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgenson	Suspend the rule to hear from Lee Foley as long as it pertains to the issue at hand
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to table the issue until a waiver in written form is presented to council.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodger	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion fails 2-2	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Motion to table the issue until we have a full seated council.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passes, Leinberger abstaining	

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### **Item A – Introduction Of Ordinance 08-06: An Ordinance Authorizing The Disposal Of 68,987 Square Feet Within The Surface Estate Of North, Seward Meridian, To The Highest Bidder.**

*Ordinance 08-06 was introduced on the consent agenda and set for public hearing on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

### **Item B - Rescheduling Of The Regular City Council Meeting For August 26, 2008**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Council meetings for August 2008 to be held on Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup> and Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup> at the regularly scheduled time.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

### **Item C – Leave Request For The City Manager**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	Move to allow the travel for the city manager.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

## VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Parks and Recreation Committee** – Has not had a meeting since the last Council meeting.

**Multi use adhoc Committee** Council member Jorgensen – Still looking into options and process to make it a reality. One member was very familiar with the

procedure of the YMCA and he is going to gather some more information. Discussion of hiring an architect and a project manager or firm.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	Move to allow comments from Rick Abboud.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	Move to allow comments from John Sargent
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Finance Committee** Council member Leinberger— Has not had a meeting since the last Council Meeting.

**Alternative Energy Committee** Council Member Leinberger – Did not have a quorum at the last meeting, did have a work session.

**Public Works Committee** Mayor Middlebrook – No quorum

**Planning Commission** Vice-Mayor Williams – Coastal management programs, code enforcement activities, Indian reservation roads, sight plans, transportation plans and water source projects.

**ONC Senior Center Advisory Committee** Vice-Mayor Williams – Working on a Resolution through ONC concerning Medicaid billing, and asking YKHC to assist in that.

**Port Commission** Council Member Rodgers – The port does have a liability and a hazardous situation with the ladders on the dock and the sea wall, this will be brought up during budget discussion. Small boat harbor fees to increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00 and increasing the finger fees from \$10.00 to \$12.00 a foot. Allen DeSousa submitted his letter of resignation. An offer was made, the commissioners decided to leave the decision of the disposal of the boat up to the discretion of the port director.

**I. MAYOR’S REPORT**

**II. MANAGER’S REPORT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to direct the City Manager to Put signs up on the Tundra Ridge road not to pass unless it is an emergency
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	Suspend the rule to hear from the Public Works Director
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**I. CLERK’S REPORT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to allow the city clerk to set the Mayor photo to the best interest of the Council.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**II. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Rodgers – Put your boots on and hug an elder

Vice-Mayor Williams – It is Mother Earth Day. The Council has put 500,000.00 away in the budget for the Multi Use Recreation Facility, with that ordinance previously passed we can only keep \$1,000,050.00 1 million 50 dollars in that account. We need to address this issue so that we are not offending any laws that we have on the book. Thank the community for what it does, this town is politically minded. Thanks to Wayne Ogle for his time in the community of Bethel.

Mayor Middlebrook – Condolences to Nick Andrew and is family for their loose. I would also like to say Happy Birthday to Elias Venus.

Council Member Leinberger – Happy Birthday to Elias Venus, my wife’s uncle it is his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday today. I am working on an ordinance to clean up the language regarding the Recreation Center.

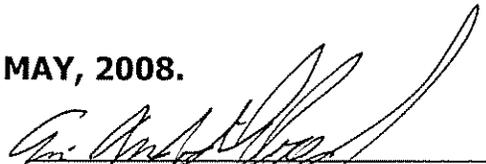
Council Member Jorgensen – Asked to introduce an ordinance to outlaw snow-machines, if the noise you are making is annoying to the people around you, the nuisance can be cited. It is also not safe to snow machine on the ice right

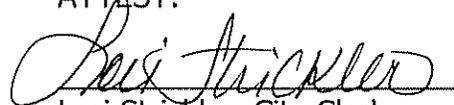
now. I would also like to give my condolences to the Ivan Ivan family for their loss.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	Motion to adjourn
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVED THIS 13 DAY OF MAY, 2008.**

  
Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk