
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2006

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 10, 2006 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members present:

Mayor R. Thor Williams
Council Member Tundy Rodgers
Council Member Leinberger Dan
Council Member Dave Trantham
Vice Mayor Mary Kenick
Council Member Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen

Members absent:

Council Member Hugh Dymant (arrived at 6:35p)
Council Member Andrew McGowan

Others present:

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

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGUALR AGENDA

MOVED:	Rodgers	To approve the Consent and Regular agenda for the October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Review Canvass Board Certificate Of Election

Council Reviewed the Canvass Board Certificate of the October 3, 2006 Election

Item B- Resolution #06-23: A Resolution Certifying The Results Of The October 3, 2006 Regular City Election

MOVED:	Trantham	To adopt Resolution #06-23: A Resolution Certifying The Results Of The October 3, 2006 Regular City Election
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

Item C- Oath Administered To Newly Elected City Council Members/Seating Of Newly Elected City Council Members

Mayor Williams and Council Member Dymnt were excused from their seats and their services as a City Council Member.

Eric Middlebrook and Yolonda Jorgensen, the Newly Elected City Council Members and Dan Leinberger the Re-elected Council Member were administered their oath of office and were seated at the City Council bench.

Item D- Election Of The Mayor Pro Tempore

MOVED:	Trantham	To elect Tundy Rodgers as Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

Item E- Proclamation~ Fire Prevention Week, October 8th-14th, 2006

Vice-Mayor Kenick proclaimed October 8th-14th Fire Prevention week and read the proclamation into the record.

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 06-12 (D): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY2006-07 Budget

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Leinberger	To adopt Ordinance 06-12 (D): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY2006-07 Budget
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

Item B-Public Hearing of Ordinance 06-24: An Ordinance Amending The Bethel Municipal Code At Section 4.04.090 To Change The Date For Completion Of The Annual Audit From Ninety Days Until One Hundred And Fifty Days Following The Close Of The Fiscal Year

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Trantham	To adopt ordinance 06-24: An Ordinance Amending The Bethel Municipal Code At Section 4.04.090 To Change The Date For Completion Of The Annual Audit From Ninety Days Until One Hundred And Fifty Days Following The Close Of The Fiscal Year
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- November And December City Council Meeting Schedule

MOVED:	Leinberger	To move the November 14 th City Council Meeting to November 9 th .
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
MOVED:	Rodgers	To amend the motion to the change date to November 8 th .
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

Item B- City Of Bethel Owned Liquor Store

Council Member Leinberger advised Council that he would like to see Council direct the Finance Committee to draft a feasibility plan, a business plan for a City owned liquor store.

Council Member Rodgers stated that he would prefer to see the matter brought to Council by a community petition.

Council Member Middlebrook agreed that he would like to see the matter brought to Council by a community petition.

Council Member Leinberger advised Council that his intent at this point is to direct the Finance Committee to provide Council a business plan for Council to make a decision based on the outcome of the business plan.

Council Member Jorgensen inquired as to whether or not this would be in relation to a distribution center

Council Member Leinberger stated that this would not be a distribution center but a regular liquor store.

Council Member Rodgers suggested viewing other municipal business plans.

Council Member Leinberger stated that it would be difficult to place the measure on a ballot without being able to make an informed decision.

Council Member Middlebrook stated that the voting community probably does not look at the financial outcome of this matter as opposed to the effect on the community

Mayor Kenick spoke in favor of direction to the Finance Committee to help increase the City of Bethel finances.

Council Member Trantham stated that he feels that this is a bit premature consider the petition recently voted on and that maybe we should let the matter cool for a while and advised Council that he does not support this notion

MOVED:	Leinberger	To direct the Finance Committee to develop a business plan and a feasibility plan for a City owned liquor store
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Fails: 3 - 3 Rodgers, Trantham, Middlebrook voting against.	

Council concurred to break for 10 minutes from 7:33p.m. until 7:44p.m.

Item C-56th Annual Alaska Municipal League Council Member Travel

Council Member Trantham encouraged our new Council Member Middlebrook to attend the AML Conference

MOVED:	Rodgers	To authorize Council Member Middlebrooks travel to attend the AML Conference.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
MOVED:	Leingerger	To amend the motion to extend the approval to any Council members that would like to attend the AML Conference.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	
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Item D- Bethel Transit System Intergovernmental Agreement

MOVED:	Leinberger	To accept and approve the Bethel Transit System Intergovernmental Agreement
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	To remove the drop-dead date of November 30 th .
SECONDED:	Leniberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	
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VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning Commission: Council Member Rodgers advised Council that the Commission has not met since the last Council Meeting.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Vice-Mayor Kenick informed Council that the Parks & Recreation Committee has not met since the last City Council meeting.

Finance Committee: Council Member Leinberger advised Council that the Committee has not met since the last City Council Meeting.

Alternative Energy Committee: Council Member Leinberger stated that the Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Invitation to the Alaska Conference of Mayors at the Aml Annual Local Government Conference
- AML Investment Pool Vacancies

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

MOVED:	Leinberger	To authorize a package for the Mayor's Auction for the AML Conference not to exceed \$150.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

- Written report including updates on the following:
 - Dock repair, design, and contract
 - Court expansion and remodeling plans
 - SOP development
 - Boys Group Home negotiations
 - Utility purchase negotiations
 - Customer Service
- Tundra Ridge update

XI. CLERK'S REPORT

- Bethel Municipal Code Completed
- Municipal Election Completed
- General Election, November 7th, must be registered to vote by Friday, October 13th, absentee voting will begin October 23rd.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Jorgensen thanked everyone that voted for her and stated that if anyone in the community has needs or concerns, feel free to contact her.

Council Member Leinberger thanked the citizens of Bethel for placing their faith and trust in him; he hopes to live up to the high level of expectation.

Mayor Kenick congratulated the newly elected officials.

Council Member Middlebrook thanked the community for the great support he received and stated that he'll do the best job that he can and he also thanked Council and Administration for welcoming him. Council Member Middlebrook stated that there will be differences of opinion throughout his term but he will never doubt that the Council and staff are working towards the betterment of the community.

Council Member Trantham welcomed Council Member Leinberger back to a three year term and welcomed the new Council Members and stated that he looks forward to working together as a team. Also, stated that there will be differences of opinion,

but when there is a vote of four, we should support them. Council Member Trantham advised Council of the open seats on the AML Board.

Council Member Rodgers welcomed all Council Members elected and stated that he was please to see the agenda completed in a timely fashion. He also advised Council to read the Planning Directors report in the packet. Condolences to Drake and Kameroff family for their losses. Go hug an elder, take care because it's wet.

-Council Member Trantham congratulated Council Member Rodgers for his recent retirement and offered a round of applause.

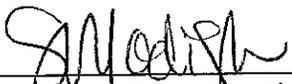
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Rodgers	To adjourn the meeting at 8:21p.m.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

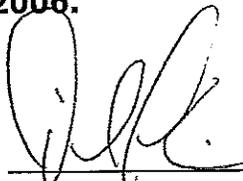
With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006.

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk



Dan Leinberger, Mayor