
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

May 10, 2005

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 10, 2005, at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Andy McGowan	Dave Trantham
R. Thor Williams	Hugh Dymont
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers	Yolonda Jorgensen
Dan Leinberger	

Also in attendance were the following:
John Malone, Acting City Manager
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Council presented an Award of Appreciation and Gratitude to Bob Herron for his time as City Manager.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Willie Keppel addressed Council regarding the Bethel Group Home and requested Council research the lease agreement.
2. Dan Leinberger addressed Council as a resident of the community to express his gratitude and appreciation to the Police Department, specifically Gwen Drake for a job well done with a personal theft incident.
3. John Sargent introduced Sara Scott the Tourism Vista Volunteer who will be working with the City of Bethel for year to promote tourism.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGUALR AGENDA

MOVED BY:	McGowan	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda for the May 10, 2005 Meeting as amended.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

Council Member Williams requested Resolution #05-20 and Resolution #05-22 be removed form the consent agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council consent.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *4/25/05 Special Meeting Minutes
- *4/26/05 Regular Meeting Minutes
- *4/28/05 Special Meeting Minutes
- *5/2/05 Special Meeting Minutes
- *5/4/05 Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes as amended approved under the consent agenda

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council member Jorgensen): Council Member Jorgensen reported that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting; the Committees next meeting will be on May 17th.

Public Works Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger reported the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting; the Committees next meeting will be May 17th.

Planning Commission (Council Member Rodgers): Council Member Rodgers reported the Commissions next meeting will be on May 12th and reviewed the upcoming meeting agenda.

Senior Advisory Board: Council Member Williams reported he received a call from Louise Charles reporting the next Board Meeting will be on May 12th.

Port Commission (Council Member Williams): Council Member Williams reported increases in the tariff the Port Commission has implemented.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Mayor Dymont): Mayor Dymont reported the Commissions last meeting (May 5th) agenda items that were discussed.

Finance Committee (Council Member McGowan): Council Member McGowan reported the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting; their next meeting will be May 26th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A-Public Hearing of Ordinance #04-09 (D-amended): An Ordinance of the Bethel City Council amending the adopted Annual FY04-05 Budget

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED BY:	Leinberger	To adopt Ordinance #04-09.
SECONDED BY:	Jorgensen	

Council Member Williams reminded Administration that any line item transfers above \$5000 or more must be presented to Council.

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To postpone Ordinance #04-09 (D-Amended) to the 5-24-05 City Council Meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

Assistant Finance Director Walters addressed Council to speak against the postponement of the Ordinance #04-09 (D-amended).

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed 4-3 (no-Dyment, Jorgensen, & Leinberger)
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VOTE ON MOTION	<i>Postponed until the 5-24-05 Council Meeting</i>
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Item B-Public Hearing of Ordinance #05-09: An Ordinance approving the reconciliation agreement with the Bethel Native Corporation

Public Hearing:

1. Willie Keppel spoke in opposition of Ordinance #05-09.

MOVED BY:	McGowan	To adopt Ordinance #05-09.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

Council Members debated their position on Ordinance #05-09.

Council Member Rodgers declared a conflict of interest.

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To postpone Ordinance #05-09, setting a second public hearing at the 5-24-05 Council Meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

Meeting recessed from 7:45 until 7:58p

Jon Grover (Tundra Drums Editor) addressed Council regarding an inquiry made by Council Member Jorgensen.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (yes-Williams & Trantham, abstain-Rodgers)
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VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (no-Williams & Trantham, abstain-Rodgers)
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Item C- City of Bethel Newsletter

Council directed the City Clerk to research prices of local and out of town publishers for a 4 page color and a 4 page black and white newsletter.

Item D- Territorial Guard at the Bethel Readiness Center

Council discussed the Territorial Guard at the Bethel Readiness Center (6 Council Members were in favor and 1 Council Member Williams was opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction of Ordinance #05-10: An Ordinance appropriating \$43,000 from the City's designated retained earnings for seawall maintenance in the Municipal Dock Fund to meet the City's local match obligation provided for in Amendment NO.1 to The Bank Stabilization Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Army and to authorize the purchase of property to carry out the purposes of the Bank Stabilization Agreement

MOVED BY:	Rodgers	To introduce Ordinance #05-10 and set for public hearing on May 24, 2005.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Item B- *Resolution #05-19: A Resolution by the Bethel City council to accept the FY 2005 Homeland Security Grant Awards totaling \$365,000

Item B, Resolution #05-19 passed under the consent agenda.

Item C-Resolution #05-20: A Resolution supporting the preparation and submission of a Section 5311 New Start Grant Application to obtain Transit System Operating Funds

Grant Manager John Sargent addressed Council to explain and discuss Resolution #05-20.

MOVED BY:	Jorgensen	To adopt Resolution #05-20.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

Upon unanimous Council consent to suspend the rules allowing public testimony, Public Works Director Ogle addressed Council to discuss the transit system bus maintenance.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-1 (no-McGowan)
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Meeting recessed from 9p until 9:07

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To suspend the rules to address the Managers Report next.
SECONDED BY:	McGowan	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Malone explained to Council that the Port Dock is in danger of a collapse due to intruding water. Public Works and Port are planning to use Class-B Rock to backfill.

MOVED BY:	Rodgers	To dismiss Acting City Manager Malone to adhere to the Port emergency at 9:15p.
SECONDED BY:	Jorgensen	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Item D Resolution #05-22: A Resolution supporting the development of an FY 2005 Proposal to the Denali Commission to fund Bethel Solid Waste Management Projects

Grant Manager John Sargent addressed Council to explain and discuss Resolution #05-22.

Public Works Director Ogle addressed Council to answer Council inquiries regarding dumpster site fencing.

MOVED BY:	Jorgensen	To adopt Resolution #05-22.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Item E- Third Cemetery Option

Council Member Trantham and Council Member Williams requested Council participation to discuss the third cemetery option. Both Council Members spoke in favor of the new cemetery site. Council Member Trantham and Council Member Williams requested Council appoint a Cemetery Committee.

Council and Public Works Director Ogle discussed cemetery options as well as an access road to leading to the cemetery.

Mayor Dymant stated that he and the City Clerk will work on an announcement to the community to invite citizens to participate in a Cemetery Committee.

Council unanimously concurred they are in favor of the notion to move forward with a Cemetery Committee.

Item F- Boys Group Home Property

Council Member Williams advised Council that the Boys Group Home property has become City owned since the last Council Meeting and would like for Council to begin discussing options for the property.

Council discussed Bethel Group Home property.

Council directed Administration to research the liability and insurance for the property and to discuss with the Police Department and Public Works regarding a substation.

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To continue meeting past 10p.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

MOVED BY:	Williams	To amend the motion to continue meeting until 10:15p to discuss Council Member comments.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-2 (no-Rodgers & Dymont)
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VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a voice vote of 6-1 (no-Rodgers)
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COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS-

Council Member Trantham-Council Member Trantham requested the Mayor devise a letter to recognize the BRHS JROTC and it be added to the 5-24-05 Council Meeting agenda as a presentation item.

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To conduct teleconference interviews with the remaining 7 City Manager applicants.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

MOVED BY:	Leinberger	To amend the motion to seek advice from the HR department and/or the City Attorney, to move forward if advised.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a voice vote of 6-1 (no-Williams)
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VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-2 (no-Williams & Dymont)
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Mayor Dymont- Expressed that Acting City Manager Malone has great experience as Acting City Manager and that he's dedicated. Mayor Dymont stated that the City is in good hands.

MOVED BY:	Leinberger	To proclaim May 20 th as BRHS JROTC Day.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Williams	To adjourn meeting at 10:02p.
SECONDED BY:	McGowan	

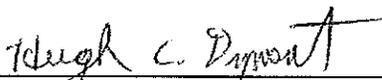
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-1 (Rodgers)
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Adjournment

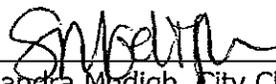
With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:02p.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF MAY, 2005.

ATTEST:



Hugh Dymont, Mayor



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk