
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2008

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 8, 2008 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Tundy Rodgers
Council Member Dan Leinberger
Council Member R. Thor Williams
Council Member Tiffany Zulkosky

Members absent:

Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen

Others present:

City Manager Wally Baird
City Clerk Sandra Modigh

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- 1.** Carrie Enoch and Caroline Nevak addressed Council to remind Council and the community of the ATCA Tobacco Summit in February and requested Council pass a proclamation in support.
- 2.** Council requested to have a proclamation on the next council agenda.
- 3.** Andy Angstman addressed Council to state that the land fill has an incredible amount of garbage that's repeatedly scattered around the south side of the landfill due to north winds. Mr. Angstman suggested installing a chain link fence to catch 90% of the trash.
- 4.** Council requested Administration to follow-up on landfill fencing.

5. Diana Moffet addressed Council to request Council pass an ordinance regarding elder abuse. Mr. Moffett stated that she witnessed an inebriated elder thrown out in the cold and requested that we take care of our people in these winter conditions.

6. Willie Keppel addressed Council to speak in opposition of ordinance 07-12 (D). Mr. Keppel stated that in the past the dog catcher was the employee that delivered citations issued from the planning department which worked just fine. Mr. Keppel stated that we should do away with the full-time safety position.

7. David E. Trantham Jr. addressed Council to state that local elders have resorted to living in one room of their houses because they are unable to pay to heat their homes and Mr. Trantham requested Council not lose focus and stated we need to focus on all community members.

8. Andy Stemp addressed Council to thank the City for providing financial documents to community members and stated that he has inquiries regarding the water & sewer rates and stated that he would like to have the overhead explained a bit more. Mr. Stemp requested an employee roster to see how many employees we have on staff and inquired about our annual employee costs.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Rodgers	To approve the Consent & Regular Agenda for the January 8, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting as amended.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
MOVED:	Leinberger	To table the City Attorney's evaluation until the next council meeting.
SECONDED:	Zulkosky	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
MOVED:	Leinberger	To remove Item B, New Business: To discuss the process for filling a council vacancy.
SECONDED:	Zulkosky	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed unanimously
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- FY 07 Audit Presentation & Review by Karen Rodgers, Altman & Rodgers

Karen Rodgers, Altman & Rodgers provided an overview of the FY 07 Audit and answered Council Member inquiries.

MOVED:	Zulkosky	To recess for ten minutes
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 4 - 1 Williams voting against	

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Item A- 12-11-07 Regular City Council Meeting**
- Item B-12-13-07 Special City Council Meeting**
- Item C-12-28-07 Special City Council Meeting**

Meeting Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-12 (C): An Ordinance OF The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY2008 Budget

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Leinberger	To approve ordinance 07-12 (C): An Ordinance OF The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY2008 Budget
SECONDED:	Zulkosky	
MOVED:	Williams	To amend ordinance 07-12 (C) with the amendments provided in the council packet by council member Williams
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
MOVED:	Williams	To table ordinance 07-12 (c) until the 1/22 special city council meeting.
	Rodgers	
MOVED:	Zulkosky	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 4 - 1 Williams voting against	
<p>Finance Director Laurie Walters addressed Council to offer her services to help Council Member Williams provide justifications on his proposed amendments.</p>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 2 - 3 Rodgers, Williams voting for	
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MOVED:	Williams	To divide the question
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Die for lack of a second</i>	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 3 - 2 Rodgers, Williams voting against
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Item B-Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-12 (D): An Ordinance of the Bethel City Council Amending the Adopted Annual FY 2008 Budget By Restoring Full Funding For A Full Time Safety Coordinator Position And A Full Time Code Enforcement Officer Position and Removing Patrol Officer Position(s)

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Leinberger	To approve ordinance 07-12 (D): An Ordinance OF The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY2008 Budget
SECONDED:	Zulkosky	
MOVED:	Zulkosky	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
<p>Acting Police Chief Andree Achee addressed Council to state that reallocating the funds at this time is not going to effect the Police Department and stated that he hoped when more police officers are hired the funds would be reallocate for the police officer positions.</p>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 2 - 3 Leinberger, Zulkosky voting for	

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction Of Ordinance 08-01: An Ordinance of The Bethel City Council Codifying The Increase Of Sales Tax And Use Tax Rates From Five Percent To Six Percent

Ordinance 08-01 was introduced on the consent agenda and sent for public hearing on January 29, 2008.

Item B- Discuss Process For Filling Council Vacancy

MOVED:	Williams	To accept the resignation of Mayor Mary Kenick as of December 28, 2007
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

MOVED:	Rodgers	To declare a vacancy on City Council.
SECONDED:	Zulkosky	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

MOVED:	Leinberger	To revise the current posting due date for letters of interest from 1/17 to 1/24, appointing a qualified person at the 1/29 council meeting.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

Item C- Per Contract, Approval of the City Clerk's Longevity Bonus

MOVED:	Leinberger	To approve per the City Clerks contract, section 4. D., the City Clerk's longevity bonus.
SECONDED:	Zulkosky	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

Item D- Approval Of The Police Department's Benefits Package

City Manager advised council to pursue the officer benefits package.

MOVED:	Zulkosky	To complete the officer benefits package and provide to the council in ordinance format.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 4 - 1 Rodgers voting against	

Item E- Contract Police Officers

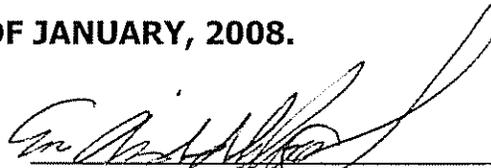
MOVED:	Leinberger	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p
SECONDED:	Zulkosky	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 3 - 2 Rodgers, Williams voting against	

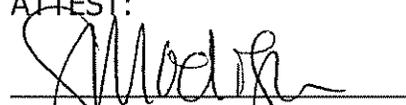
MOVED:	Zulkosky	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p until 10:15p
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 3 - 2 Rodgers, Williams voting against	

MOVED:	Leinberger	To adjourn
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Failed for lack of a second</i>	

Meeting automatically adjourned at 10p.

APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.


Eric Middlebrook, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk