
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 10, 2009 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Mayor Tiffany Zulkosky
Vice-Mayor Dan Leinberger
Council Member LaMont Albertson
Council Member Joseph Klejka
Council Member Thor Williams
Council Member Beverly Hoffman

Members absent:

Council Member Eric Middlebrook

Others present:

City Manager Lee Foley
City Clerk Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Catherin Powers

Stressed the importance of the Bethel Recycling Center and the impact it has on the community.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to approve the Constant and Regular Agenda.
SECONDED:	Klejka	
MOVED:	Williams	Remove Item B under New Business from the Consent Agenda.
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to table Item A under New Business until the next Council meeting.
SECONDED:		

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Does not pass for a lack of a second
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A – Alcohol Beverage Control Teleconference Call To Answer Questions Regarding Possible Changes In Alcohol Laws For The Community Of Bethel.

Shirley Gifford, the Director of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board answered questions from the Council.

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to suspend the rules to allow community members to ask questions.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Dave Trantham- Explained there is no longer local option it is now legislative option, the law has changed drastically since 1977.

Gary Vanasse- What would the status be if the community of Bethel voted out of local option?

Pete Schneider – Would the tax that the city could levy on alcohol be determined on the alcohol taxed on other products?

Item B – Teleconference With Paul Richards, The City Of Bethel Lobbyist To Provide An Update To The City Council On Current Legislation.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEEING MINUTES

Item A – 03/24/2009 Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B – 03/27/2009 Special City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Approval Of Proposed Lease Agreement Between The American Legion And The City Of Bethel.

Item B– Requesting The State Of Alaska To Reinvestigate The Consent Decree Between Crowley And The State Of Alaska Concerning The Bethel Tank Farm.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to direct the City Clerk to draft a resolution asking the State of Alaska Attorney General to reinvestigate the consent decree between the State of Alaska and Crowley.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to amend the main motion to strike "Attorney General" and insert the "House Judiciary Committee" and strike "reinvestigate" and insert "review".
SECONDED:	Albertson	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 09-14: Supporting The 2009 Cama-i Dance Festival By Providing A Donation In The Amount Of The Sales Taxes Collected On Admissions Sold To Attend The Festival.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B – Resolution 09-15: Approval Of Two Wind Energy Development Grant Awards From Alaska Energy Authority.

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to adopt Resolution 09-15: Approval Of Two Wind Energy Development Grant Awards From The Alaska Energy Authority.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to suspend the rules to allow the Grant Development Manager, John Sargent, to speak on this issue.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item C- Introduction Of Ordinance 08-10 (F): Budget Modification Changing Line Item 1051501 From Human Resources Manager To Executive Assistant To The City Manager

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item D – Introduction Of Ordinance 08-10 (G): Budget Modification For Cash Match For The Wind Energy Development Grant And Peer Review Of Bethel Aquatic Training And Health Center Feasibility Study

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item E- Introduction Of Ordinance 09-03: Bethel City Sales Tax Exemption On City Services For Non-Profit Religious Organizations

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item F – Introduction Of Ordinance 09-04: Removal Of Section 4.16.300 Seller Education From The Bethel Municipal Code

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item G – AM 09-04: City Council Approval Of Job Title And Description Adjustment For Human Resource Manager To Executive Assistant In Accordance With BMC 3.12.020

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adopt AM 09-04: City Council Approval Of Job Title And Description Adjustment For Human Resource Manager To Executive Assistant In Accordance With BMC 3.12.020.
SECONDED:	Klejka	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor
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Item H- AM 09-05: Approval Of Appointment Of Brek Steel To The Public Works Committee

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to approve AM 09-05: Approval Of Appointment Of Brek Steel To The Public Works Committee.
SECONDED:	Albertson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item I – AM 09-06: Travel Approval For Mayor And City manager To Juneau For Lobbying

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to adopt AM 09-06: Travel Approval For Mayor And City Manager To Juneau For Lobbying.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item J- IM 09-02: Structural Report On Fire Station Roof

Item K- IM 09-03: City Of Bethel's Insurance Request For Proposal Status

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Assistant Finance Director, Ryan Cope, on this issue.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item L – IM 09-04: Structural Report On Public Works Floor

Item M – Employee Satisfaction Survey's Implementation And Use

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to approve the employee satisfaction survey which was presented by the City Manger.
SECONDED:	Klejka	

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to amend the main motion to deploy the satisfaction survey and be provided to council for the first City Council meeting in April.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MOTION		
Motion does not carry for a lack of a second		
MOVED:	Klejka	Motion to amend the main motion to have the questions restructured so the employees do not have to state what department they are working in.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		5-1 Motion passes, Williams opposed
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to take a ten minutes break.
SECONDED:	Klejka	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
5-1 motion passed, Zulkosky opposed		

Item N- Caterpillar Model 160 M Motor Grader And Means Of Purchase

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to authorize the City Manager to go forward with the purchase of the Caterpillar Model 160M motor grader.
SECONDED:	Klejka	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
5-1 Motion passes, Williams opposed		

Item O – Establishment Of Road Plan Priorities For The City Of Bethel For the Years 2009 and 2010

Item P- Personal Leave Approval For City Clerk May 18th through May 22nd

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item Q - Personal Leave Approval For City manager March 24th

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item R – City Clerk’s Annual Evaluation Per. Bethel Municipal Code
 2.01.110 B. 2. And Annual Increase Upon Completion Of A Satisfactory
 Annual Evaluation With The Sole Discretion Of The City Council

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to evoke Clause C in Section 4 to provide an annual increase of 10% as outlined in the City Clerk’s employee contract.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
5-1 Motion passed, Williams opposed		

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to include in the motion an English class during this year.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation Committee- No report.

Alternative Energy Committee – No report.

Finance Committee - No report.

Public Works Committee – No report.

Port Commission – No report.

Cemetery committee- No report.

Planning – No report.

Public Safety-

Policy Change on the take-home vehicles, police officers working twelve hour shifts can take-home a police vehicle.

IX. MAYOR’S REPORT

X. MANAGER’S REPORT

XI. CLERK’S REPORT

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Williams-

Thanked the wrestlers who volunteered their time working at the basketball tournament.

Thanked Rick and Kathy Hanson as well as Darren and Ragina Lieb for their hard work and time they devoted during the basketball tournament.

Thanked the community members who are taking and volunteering for the firefighter one course held at the Fire Department.

Also spoke with General Tom Katkus and Jerry Walton from the Army National Guard however not receptive to the idea of changing the location.

Leinberger-

Meet with General Tom Katkus and Jerry Walton from the Army National Guard to discuss some of their issues with the site location.

Hoffman-

Pleased to see the public works report and how they are working towards making the City's buildings more energy efficient.

Bethel Aquatic and Training Center Committee will be meeting to discuss and choose from one of the various proposed buildings.

Brown's Slough has been a hot topic for the community, glad to hear of the topic of dredging the small boat harbor.

Klejka-

Recognized the Arctic Care mission, which is a military training deployment of mostly doctors, dentist, and optometrists who travel out to eleven of the surrounding areas to provide care.

Appreciated the well documented report provided on the Fire Station building and the repairs which are needed.

Requested an update on the truck that is sinking in front of the sea wall.

Zulkosky-

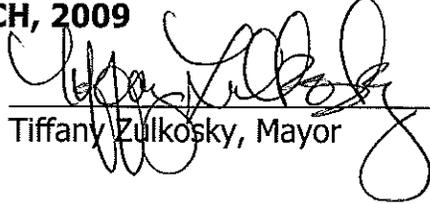
Thanked the City Manager and the City Clerk for their hard work.

Thanked Council Member Williams and Vice-Mayor Leinberger for taking the time to testimony on behalf of the City of the States operating budget.

Albertson – No comment.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
		All in favor

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2009



 Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Lori Strickler, City Clerk