
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 24, 2009 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Allen Hippler
Council Member Beverly Hoffman
Mayor Joseph Klejka
Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Heather Pike
Council Member Richard Robb

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Lee Foley
City Clerk Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD-

Willy Keppel-

Explained the cost savings the City would have if wind energy was used. Encouraged the Council to work with TDX even though they are a for profit utility, they are still a good company. It would be great if the City were a cooperative which regard to wind energy.

Anna Hoffman –

Petition application submitted to the City Clerk's Office with the goal to opt back into a local option prohibiting the sales of alcohol beverages.

Jody Malus –

Provided the credentials of one of the applicants

Dave Trantham -

It is a disservice to this community for people to not fulfill their term on council. The current council should appoint someone who is qualified to fill the seat and hit the road running.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Pike	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Remove from the consent agenda September 22, 2009 meeting minutes.
MOVED:	Hippler	Remove from the consent agenda the meeting minutes October 19, 2009.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A – Appointment of City Council Members To Fill The Vacant City Council Seat.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to allow each candidate two minutes to introduce themselves and to then have each council member ask one question.
SECONDED:	Klejka	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Each candidate provided an opening statement of introduction.

*R. Thor Williams
Thomas Valadez
Eli Jacobson*

Council members asked each of the candidates' questions.

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to nominate Tom Valadez.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to nominate R. Thor Williams.
SECONDED:	Pike	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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MOVED:	Robb	Motion to nominate Eli Jacobson.
SECONDED:	Pike	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to close nominations.
SECONDED:	Pike	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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Vice Mayor Middlebrook voted for R. Thor Williams
 Council Member Hoffman voted for Tom Valadez
 Council Member Robb voted for R. Thor Williams
 Council Member Pike voted for Tom Valadez
 Council Member Hippler voted for Tom Valadez
 Mayor Klajka voter for Tom Valadez.

With a vote of 4 Tom Valadez is appointed to the vacant city council seat.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A - 09/22/09 Regular City Council Meeting

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the meeting minutes.
SECONDED:	Hippler	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to table until the next regular meeting.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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Item B - 10/13/09 Regular City Council Meeting

MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to approve the meeting minutes.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to table the meeting minutes.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item C - 10/19/09 Special City Council Meeting

MOVED:	Pike	Motion to approve the meeting minutes.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to amend to make the final vote for Mayor 4 in favor of Klejka and 2 in favor of Middlebrook.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend to include the previous votes.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item D - 10/30/09 Special City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item E - 11/10/09 Regular City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 09-41: Amending Section 9.12.080 Obscene Acts In The Bethel Municipal Code.

Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.

Eli Jacobson-

Asked for clarification of the ordinance, it is covered under state laws as misdemeanor charges.

Chief Larry Elarton –

Supported the Ordinance. It is difficult to enforce, much of the enforcement would fall onto State Statutes rather than the Bethel Municipal Code.

Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-41.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
MOVED:	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Police Chief, Larry Elarton.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to call for the question.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-2 Motion passes Hoffman and Klejka opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Hoffman opposed	

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- IM 09-15: City Manager's Annual Performance Appraisal On December 8th In Executive Session.

Item B- Approval Of Waiver In Writing For Southwestern Technical Specialties.

*Vice-mayor Middlebrook declared a conflict of interest.
Mayor Klejka ruled there was a conflict of interest.*

MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to approve the waiver between the City of Bethel and Southwestern Technical Specialties.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item C- AM 09-31: Appointment Of Charley Chung To The Public Safety And Transportation Commission.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D - AM 09-32: Appointment Of Brian Lefferts To The Public Safety And Transportation Commission.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item E- AM 09-33: Appointment Of Mark Springer To The Public Safety And Transportation Commission
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item F- Finance Work Session Dates.

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to schedule a work session for December 15, 2009 at 6:30.
SECONDED:	Robb	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend to strike the dates and to direct the City Manager to work with the auditor to establish the dates for the work session.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend to direct the City Manager to see if the auditor will be available for the 15 th work session.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to amend to strike December 15 th and insert January 19, 2010.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
VOTE ON MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

1. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission-
 No report.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission-

- Discussed the transit system and the steadily increasing passengers.

Finance Committee-

- No report

Parks and Recreation Committee-

- Pamphlet regarding the BATH Center was prepared and will be used to go out for support funding.

Cemetery Committee-

No report.

Planning Commission-

- Zoning for alcohol sales. Port Commissions opinion was to zone the entire city as alcohol sales free. Suggested the attorney review.

Public Works Committee-

- No report

II. MAYOR'S REPORT

III. MANAGER'S REPORT

IV. CLERK'S REPORT

V. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Hoffman

- Wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.
- Concerned of the accusation of the support of the
- Encouraged all of the business within the City of Bethel to stay current with the sales tax.
- Trip report of the AML experience to the council.
- Northern fiber optic link is an interesting project and may save southwestern Alaska a lot of money. The City should keep up to date on this new technology.
- Economic development planning session attended, it was very informative.
- Federal issued affecting our community; there was a lot of rural representation at that session.
- The awards banquet and receiving the award on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Community Garden.

Council Member Hippler

- Attended the AML Conference and thought it was very informative.

Richard Robb

- The City Administration and City Clerk's office have done a good job at responding to my requests.

Council Member Pike

- Thanked Pete Williams for all of his time explaining the Port business.
- Thanked the Fire Department for their time and explanation of what is going on.
- Requested community feedback on the Territorial Guard.
- Asked for support in volunteers with the K 300.
- Thanked the City for allowing the attendance of the AML training.

Vice-Mayor Middlebrook

- AML gave an opportunity to connect with many individuals.
- Elected as the Region 9 representative.
- Gave best thoughts and wishes to Lucy Daniels.

Tom Valadez

- Thanked the council members for the appointment.
- Attended the AML meeting and learned a lot.
- Looks forward to working with the council.

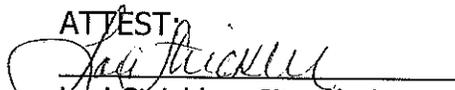
Joseph Klejka

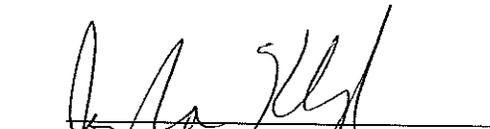
- Love Bethel's community activism.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to suspend the rules to return to the manager's report.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST

Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor