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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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March 26, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 26, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

Stanley Rodgers	Jerry Drake
Carl Berger	Dario Notti — <i>via teleconference at 6:35 p.m.</i>
Hugh Short, Jr.	

Also in attendance were the following:

Robert Herron, City Manager  
Colleen Soberay, City Clerk

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Berger	To appoint and swear in one nominee at a time to allow for the new member to vote in the second nominee
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

*\*Motion did not receive a second.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion withdrawn
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*Council took a five-minute break to allow Council member Notti to be connected via teleconference.*

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Berger	To appoint and swear in one nominee at a time to allow for the new member to vote in the second nominee
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Notti	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed 3 yes (Rodgers, Berger, Notti); 2 no (Drake, Short)
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*Mayor Rodgers opened nominations to fill one vacancy on Council.*

Council member Drake requested that before nominating applicants, Council allow each applicant to speak briefly to Council and answer Council questions. Council concurred.

Candidates for the vacant city council seats included Susie Trantham, Andrew McGowan, Thor Williams, Yolanda Jorgensen, Rodger Blakesley, Oly Olson and Gary Vanasse. Each candidate spoke briefly to council on his or her views and qualifications. Additionally, each candidate responded to council member questions.

Council member Notti nominated Sue Trantham. Council member Drake nominated all applicants—Susie Trantham, Thor Williams, Gary Vanasse, Rodgers Blakesley, Oly Olson, Yolanda Jorgensen, Andrew McGowan.

*Mayor Rodgers closed the nominations.*

Council voted by ballot to fill the first Council vacancy. The City Clerk announced the vote of each Council member as follows:

Council member Notti: S. Trantham  
Council member Short: S. Trantham  
Council member Drake: S. Trantham  
Mayor Rodgers: A. McGowan  
Council member Berger: S. Trantham

Susie Trantham, by majority vote, was appointed to fill a vacant seat on Council.

*Mayor Rodgers opened nominations to fill the second vacancy on Council.*

Council concurred to nominate the remaining applicants—Thor Williams, Gary Vanasse, Rodgers Blakesley, Oly Olson, Yolanda Jorgensen, and Andrew McGowan.

*Mayor Rodgers closed the nominations.*

Council voted by ballot to fill the second Council vacancy. The City Clerk announced the vote of each Council member as follows:

Council member Notti: R. Blakesley  
Mayor Rodgers: A. McGowan  
Council member Short: G. Vanasse  
Council member Drake: G. Vanasse  
Council member Berger: T. Williams

There was not a majority vote to appoint an applicant. Council voted again.

Council member Notti: R. Blakesley  
Council member Drake: G. Vanasse  
Council member Short: G. Vanasse  
Mayor Rodgers: G. Vanasse  
Council member Berger: G. Vanasse

Gary Vanasse, by majority vote, was appointed to fill a vacant seat on Council.

Mayor Rodgers asked the City Clerk to draft an ordinance striking out the line in ordinance 02-08, "the city clerk shall thereafter publicly announce the vote of each council member." Mayor Rodgers asked that it be on the April 9, 2002 Council agenda.

## **Item B — Oath of Office for newly appointed council members**

The city clerk administered the oath of office to newly appointed council members Susie Trantham and Gary Vanasse.

## **Item C — Assignment of council members to vacant council committee/commission seats**

Council concurred to the following assignments of council members on committees and commissions:

Public Safety and Transportation Commission—Council member Drake  
Finance Committee—Council member Short  
Parks and Recreation Committee—Council member Trantham  
Public Works Committee—Council member Vanasse  
Planning Commission—Council member Notti  
Port Commission—Mayor Rodgers  
Senior Advisory Board—Council member Berger

## **Item D — Presentation of awards by Mayor Rodgers**

Mayor Rodgers presented an award of appreciation to Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo for her service on Council and for serving as Vice Mayor for 2001. Mayor Rodgers presented an award of appreciation to Mary Pavil for her service on Council.

## **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

*With Council concurrence, Mayor Rodgers set a time limit of five minutes.*

Manager Herron explained why the grocery store managers were speaking to Council, in that they are speaking in regard to Council member Berger's request for City Administration to research why the price of groceries are so high in Bethel.

**David Schreiber**, Anica Store Manager, said there is not collaboration of price setting going on among the Bethel grocers. Mr. Schreiber said Anica would not engage in this type of behavior. He explained cost of doing business is rising in Bethel and said shipping to Bethel is expensive. He said Anica's prices are fair.

**David Hicks**, AC Store Manager, said he is not aware of last year's pricing. He explained that a case of lettuce was \$45 not too long ago and that it is now \$75 per case. Mr. Hicks reiterated that collusion in price fixing is not occurring. Mr. Hicks reviewed the cost associated with doing business in Bethel. He also said AC Store contributes a large amount of taxes to the City. He stated AC Store stands by the community, creates jobs and makes donations to community events or organizations.

**Willy Keppel**, Bethel resident, said he is a prime sponsor to lower the City sales tax to 4.5 percent. He explained that he finally received the city attorney's opinion on the rejection of the application for a petition to lower sales tax. Mr. Keppel said reducing the sales tax by .5 percent freezes the budget, but doesn't take away from the budget. He said the City spent \$305,000 in FY01 for attorneys that don't live in Bethel. Mr. Keppel said the City should hire local attorneys. Mr. Keppel said he wants Council to reconsider his application for a petition to reduce sales tax and that the people have a right to vote. Mr. Keppel read excerpts from the petition denial information.

**Jorene Hout**, Bethel resident, commented on sales tax reduction application for a petition. She said it would not reduce the budget by 10 percent; it would only be a .5 percent reduction. Ms. Hout said she talked to an attorney in that one of the references in the denial was not legal. She said she would like to see the town vote. Ms. Hout said this Council has spent money foolishly. She continued that if the cost of food goes up, the City would collect more tax.

**David Trantham**, Bethel resident, welcomed the new council members. He said learning will take time and that all council members have a learning curve. Mr. Trantham said Council should do a better job at communicating with the public. He said Council should find a way to communicate back to the public and trust the public. He continued that too many things are going on in the City that he public doesn't know about.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the March 12, 2002 regular meeting and March 15, 2002 special meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

*\*Correction noted by city clerk. Vanasse and Trantham did not vote.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the regular agenda and consent agenda after adding new business item D. Willy Keppel; E. Senate Bill 111; F. Resolution 02-11; and removing new business item C from the consent agenda
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Vanasse	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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#### MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report included the following:

- Letter from the U.S. Department of the Interior — *Re:* Fish and Wildlife Service's enforcement policy regarding harvest of migratory birds in Alaska during the closed season between March 10 and September 1
- Letter from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game — *Re:* Seeks involvement with the strategic planning of the future of wildlife management
- State budget — House Finance Committee Recommendations
- AML Fax Alert — *Re:* Revenue Sharing/Safe Communities Talking Points
- State Legislature, House Majority Press Release — *Re:* House Budget Meets State Fiscal Challenge: Holds the line, lays foundation for long-range fiscal plan
- Office of the Governor — *Re:* Budget update on kids and education
- Office of the Governor — *Re:* Budget update on jobs and economy
- Letter from Lieutenant Governor Ulmer — *Re:* Innovations in American Government program
- AML 2002 AML/AcoM Legislative Conference — Draft Agenda (Council member Drake, Berger and Short plan to attend this conference.)

Council member Drake explained things are happening at a rapid pace in the legislature in regard to the fiscal plan. He said House Bill 20 supports local government. Council member Drake also said that while in Juneau for AML, he hopes to visit with legislators in an effort to protect the Governor's capital budget for Bethel.

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT**

City Manager Herron noted the management reports included in Council packets.

- Municipal bus line/public transit system—Explained the Kenai public transit system and the North Slope bus system; explained the Kenai system is not operated by the municipality, rather a non-profit organization; the \$500,000 Kenai received was a 50/50 federal match appropriation. Explained the North Slope bus system is a heavily subsidized system. Estimates it would cost \$750,000 to operate a bus system in Bethel for one year.

Council member Short requested that the Finance Director provide monthly financial reports to Council.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Senior Advisory Board**

Council member Berger the meeting has been postponed to March 29. He also announced the seniors will have a table at the Cama-i festival.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Council member Short said because of a lack of quorum, the committee rescheduled for March 27. Mr. Short reviewed the agenda for the March 27 meeting.

### **Planning Commission**

Council member Notti said the commission met March 21. He explained they discussed recommendations to BMC 17.24.228 through 17.24.280 in regard to mandatory installation of piped water/sewer in all new subdivisions and said the commission would forward a resolution with a recommendation regarding this issue.

### **Port Commission**

Mayor Rodgers said the commission met March 18. He reported that the Port Director, Mr. Elliot, is doing well and will return to Bethel soon. Mayor Rodgers reviewed the commission's agenda for its March 18 meeting.

### **Public Works Committee**

Council member Drake said the committee met March 19. He explained the committee discussed the police/public safety facility project and that the committee was concerned about the cost. Council member Drake said he explained to the committee the project for clarification and explained the City is seeking funding from various agencies. Council member Drake said the committee also discussed dust control.

### **Public Safety and Transportation Commission**

*Council was seat vacant.*

### **Finance Committee**

Council member Short said the committee discussed BMC 17.24.228 through 17.24.280 in regard to mandatory installation of piped sewer/water in all new subdivisions; the City's public safety facility project; and a local income tax. He said members of the committee feel it is unreasonable to require developers to pay for water/sewer infrastructure. Mr. Short said the committee discussed possible solutions such as privatizing water/sewer services; establishing water districts; or requiring a developer to purchase a water/sewer truck to service the new subdivision.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Item A — Ordinance #02-06: Amending Title 9 of the BMC by enacting a civil nuisance abatement program

*Mayor Rodgers opened the public hearing.*

**Bob Graham**, Bethel business owner, said people should have direct responsibility for their actions, in that the property owner should not be penalized or held accountable. Mr. Graham provided anecdotes. He reiterated that the City should fine the people that cause the problem, not owners of the property.

**Jorene Hout**, Bethel business owner, said she has concerns about this ordinance because this ordinance puts the onus on her as a landlord. She provided anecdotes of problems with the homeless. She said she doesn't want trouble on her property, but she is not always around to monitor her property. Ms. Hout asked why should the City have one more law that won't be enforced. She said there are laws now that aren't being enforced that could address this problem.

**Ray Watson**, ONC, explained how this ordinance was brought about. He said elders across the slough asked that these problems be addressed. Mr. Watson explained ONC passed a resolution asking Council to take action. Mr. Watson said he is supportive of Ordinance #02-06. He said ONC is working to better the community and Council should follow suit.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt Ordinance #02-06
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Short	

Council member Vanasse explained he has concerns about Ordinance #02-06 in that there is not a clear definition of public nuisance. He said it is unclear and rhetorically asked who determines a nuisance. Council member Drake clarified the definition of public nuisance and explained state statutes clear up the confusion.

Council member Berger said he is concerned the City has to use such a complex ordinance and said the City shouldn't have an ordinance that may not be enforced. Council member Berger reiterated this ordinance is unnecessarily complicated.

Council member Short said council has gone back and forth on this ordinance. He stated this ordinance is needed. Council member Short said there is plenty of room in this ordinance to show that an owner has tried to remedy the problem. He said council has to do something and that there may be a risk, but it's worth taking.

Council member Drake reviewed several points raised by people to be heard and explained the city attorney crafted this ordinance taking concerns into consideration.

City manager Herron said this is a complex problem the ordinance addresses the problem, but said it is a well-crafted ordinance. Discussion ensued.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote 7-0.
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**Item B — Ordinance #02-09: Amending Chapter 2.52 of the BMC relating to Boards, Commissions and Committees**

*Mayor Rodgers opened the public hearing.*

**Oly Olson**, Bethel resident, said ordinance #02-09 violates his free speech. He explained taxes owed and by who used to be published in the newspaper. He asked why the City doesn't publish delinquent lists. Mr. Olson stated his opposition against ordinance #02-09.

**Dave Trantham**, Bethel resident, said he testifies as a senior citizen, not as a Finance Committee member. He said he finds it disturbing as a citizen the unfairness of this ordinance. He explained this ordinance is vague and has no definitions. Mr. Trantham also said this ordinance would make it difficult to fill vacancies on committees and commissions.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**Willy Keppel**, Bethel resident, said this ordinance is the stupidest thing he has ever seen. He asked who makes the decision to remove a member, the city manager. Mr. Keppel continued that this ordinance does not have any definitions. He said committee and commission service is not a military service and that this ordinance is worthless.

**Jorene Hout**, Bethel resident, said this is poorly written and should have been written in a positive vain. Ms. Hout reviewed the possible purposes for this ordinance and then said there are more positive ways to collect taxes. She also said the last sentence is subjective in that who decides what is positive growth for the City.

City manager Herron clarified that section B, sentence 1 is not new language, as currently a member of a committee or commission may be removed by council for any reason provided that person is given an opportunity to be heard. He explained this ordinance was a recommendation from staff and asked council for its consideration.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt ordinance #02-09
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Vanasse	

Council member Drake said it is obvious there are some problems with this ordinance that need to be addressed. He explained definitions and time period for money owed need to be added.

Council member Berger also agreed this ordinance should be rewritten. Council member Vanasse said he would like to add an amendment for the monies owed in regard to a set number of days past due. He also said there is not a good way to define "positive progress." Council member Notti suggested 90 days past due for an amendment. Discussion briefly ensued.

City manager Herron recommended this ordinance be referred to the Finance Committee for review. Council member Vanasse recommended this ordinance be referred to all committees and commissions for review, encouraging members to make comments. Discussion briefly ensued.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Ordinance #02-09 referred to City committees and commissions for review
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**Item C — Ordinance #02-10: Amending Chapter 13.04, 13.08 and 13.12 of the BMC relating to notices and billing procedures for utility services**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt ordinance #02-09
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

Council member Vanasse asked if faxes are acceptable for notice and asked why only 90 days to make corrections or adjustments. The city clerk explained the need for a written notice in the utility office and reason for a 90-day cutoff for corrections and adjustments to bills. Discussion ensued.

**Motion** by: Short — Amend ordinance #02-10 by striking out sentence 1 in 13.04.260.C.

**Seconded** by: Drake

**Vote:** Passed by unanimous voice vote

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion, with amendment, carried by unanimous roll-call vote 7-0.
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Council member Vanasse asked that this ordinance be referred to the Finance committee for review.

**Item D — Ordinance #02-11: Budget modification**

*Mayor Rodgers opened the public hearing.*

**Oly Olson**, Bethel resident, said he is against taking money out of the budget to create the deputy city manager position. He said if the city manager can't do his job, he should get another job. Mr. Olson reiterated his opposition to this budget modification.

**David Trantham**, Bethel resident, said he recommends approving the SART budget request. He said he spoke to a council member last night and said that council member agreed not to vote for the position. Mr. Trantham stated his opposition against the budget modification for a deputy city manager.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Short	To adopt ordinance #02-11
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

City manager Herron explained the deputy city manager position would be responsible for grant management/writing and for projects such as managing the city's information technology systems. City manager Herron continued that there is a need for the City to apply for large grants and a need for community/economic development projects, which is why he requests the deputy city manager—to take care of issues such as those mentioned.

Council member Short explained the City receives only a nominal amount of grant funding. Council member Short said this position is an investment.

Council member Drake said he was the council member that spoke with Mr. Trantham last night. He said the deputy city manager position would be a measurable position. He said the City must go after funding.

Council member Vanasse asked why this position has come up now and has this position been referred to the Finance Committee for review. City manager Herron explained the creation of this position.

Council member Berger said he has been in grant writing many years and explained one cannot find funds if that person only has a limited amount of time. Council member Berger continued that large amounts of funding comes from the Denali Commission and the City has not received any funding from the Denali Commission to date.

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**Motion** by: Drake — To continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

**Seconded** by: Vanasse

**Vote:** Passed by unanimous voice vote

Council member Notti said creating this position is a good idea and the City needs to go after funding.

Council member Short called the question.

Council member Vanasse said he conceptually approves of this position, but can't vote in favor of this position tonight. He said he would revisit this issue at a later time. Council member Trantham asked if this position has been filled. Council member Drake explained the position was advertised in-house, as allowed by municipal code. Discussion ensued.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by roll-call vote 5-2 (Vanasse, Trantham).
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**Item E — Ordinance #02-12: Budget modification**

George Young, Fire Chief, explained this insurance issue has never come up before, as the City Fire Department has operated under YKHC. He said recently the department is unable to provide any advanced medic skills, because of the insurance requirement. Mr. Young said the high cost of insurance is unfortunate, but the higher price of insurance is a result of the September 11 tragedy. He said this price would cover the department through November. He also explained YKHC hopes to have a compact agreement in place with the federal government that the City Fire Department can operate under. Mr. Young said this could be a one-time issue and asked for Council's support.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt ordinance #02-12
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote 7-0.
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*11:15 p.m.— Council member Notti no longer in attendance via teleconference.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A — Paper recycling project—Bethel Recycling Center**

Stephan Koruba, VISTA volunteer heading up the Bethel Recycling Center, made a presentation to Council regarding a paper and cardboard—material that makes up the largest part of the City landfill—recycling project. Mr. Koruba began by saying ONC has tried to make a dent in a recycling project in Bethel and that his job is to provide for sustainability. He explained by recycling paper/cardboard into burnable logs, the Recycling Center could sell the logs to provide for an operating budget. Mr. Koruba explained he currently seeks funding for the needed equipment with a cost of approximately \$100,000. He said the City would not have to provide for capital outlay for the equipment. He asked that Council make a decision on whether or not the City wishes to commit to resources to bring this plan to fruition and commit to the importance of recycling to reduce solid waste in the City. Mr. Koruba explained the project would generate enough to pay for the recycling materials needed and to hire a Recycling Coordinator.

Council member Drake said he only sees good with this project and that it may even develop into an enterprise fund. He said this is a sustainable project. Council member Drake recommended

administration draft a resolution in support of this project for Council to consider at the next regular meeting.

Council member Short said this project is a great idea, but said he is concerned with the City's involvement. He explained the project's projections show only a slim margin of profit. He said he doesn't want to start another City business, as he would rather see the project privatized. Discussion ensued.

**Item B — Resolution #02-09: Opposing the elimination of State oversight of all establishments that serve or sell food to the public and its oversight of sanitation practices in public places**

*Resolution #02-09 passed under the consent agenda.*

**Item C — Resolution #02-10: Accepting a drug-free communities support program grant for a School Resource Officer (SRO)**

Mayor Rodgers said two grant officers were hired for the schools and now those officers are not in the schools, rather they are on the streets. He said the City already has grant officers on the force. Mayor Rodgers asked why should the City accept the SRO grant that might cost the City more to administer when LKSD could put the grant in their budget and pay the additional costs.

Mayor Rodgers said the city manager is on the LKSD school board and asked the city manager if he works for the City or LKSD. He also said LKSD has a bigger budget and that LKSD can pay for its own security.

Mayor Rodgers also said Chief Pettit agreed to give the City another 36 months of service after FBI training and asked why is he not held to that commitment.

City manager Herron explained the COPS grant program in that the grant allows the City to use officers on the streets if the City has a shortage of officers. He also said the COPS grant requires the City fund the officers for one additional year. City manager Herron said LKSD sought the SRO grant and that the grant would be accepted by LSKD, not the City.

City manager Herron said he does not work for LKSD. He explained he was elected to the Board prior to being hired as city manager and elected again after being hired as city manager.

Mayor Rodgers asked if the SRO would strictly be used in the school. City manager Herron explained the SRO grant and said the officer would be used in the school, but could be used by the City for emergencies.

Mayor Rodgers said Bob Petitt broke his commitment after the FBI training and asked if his salary was adjusted to reimburse the City for the time he was at training. City manager Herron explained to be eligible for the FBI academy Mr. Petitt had to commit to 36 months of law enforcement service, not 36 months to the City's police force. City manager Herron stated that many Bethel residents supported Chief Petitt's departure and avised Council to let Chief Petitt leave.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Short	To amend resolution #02-09 by adding "that will be funded by the Drug-free Communities Support Program Grant" to the 6 <sup>th</sup> Whereas clause.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Vanasse	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Vanasse	To adopt resolution #02-09 as amended
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<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Short	
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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	
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**Item D — Discussion Item: Willy Keppel**

Willy Keppel, Bethel resident, said Council held three executive sessions in one meeting. He continued that discussions should take place in open session, as Alaska law protects people from getting slammed in executive session. Mr. Keppel accused Council of being out of order when calling the mentioned executive sessions. He said people were terrorized in the first executive session. Mr. Keppel asked what was the secret in executive session and why his name came up in executive session. He asked Council member Short why he brought his name up in executive session without permission. Mr. Keppel cited the Open Meetings Act and said Council acted out of order. He said Mayor Rodgers has not told him anything that took place in executive sessions. Mr. Keppel said Council uses generic reasons to move into executive session.

**Item E — Discussion Item: Senate Bill 111**

City manager Herron explained SB111 issues certificates of participation to finance deferred maintenance and construction projects for certain public harbor facilities—to municipalities. City manager Herron asked that Council consider passing a resolution recommended Bethel be included in the bill. He also provided a brief history of the City’s dock and said the City could receive about \$600,000 if the City agreed with DOT in regard to SB111. Discussion ensued.

Council directed Administration prepare a resolution for Council to consider at its next meeting.

**Item E — Resolution #02-11: Supporting the Fire Department in seeking FEMA grant money**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt resolution #02-11
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Berger	To continue the meeting past 12:00 a.m.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Vanasse	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	
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**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Berger** — *no comment.*

**Council Member Trantham** thanked the council members for appointing her to Council. She also told Council she would be in New York from May 11 to May 25.

**Council Member Drake** — *no comment.*

**Council Member Rodgers** welcomed the new council members. He wished everyone a happy Easter. Mayor Rodgers said a meeting was held to form a little league softball team and encouraged participation.

**Council Member Notti** — *not present*.

**Council Member Vanasse** thanked the council members for appointing him to Council and said he looks forward to working with Administration.

**Council Member Short** gave his condolence to the Tunuchuk family.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To go into executive session to discuss A: Union employees labor negotiations
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Vanasse	

*As a member of the labor negotiating team for City management, Fire Chief George Young was present in executive session.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Hugh	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

**APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2002.**

ATTEST:

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Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

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Colleen Soberay, City Clerk