
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

December 5, 2003

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 5, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Short called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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| Dario Notti - <i>via telephone</i> | R. Thor Williams |
| Dave Trantham | Hugh Dymant |
| Hugh Short, Jr. | Andrei Jacobs |

Excused absence(s): Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

Unexcused absence(s): none

Also in attendance were the following:

George Young, Acting City Manager
Amanda Roudebush, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Alaska Municipal League (AML) Board of Directors Election

Mayor Short addressed the issue of the financial disclosure statements that were signed on behalf of Council Members Trantham and Notti at the AML conference in Nome. Mayor Short highlighted the memo from Attorney Cutler regarding the alleged Open Meetings Act (OMA) violation.

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To select Council Member Trantham as AML Board of Director, rescinding any support for Council Member Notti |
| SECONDED BY: | Dymant | |

Discussion ensued regarding the original nomination for AML board, financial support offered for AML travel and the at-large AML seat.

Mayor Short requested a roll call vote. Council Members Trantham and Notti requested to be excused from the vote. Due to the lack of financial gain, it was determined that both Council Members Trantham and Notti were required to vote on the issue.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried 5-1 (Notti) with a roll call vote. |
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COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Dymant asked the City Manager to provide a memo outlining the legal requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

Council member Jacobs stated that he happy to see the Bethel Alternative Boarding School (BABS) students in the audience.

Council Member Williams also stated his pleasure over the attendance of the BABS students and expressed his desire for the Council to work together on up coming issues.

Council Member Trantham wanted to know if the two memos would be released to the public. Mayor Short replied that the memos would stay confidential. Council Member Trantham reinforced his opinion on the meeting being a mistake and stated that he desires for the Council to move forward as a team. Council Member Trantham requested that the public provide more input to aid him in his decisions as the representative of District 9 at the AML Board of Directors.

Council Member Notti stated that he would have liked to have received the Council's backing for the AML Board of Directors seat. Council Member Notti stated that he had intended to run for the at-large seat until he was approached at the AML Convention to run for the District 9 seat.

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To adjourn the meeting at 1:07 P.M. |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote. |
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APPROVED THIS ____ **day of** _____ **2003.**

ATTEST:

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

Amanda Roudebush, City Clerk