City of Bethel, Alaska
City Council Minutes

July 13, 2004 | Regular Meeting | Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 13, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Michael O'Brien
Dave Trantham
Hugh Short, Jr.
Andrea Jacobs
R. Thor Williams

Absence(s):
Hugh Dyment
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

Also in attendance were the following:
Laurie Walters, Acting City Manager
Selena Malone, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Jerry Drake
   - Stated that he received a letter in the mail regarding City of Bethel billing fees that are going to be implemented and enforced.
   - Suggested that the Council rescind the deposits and let people pay their water and sewer bills.

2. Zack Fansler
   - Spoke in favor of Resolution#04-24: A Resolution by the Bethel City Council supporting the Bethel Aids Task Force efforts to disseminate educational material.

3. Clifford Suites
   - Stated that his trailer was impounded while he left it briefly at the small boat harbor.
   - Suggested that the City provide signs around the small boat harbor to inform the community of the time limits for leaving their trailers.

4. Willy Keppel
   - Stated that the BMC states that the City has to work with any community member that is not able to pay for their water and sewer fee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the meeting minutes from the 6-8-04 Council Meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To approve the meeting minutes from the 6-10-04 Council Meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To approve the meeting minutes from the 6-15-04 Council Meeting as amended by changing page 2 to reflect public testimony that was voted on, page 3, under termination of City Clerk, Amanda Byington, the amendment and comments should be added.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

MOVED BY:	Jacobs	To approve the meeting minutes from the 6-18-04 Council Meeting as amended removing Council Member Jacobs from the minutes, he was not in attendance.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To approve the meeting minutes from the 6-22-04 Council Meeting as amended by Council Member Williams. Council Member Williams stated that he forwarded an electronic copy of the amendments to the City Clerk.
SECONDED BY:	Jacobs	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the meeting minutes from the 6-30-04 Council Meeting as amended by Council Member Williams on page 3 to reflect a voice vote. The Clerk she would research and correct then revision.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the meeting minutes from the 7-06-04 Council Meeting as by Council Member Williams. Council Member Williams stated that he forwarded an electronic copy of the amendments to the City Clerk.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the consent agenda and regular agenda for July 13, 2004 Council Meeting as amended.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

MOVED BY:	Williams	To suspend the rules to place resolution #04-24 on the consent agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Short's report included the following:

- The governor has included 5 million from the state for rural fuel
- Letter from Felix Hess from Chalista for support on the on the Gold Mine project with a sample letter/resolution.

Council directed City Clerk Malone to draft a resolution from the City of Bethel in support of the Gold Mine Project and add it to the next City Council Meeting agenda.

- Mayor Short inquired about revenue sharing to Council Member Trantham requesting information that he may have through the Alaska Municipal League.

MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager report included the following:

- Letter from DOT outlining the impacts of congressional earmarked money and how the City of Bethel will not be impacted.
- Sandpit reclamations update
- Update on community trails
- Update on landfill closure and requirements and funds set aside
- Update regarding administrative overhead for the utility enterprise and the Port fund
- Grant Development Report
- Letter from the Bethel Group Home responding to the land lease issue
- Letter from the Department of Law indicating that because there was not law enforcement issues related to the Dario Notti case that they cannot further pursue any action at this time.
- Paul Richards provided a letter of thanks to the City Council for the number of years that he has been retained for his services as the lobbyist
- Email from Carl Powers updating the City on the status of the Kasayulie water and sewer study
- Results on the truck hauledl privatization feasibility study
- Note from the City Manger thanking those who volunteered at the 4th of July Celebration

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senior Advisory Board

- Council Member Trantham reported that they have a three month break and will meet in September; however, Council Member Trantham stated that there are some elders that would like to be heard regarding the liquor store issue.

Parks and Recreation Committee

- Council Member Andrei Jacobs reported that the committee will be discussing having the Boys and Girls Club in Bethel.

Planning Commission

- Council Member Rodgers was absent.

Port Commission

- Council Member Williams reported that they met on June 21, 2004, and discussed small boat harbor float space
- incoming revenues
- buoys are in the river
- Crowley Property is now the City's property called East Edition
- Inlet salmon on the seawall

Public Works Committee

- Council Member O'Brien reported that they met on June 22nd and discussed the following
- Resolution and recommendations regarding dust abatement
- Council Member O'Brien personally thanked all committee and sub-committee members for their hard work on this matter
- Reclamation of the sandpit

Council concurred to take a brief recess (time not noted)

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

- Council Member Dyment was absent.

Finance Committee

- Mayor Short reported the Finance met on July 8th and discussed the following
- Dumpster ordinance (amended by committee)
- Alcohol tax/liquor permits
- 1% tax sales increase
- Water and sewer rate increases
- Request that Chalista move to Bethel
- Taxi revenue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Ordinance #04-06: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance #04-03 regarding amendments to sections 13.12.010, 13.12.160, 13.12.280, and 13.16.010 of the Bethel Municipal Code concerning solid waste collection and disposal.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To table ordinance 04-06 to the July 27th meeting to allow the Finance Committee to add their amendments to the ordinance as well as Public Works Committee.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction of Ordinance #04-11: An Ordinance increasing the sales and use tax rates from five percent to six percent and placing the issue on the October 5, 2004 ballot

MOVED BY:	Williams	To introduce ordinance #04-11: An Ordinance increasing the sales and use tax rates from five percent to six percent and placing the issue on the October 5, 2004 ballot
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Item B – Introduction of Ordinance #04-12: An Ordinance placing the proposition of whether to approve a City operated liquor store on the October 5, 2004 ballot

MOVED BY:	Williams	To introduce ordinance #04-12: An Ordinance placing the proposition of whether to approve a City operated liquor store on the October 5, 2004 ballot
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote

Item C – Introduction of Ordinance #04-13: An Ordinance authorizing amendments to the proposed lease of City owned property to Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation for an Assisted Living Home for the elderly and/or adults with disabilities

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To introduce ordinance #04-13: An Ordinance authorizing amendments to the proposed lease of City owned property to Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation for an Assisted Living Home for the elderly and/or adults with disabilities
SECONDED BY:	Jacobs	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Item D – Introduction of Ordinance #04-14: An Ordinance amending Bethel Municipal Code section 8.15.020 entitled "Fine Schedule," to make parents or legal guardians jointly and severally liable for any fines for violation of the youth helmet requirements of Bethel Municipal Code section 8.15.010.

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To introduce ordinance #04-14: An Ordinance amending Bethel Municipal Code section 8.15.020 entitled "Fine Schedule," to make parents or legal guardians jointly and severally liable for any fines for violation of the youth helmet requirements of Bethel Municipal Code section 8.15.010.
SECONDED BY:	Jacobs	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote

Acting City Police Chief addressed Council to state that the Police Department is in favor of ordinance #04-14.

Item E- Introduction of Ordinance #04-15: An Ordinance amending the Bethel Municipal Code to create a permit system to allow logs and log rafts to be brought into and offloaded in the small boat harbor

MOVED BY:	Jacobs	To introduce ordinance #04-15: An Ordinance amending the Bethel Municipal Code to create a permit system to allow logs and log rafts to be brought into and offloaded in the small boat harbor
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

MOVED BY:	Williams	To amend the introduction to refer the ordinance to the Port Commission for review.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Item F- Introduction of Ordinance #04-16: An Ordinance providing for election of the mayor by the voters rather than by the City Council

MOVED BY:	Jacobs	To introduce ordinance #04-16: An Ordinance providing for election of the mayor by the voters rather than by the City Council
SECONDED BY:		

VOTE ON MOTION	***Motion failed for lack of a second***

Item G- Introduction of Ordinance #04-17: An Ordinance changing the annual audit completion date

MOVED BY:	Williams	To introduce ordinance #04-17: An Ordinance changing the annual audit completion date
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 3-2 (No: Short & Trantham)

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Jacobs:
- Thanked young entrepreneurs within the community

Council Member O'Brien:
- Kudos to the streets & roads department that have kept Ptarmigan Rd. outstanding with the small amount of dust.
- Kudos to public works for the new ball field

Council Member Williams:
- Informed Council that he had a meeting with the Delta Tobacco Allegiance and will be drafting a resolution to be introduced at the next City Council meeting in support of the organization
- Sales tax audit came up with really good numbers
- Working on budget modification for finance to review with Council Member O'Brien
- Will be out of town July 14th -20th

Council Member Trantham:
- Thanked Laurie Walters and the Administration Department for their good work during the absence of the City Clerk.
- Would like to send the temporary City Clerk to AML training.
- Be sure to water your plants

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Jacobs	To adjourn meeting (time not documented).
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote

APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2006.

R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Nodigh, City Clerk