
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

November 18, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 18, 2003, 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:

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| Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers | R. Thor Williams |
| Dave Trantham | Hugh Dymont |
| Hugh Short, Jr. | Andrei Jacobs |

Excused absence(s): Dario Notti

Unexcused absence(s): none

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Amanda Roudebush, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Janelle Vanasse addressed the Council about the change of People to be Heard from five minutes to fifteen minutes, she wanted reconsideration of that action.

Henry Hunter spoke in support of Ordinance #03-14, he also urges Council to approve it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To approve the amended minutes from the 10-28-03 Council meeting |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To approve the agenda as amended |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

Trantham: Remove Items F,G,H of New Business from the consent agenda;

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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MAYOR'S REPORT

Items included in the Mayor's report:

- Tuluksak Native Community Letter & Resolution
- Letter from Council to Senator Stevens approving Nushagak Consultants

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To accept the letter to Senator Ted Stevens from Council supporting Nushagak Consultants |
| SECONDED BY: | Trantham | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous vote. |
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- Alaska Conference of Mayors Essay Contest
- Applications & Appointments to the Senior Advisory Board

Joan Hamilton

- Ms. Hamilton spoke to Council about the abilities she has to help the Senior Advisory Board.
- She mentioned that she has a very good understanding of senior service issues.
- She is also bilingual, speaking both English and Yupiit.

Julius Pleasant

- Mr. Pleasant addressed the Council with his prior experience of working with the Elders of the Senior Center.
- He has also spoke about having been a member of The Alaska Commission on Aging.
- He feels he has a cross-cultural view of what the Elders need and want. He read a quote from John F. Kennedy.

Mayor Short

- Mayor declared a conflict of interest due to the fact that Julius Pleasant is his uncle.
- Vice-Mayor Williams then assumed the meeting appointing Joan Hamilton and Julius Pleasant to the two vacant seats on the Senior Advisory Board.

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To approve the Appointments of Joan Hamilton and Julius Pleasant to the Senior Advisory Board. |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion was carried by a unanimous vote. |
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MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT

City Manager Herron's report included the following:

- Joint Public Work Session 11-19-03
- Talked about the second work session on the possible Court System Expansion
- Quonset Hut Report
- City Lobbyist, Paul Richard's report to Council
- KuC President Mark Hamilton visiting Bethel on January 26 & 27, 2004

Comments

Council Member Williams asked about a possible tour to be set up for the Quonset Hut. He also asked questions about the letter from Lobbyist Richards. He requested a meeting with Placer Dome. He also spoke about the runaway rate in the City of Bethel.

Council Member Trantham asked City Manager Herron about liability concerns about moving the Quonset Hut. He also offered two other options for the Council to consider.

Council Member Dymont expressed the same concerns as Council Member Trantham.

Mayor Short asked that the concerns be addressed at the December 9, 2003 meeting. All agreed.

City Manager Herron addressed all the questions and concerns of the Council.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senior Advisory Board – Council Member Trantham reported that the Senior Advisory Board met on November 12, 2003. He did not attend that meeting because he attended the AML meeting in Nome. He said the meeting did not have a quorum. They will reschedule.

Parks and Recreation Committee – The Parks and Recreation Committee has a scheduled meeting set for November 19, 2003. No report at this time.

Planning Commission – Council Member Rodgers reported the Commission met on November 11, 2003. He said there was no New Business. They addressed the issue of trails on personal property. The Commission requested that Public Works work with ONC to make safer trails with speed limits.

Port Commission – There was no quorum for their meeting. They have rescheduled for November 25, 2003.

Public Works Committee – Council Member Notti was not present at this Council meeting, no report at this time.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission – The Commission met on November 3, 2003. The two major issues discussed were cab company trip logs, and they talked about a recommendation to City Council about requiring helmets to be worn during bicycle riding for all children under the age of 18.

Finance Committee – The finance committee had not had a meeting since the last Council meeting the next scheduled meeting will be on December 11 or 12, 2003.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing for Ordinance #03-14: Authorizing a lease of City owned real property to Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation for an Assisted Living Facility for the elderly and adults with disabilities.

Gene Peltola, CEO YKHC – Assisted Living Facility

- Mr. Peltola addressed the Council by first talking about whom and how the Assisted Living Task Force was made up of.
- He spoke about five steps to effectively take care of the Elderly and Disabled, and how Bethel only provides three of those five steps at this time.
- He addressed the renovation concerns that Council discussed on the Lulu Heron Facility. He stated that the location makes sense, and will provide the least amount of disruption to the elderly and disabled already being taken care of by the Lulu Heron Facility.
- He also urged Council to pass Ordinance #03-14.
- He also spoke of a Resolution that is in front of the YKHC Board to approve the take over of the Senior Services from City of Bethel

Elizabeth Lee – Assisted Living Task Force

- Mrs. Lee spoke to Council about the Assisted Living Task Force actions and passed out packets made up by the Task Force. She explained the packets and explained that the Assisted living Facility is going to be a long term care facility.
- She asked that Council please vote on and pass Ordinance #03-14.

Anton Anvil – Ordinance #03-14

- Mr. Anvil spoke to Council about his personal experiences, and of his needs and wants.
- He asked Council to pass Ordinance #03-14.

J.R. Krevans, MD – YKHC Physician

- Dr. Krevans spoke to Council about how Bethel is the only community that he knows of to not support a medical facility for the elderly.
- He urged Council to pass Ordinance #03-14.

Janelle Vanasse – Ordinance #03-14

- Mrs. Vanasse responded to Council comments about updates that have been on-going now for two years.
- She made comments about Council Member Notti’s reference to the ANCSA Section 3: land conveyance. She also stated that didn’t think that raising the price of the lease was a good way to make money.
- She discussed Economic Development for the City of Bethel.

BREAK AT 7:38 FOR 8 MINUTES

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To Move Items I,J – the 1 st set- on the agenda to the next Council meeting, change 2 nd H & I to K & L. |
| SECONDED BY: | Trantham | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous vote. |
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Ron Hoffman – Ordinance #03-14

- Mr. Hoffman talked about all the work that has been done to bring this project to a close.
- He spoke of the existing Independent Living Facility and how the Assisted Living Facility will be working together.
- He urged Council to pass Ordinance #03-14.

Mary Hildreth – Ordinance #03-14

- Mrs. Hildreth asked Council to vote on and pass Ordinance #03-14.

Tom Hildreth – Member Assisted Living Task Force

- Mr. Hildreth spoke about the Grant deadlines approaching. He explained that all that is needed is site control.
- He spoke about how the State is in support of the facility and how the State is willing to provide funding.
- He also talked about the default clause in the lease.

Mark John, Chalista Elders Council

- Mr. John spoke of his previous employment working with elders.
- He spoke in support of Ordinance #03-14.

Ray Watson, representative of ONC/BNC Board of Directors

- Mr. Watson spoke of the land that was given to the City of Bethel for the City to make decisions on how to use it. Now is the time to make a decision about that land.
- He spoke in support of the Ordinance #03-14.

Louise Charles, Director Senior Services

- Ms. Charles addressed the Council by talking about what programs are offered for the elderly and disabled through the Senior Center.
- She spoke in favor of the Assisted Living Facility and urged Council to pass Ordinance #03-14.

Valerie Davidson, Executive Vice-President of YKHC

- Mrs. Davidson spoke of current plans for the facility and also mentioned the plans for expansion later.
- She stated that the facility would add value to elders, the community, and ultimately the region.

Grant Shimanek – Pastor

- Mr. Shimanek spoke of the importance of heritage, and having the elderly leave Bethel for care, they are taking with them their heritage. He spoke of his experiences with the elderly, and his respect for the Yupik heritage.
- He urged Council to approve the Ordinance #03-14.

Joe Klejka, MD, Physician YKHC

- Dr. Klejka spoke as a physician about how moving the elderly is not a good idea, but Bethel is forced to.
- He urged the Council not miss the opportunity to improve the lives of so many people in one region.

Ray Alstrom, YKHC Board Member

- Mr. Alstrom urged Council to be responsible and do the right thing by passing Ordinance #03-14.

Peter Jacobs, Jr. Ordinance #03-14

- Mr. Jacobs spoke about listening to elders.
- He urged Council to work together with the community to make this a reality. He spoke in support of Ordinance #03-14.

Letter read from Donna C. Lindsey, read by Vice-Mayor Williams, in support of Ordinance #03-14.

Julius Pleasant – Ordinance #03-14

- Mr. Pleasant spoke of his knowledge of the elderly and how to take care of them. He said he was Director of Senior Services for three years.
- He supported the Ordinance #03-14.

Balassia Nicholi – Ordinance #03-14

- Mrs. Nicholi urged Council not to hold back, to go ahead and vote and pass the Ordinance #03-14 tonight.

Dan Hartman, MD – Physician YKHC

- Dr. Hartman spoke of his experiences in Hooper Bay. He goes there to help the people who are on the Homebound Program through YKHC to try to keep families together for as long as possible. He spoke of ICU level care being given in living rooms and talked about how hard it is on the family.
- Please support the Ordinance #03-14.

City Manager Bob Herron – Ordinance #03-14

- Mr. Herron addressed the Council in support of Ordinance #03-14.
- He spoke of the Economic Development for the City of Bethel.
- He would like to have Council vote tonight to approve the Ordinance #03-14.

Mayor Short thanked everyone for all their voices.

BREAK AT 9:50 FOR 7 MINUTES

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To suspend the rules and vote before the 30 day deadline on Ordinance #03-14: Authorizing a lease of City owned real property to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health |
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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | To approve Ordinance #03-14: Authorizing a lease of City owned real property to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health |
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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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Discussion

Council Member Trantham concerned about legal issues since the Mayor announced “no vote”.

Council Member Rodgers asked Council for consent to vote tonight on Ordinance #03-14, all agreed.

Council Member Williams had discussion with CEO of YKHC Gene Peltola. Discussion of conflict of interest with Mayor Short working in support services at YKHC.

Council Member Jacobs spoke on the importance of the facility and his support for the Ordinance #03-14.

Council Member Trantham thanked all testifiers and told the community how helpful they have been to give him all the information he needed to make a good decision. He also mentioned a possible conflict of interest; Mayor Short declared that there was no conflict of interest for Council Member Trantham.

Mayor Short called for voice vote. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item B – Public Hearing for Ordinance #03-15: Authorizing the City to sell the Phillips Ayagnirvik Treatment Center to, and enter into a ground lease with, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Gene Peltola, CEO YKHC

- Mr. Peltola gave a brief history of the ownership of the Phillips Ayagnirvik building.
- Urged Council approval for Ordinance #03-15.

City Manager Bob Herron

- Mr. Herron spoke about the memo he wrote to Council about the major and minor improvements needed. Spoke about the sale being positive for the community.

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To approve Ordinance #03-15: Authorizing the City to sell the Phillips Ayagnirvik Treatment Center to, and enter into a ground lease agreement, with Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation. |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion Tabled Until December 9, 2003 |
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Discussion

Council Member Dymont had questions about the State giving the funding for the facility, and how it will affect the sale. He also asked if anyone had ever mentioned a renegotiation of the facility. City Manager Herron responded by yes, but nothing was ever done.

Council Member Williams discussed alternatives to selling the facility. City Manager Herron addressed the concerns by speaking about the default clause in the lease.

Council Member Trantham wanted more education on this matter.

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To table Ordinance #03-15: Authorizing the City to sell the Phillips Ayagnirvik Treatment Center to, and enter into a ground lease agreement, with Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, until December 9. |
| SECONDED BY: | Dymont | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |
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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | To suspend the Rules to go past 10:00 |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried unanimously |
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Item C – Resolution #03-33 – Requesting the Attorney General of the State of Alaska to investigate the proposed acquisition of Yukon Fuel by Crowley Corporation

City Manager Herron introduced Bill Verdon, representative from Crowley Marine Corporation.

- Mr. Verdon spoke about the current and future plane that Crowley has.
- He also spoke of the meeting between Crowley and the Attorney General’s Office. The Crowley Corporation has already requested a Civilian Investigation Request (CIR).
- He addressed the Council’s concerns about prices going higher, by introducing the three proposals and describing each one.

Bruce Barto, Crowley Petroleum Distribution

- Mr. Barto gave a brief history of the Crowley Corporation and outlined some potential solutions to the oppositions.
- He spoke about rate stabilization, and gave explanations of the stabilizations.

Phillip Gutleben, Business Manager for the Lower Kuskokwim School District

- Mr. Gutleben addressed the Council by first speaking about how much fuel LKSD actually purchases.

- He spoke against the acquisition of Yukon Fuel, by the Crowley Corporation.

Mark Springer, AVEC Member

- Mr. Springer addressed the Council and the Crowley representatives, by asking about how Crowley plans to get rid of the excess equipment if the acquisition is approved.
- He urged the Council to pass Resolution #03-33.

Mark Teitzel, Vice President of AVEC

- Mr. Teitzel gave brief description of AVEC serving the Bethel area.
- He read a letter from Meera Kohler, CEO and President of AVEC Corporation.
- He spoke in favor of Resolution #03-33, and urged Council to approve it.

Joan Hamilton – Resolution #03-33

- Mrs. Hamilton spoke to Council about the history of competition, and asked Council to approve Resolution #03-33.

Discussion

Council Member Jacobs questions to the Crowley Representatives, about the meeting with Attorney General and Crowley Corporation. He announced his approval for the Resolution. Mr. Barto replied to question.

Council Member Williams spoke about the price comparison of fuel in Nome, at the Crowley Bulk Fuel Facility, and Bethel. He commented, regarding this issue, to the Crowley Representatives. The representatives responded to the examples.

Council Member Dymont questioned the liability of entering into an agreement with Crowley Marine Corporation. He also asked about a lawsuit that took place against Crowley Corporation several years ago. The Crowley representatives addressed these issues.

Council Member Rodgers commented on the competition being the exact same price.

Mayor Short wanted to know how Crowley’s relationship with other competitors. He announced his approval for the Resolution. He then spoke about Crowley being good producer for Bethel in the past, no matter what happens, he doesn’t want it to change. Representatives addressed the concerns of Mayor Short.

Council Member Trantham discussed the community concerns.

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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | To suspend the Rules to go past 11:00 |
| SECONDED BY: | Dymont | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried unanimously |
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Council Member Williams spoke about the Donalin Creek Project and the Projects up coming need for fuel once running.

City Manager Herron gave comments about expert legal opinion. He also made comments about the Confidential Memo, and sharing it with the public if the Council so desired.

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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | To approve Resolution #03-33: Requesting the Attorney General of the State of Alaska to investigate the proposed acquisition of Yukon Fuel by Crowley Corporation. |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

Amended by adding the language: for it's anti trust implications and for economic.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Amendment passes Unanimously |
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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To approve Resolution #03-33: Requesting the Attorney General of the State of Alaska to investigate the proposed acquisition of Yukon Fuel by Crowley Corporation, as amended |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carries unanimously |
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Discussion ensued about the release of the memorandum from the City of Bethel Attorney to the City of Bethel.

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To make a determination weather the City should or should not release the Confidential Memo |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion to release the memo carried unanimously |
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Break for five minutes

NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction Ordinance #03-16: Amending The Bethel Municipal Code Section 5.40.020 to clarify the maximum number of times a chauffeur applicant can take the written and driving test in one calendar year.

Item B - Introduction of Ordinance # 03-17: Amending BMC Sect 2.52.035, to allow each City Council Member to be appointed to more than one board, commission, or committee

Item C - Introduction of Ordinance #03-18: Amending the BMC section 2.04.010 regarding the location and dates of Council Meetings

Item D - Introduction of Ordinance # 03-08(B): Amending the adopted FY 04 budget

Item E - Introduction of Ordinance # 03-20: To enter into a sole-source contract with appraisers for appraisal of the property parcels needed for the Bethel River Bank Stabilization Project, and to exempt the transaction from certain provisions of the BMC

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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | To introduce Ordinance #03-16, Ordinance # 03-17, Ordinance #03-18, Ordinance #03-03(B), and Ordinance #03-20. |
| SECONDED BY: | Trantham | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. |
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Item F - Resolution #03-34: Affirming Civil Rights and Liberties; requesting immediate review of Federal measures on Civil Liberties

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To approve Resolution #03-34: Affirming Civil Rights and Liberties; requesting immediate review of Federal measures on Civil Liberties. |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | To suspend the rules to allow Public Hearing to proceed after motion made. |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. |
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Public Hearing

Joan Hamilton – Resolution #03-34

- Urged Council to vote yes on this Resolution
- She spoke about regulations that were already in place before 9/11 to catch terrorists. Now the Patriot Act is infringing on America’s Civil Liberties.

Eric Johnson – Resolution #03-34

- Brief history of the Patriot Act
- Gave examples of how Patriot Act infringing on Americans
- Urged Council to vote yes on Resolution #03-34

Mark Springer – Resolution #03-34

- Support Resolution #03-34, along with the community, and State of Alaska.

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| MOVED BY: | Dyment | To amend Resolution #03-34 to say: A Resolution of the Bethel City Council Affirming Civil Rights and Liberties; Requesting immediate review of Federal measures that MAY infringe on Civil Liberties. |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. |
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Discussion ensued about the Resolution and the Federal Government. The Civil Disobedience was discussed as well.

Discussion ensued about the Senate Bill #1552.

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To amend Resolution #03-34 by adding the clause: Now therefore be it resolved that the Bethel City Council supports the Senate Bill 1552 introduced into the United States Senate by Lisa Murkowski |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | WITHDRAWN |
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MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WILLIAMS AND JACOBS.

Item G - Resolution #03-35: Accepting a grant in the amount of 3,325,000 for VSW Act

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| MOVED BY: | Rodgers | To adopt Resolution #03-35: A Resolution accepting a grant in the amount of \$3,325,000 for the Village Safe Water Act. |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote |
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There was a request for more information to be presented to Council on this Grant offer.

Item H - Resolution #03-36: Urging the Legislature to expedite the sale of Alaska's Natural Gas

Corrections by the City Manager made before the motion was called onto the floor.

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To adopt amended Resolution #03-36: A resolution of the City Council, of the City of Bethel, urging members of the House and the Senate to convene a special session to expedite the sale of Alaska's Natural Gas. |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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Discussion

The wording of section two of the Resolution was discussed.

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| MOVED BY: | Williams | To adopt amended Resolution #03-36: A resolution of the City Council, of the City of Bethel, Alaska, urging members of the Alaska House and Senate to consider Appropriations, Legislation, or Resolutions needed to expedite the sale of Alaska's Natural Gas. |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To amend Resolution #03-36 by changing the last line of section two to say: The Bethel City Council encourages the Alaska State Legislature to act now. |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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Item I – Discussion - USDA Loan – Water/Sewer Trucks

City Manager Herron lead the discussion with asking for permission to complete the forms to get loan underway. Discussions ensued about the USDA Letter to the City of Bethel. The Council discussed concerns about how to keep up with the payments; options were presented. Discussions of the costs associated with the loans.

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To direct the City Manager to pursue the USDA loan for \$320,000. |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried with voice vote of 5-1,(Rodgers) |
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Item J – Discussion City of Bethel Financial Report

City Manager Herron gave out a hand out that explains the Financial Report as presented. Discussion ensued about talking with the Finance Director and/or the Assistant Finance Director.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Dymont pleased to see everyone working together.

Council Member Jacobs spoke about attending the upcoming Public Health Nursing Open House.

Council Member Williams announced that the recording equipment is going to need to be replaced. He said that the AML convention was very educational. Sales Tax Audits and options to ordering business cards were topics he discussed.

Council Member Trantham thanked everyone for their support at the AML convention in Nome. He mentioned future projects and events that are going to be coming up. He announced that he lost the election to the Alaska Municipal League, Board of Directors. He thanked Mrs. Lee for her presentations to the Council on behalf of the Assisted Living Facility.

Council Member Rodgers gave his appreciation of Council working together. He also said to hug an elder.

Mayor Short had no comment.

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| MOVED BY: | Jacobs | To adjourn the meeting at 12:00 a.m. - Midnight |
| SECONDED BY: | Williams | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____ 2003.

ATTEST:

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

Amanda Roudebsuh, City Clerk