

Introduced by: Council Member
Trantham & City
Manager Baird
Date: September 27, 2005
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #05-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA,
ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA TO SUPPORT AN
ALL-ALASKA GAS PIPELINE WHICH WOULD BENEFIT THE COMMUNITIES IN
THE STATE WITH A SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS**

- WHEREAS**, Alaska resources, including the vast oil and gas reserves on the North Slope, are owned by the people of Alaska, and Alaska's constitution mandates that they be developed for the maximum benefit of Alaska's people;
- WHEREAS**, an All-Alaska gas pipeline needs to address the issue of providing natural gas to all areas of Alaska;
- WHEREAS**, Bethel and many rural Alaska residents are paying prices for diesel fuel which exceed prices throughout Alaska and would benefit from access to natural gas;
- WHEREAS**, several Alaskan municipalities have joined together to form the Alaska Gas Pipeline Authority (AGPA) to build an all-Alaskan gas pipeline to actually develop the gas reserves on the North Slope, rather than continue on with years of further delay;
- WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska owning the pipeline and being able to provide natural gas service to many of the State's more rural communities would be prudent and viable;
- WHEREAS**, the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA) is prepared to build a spur-line to connect South-central Alaska to a main gas line;
- WHEREAS**, there has been much debate about the extreme options of the natural gas pipe line, and there have been several opinions voiced in favor or opposed to one proposal or the other;
- WHEREAS**, there is a prudent option which will benefit all Alaskans to the maximum extent possible.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bethel, that an All Alaskan gas pipeline would provide superior benefits to Alaska's citizens in the form of employment, revenues to municipal and state governments, potential for value added processing within Alaska, and a fast development timeline than competing projects facing an uncertain regulatory process in a foreign country.

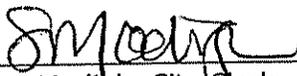
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bethel supports construction of an All Alaskan gas pipeline with a firm commitment to build the line and market our gas under a set timetable. A supply of gas for consumer needs and economic development enhancement for Alaska must be secured and assured. Any agreement to build the gas pipeline must also serve the best economic interest of Alaskans guaranteed under the State of Alaska constitution.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF SEPTMEBMER 2005, BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.



Hugh Dymont, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk