
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

January 9, 2000

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 9, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Vice Mayor Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo—*acting Mayor*
Jerry Drake
Mike O'Brien
Carl Berger
Dario Notti—arrived at 6:40

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Colleen Soberay, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Buster Richardson, member of Port Commission, said he received phone calls in regard to the City's settlement with Faulkner Walsh. He commented on forgiving of money by Council. He said with all of the debt forgiving Council has been doing lately, will Council help him by forgiving the \$6,000 he owes to the City, as he is being sued by the City. He also asked what the City did with disaster funds given to the City by State and Federal agencies. He again asked for help in the money he owes for storage of his boats at the Port dock.

Terryl Miller, Bethel resident, commented on Ordinance #01-02 in regard to PSTC and taxi ordinance. He asked if Council would consider making this ordinance available in the form of a workshop and refer it to the PSTC for review, as the PSTC should have a chance to review this ordinance.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo explained that Ordinance #01-02 is only being introduced at this meeting and will be referred to the PSTC for review before it comes back to the Council to take action.

Manager Herron said with input from Council and legal council the City put the package together and it is now being introduced for public hearings. He said the process is being done properly.

John Hastie, Chairman of PSTC, said he was elected the new chairman at the January PSTC meeting and at that meeting members discussed support of the Police Department. He read a letter from the PSTC in support of the Bethel Police Department and support for Officer Dudley, after providing Council with a copy.

Jim Pobrislo, Bethel resident, said, after prefacing that his comments reflect his views only not the views of his spouse, every community has rules that govern the behavior of the community and those rules are laws and ordinances. He said as a community we give the duty to uphold those laws to our Police Department. Mr. Pobrislo said recently the Bethel Police Department has gone through severe hardships and he applauds their efforts and work. And, he said he read about the drive-by shooting of Officer Dudley's home with horror. He thanked the Police Department for working so hard to protect the citizens of Bethel.

Bob Pettit, Bethel Chief of Police, said he is addressing Council as their department head and the Chief of Police. He said he has heard a number of rumors throughout the community that concern him a great deal. He expressed his appreciation of the many tireless hours that the Bethel Police Department works to keep Bethel Safe. Chief Pettit said the Police Department needs the support of the Council and the support of the community. He said by-and-large the Police Department gets support from the community. He said he heard rumors that the drive-by shooting was orchestrated by the police department to get sympathy for the police department. He said that is unconscionable and he could not imagine anyone coming up with a scenario of that kind. He said the men and women of this police department are very professional and strive to maintain professionalism through training and through their desire to do a good job. He said another rumor he heard was that the police department put a lot of effort into the investigation of the drive-by shooting of Officer Dudley's house because Officer Dudley is white. Chief Pettie said that can't be further from the truth. He also said Officer Dudley's wife is Native and his children are half Native. He said under no circumstances will the Police Department allow people to take their anger out against the police department in this manner, as there is no reason to use a weapon against a police officer in this manner. He said additionally the police have been under attack because of various reasons and the police are getting incongruent statements from the members of the leadership of this community. Chief Pettit gave examples. He said everyone must abide by the laws and we are all sworn to uphold the laws of the Constitution of the United States, State of Alaska and the City of Bethel. He quoted, "There can be no worse example in a republic than to make a law and not to observe it, the more so when it is disregarded by very parties who made it."

Oly Olson, Bethel resident, commented on the settlement with Faulkner Walsh. He said it isn't in his best interest to buy gravel that is below standard. He said the City could use \$68,000 cash better than they can use a bunch of gravel. He said it doesn't appear there is any incentive for people to pay their taxes if people can slip off this easily and just bring something that is no good to them and get the city to forgive a debt. He said Council has opened the door so other people will come forward and ask for debt forgiveness. He said it's hard to say what Council might end up with for a bad debt.

Doreen O'Brien, Bethel resident, thanked the police department for everything they do. She said her house is two doors away from the house that was shot at in the drive-by shooting. She said she was scared to death to hear gun blasts outside her bedroom window in the middle of the night and she called the Police immediately and learned Sgt. Dudley was on duty. She said she never felt more secure when the streets were blocked off during the investigation. Ms. O'Brien said it is horrendous that members of the Council cannot be more supportive to Bethel's police officers who risk their lives, and evidently their family's lives, every day. She also said if

people who sit on the Council cannot take that into consideration they should be removed from the Council no matter what seat on the Council they hold. Ms. O'Brien said she wholeheartedly hopes that every Council member will give the police department a vote of confidence and a pat on the back.

Joerene Hout, Bethel resident, said in the 38 years she's been in Bethel the current police department is the best she's ever seen. She said every single council member knows what it's like to be treated well by an employer and treated poorly by an employer. She said she agrees with the others who say Bethel's police department should be treated well. Ms. Hout said Council is the employer of the police department and as an employer should give full support, not only in the council chambers but in the community. She said we don't need council people who bad-mouth a City employee.

Ms. Hout said, on the issue of Ordinance 01-01 relating to the City's gravel deal with Faulkner Walsh, to make a law and not abide by that law is unconscionable. She said the Council passed a municipal code for the City and now Council is trying to exempt it. She also said there are a lot of businesses in this community who pay sales tax, who are having a difficult time and who have had to take out loans in order to comply with new City ordinances and pay sales tax. Ms. Hout said the Council voted this past session to ask for a 1 percent increase in the sales tax, which the voters turned down and it's apparent that's a good choice on the part of the voters. She said Council has known for the past year or two that that gravel was going to be purchased by the City of Bethel and it's in the dock commission minutes that the city was going to buy \$100,000 worth of gravel from Faulkner Walsh. She said it is simply a ploy to bypass the bidding process in the City and to purchase the gravel that was decided upon a year or two ago. Ms. Hout said that's unconscionable, Council is hurting other businesses and it shouldn't be exempted. She said if the dock doesn't need good gravel it could do the job in a much less expensive way.

John Dickens, member of PSTC and volunteer ET, asked the Council to support the Police Department. He said he's lived in Alaska since he was a little boy and said he's never seen a city police force that helps as much on emergencies, medical and fire, as the police department in Bethel. He said in October he responded to almost 40 different runs as a volunteer and watched Bethel police do far and above what one would expect of a police officer. He said he's asked police officers why they quit and want to move away and the response he received was because there are people in Bethel who are not behind the police department. Mr. Dickens said all over Alaska Bethel has a reputation of being a city that doesn't want to play by the rules and that plagues Bethel and hurts its reputation throughout the State. He asked the Council to support Chief Pettit and all of his officers. He said, as a volunteer, he sees what the police do at 3 a.m. He said he disagrees with the criticism of the police department and said they conduct themselves professionally and do far more than anyone would expect. He said he was very upset about the attack on Sgt. Dudley's house and that attack was an attack on the entire community. He said Bethel has a reputation of being a lawless community and that Bethel's officers are grossly under funded and under manned. He gave anecdotes of there not being enough police officers. He said Chief Pettit is a good man and has done a lot for the community and Sgt. Dudley is an excellent officer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the minutes of the Dec. 12, 2000 regular meeting, with change noted by the city clerk; minutes of the Dec. 13 special meeting.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the agenda with the addition of new business item M: Council Support and vote of confidence for the Bethel Police Department, Police Chief and Sgt. Dudley and his family; and removal of the K-300 Proclamation from the consent agenda
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

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

The Mayor's Report included the following:

- Governor's Talking Points for the weeks of December 11, 18, 25, 2000 and January 1, 2001
- Letter from Governor Tony Knowles—*Re: Capital Investment in Bethel*
- Letter from Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission—*Re: Permit holders in jeopardy of losing their permits*
- Letter from Department of the Army—*Re: Bethel's request to erect a walkway on leased property at the Bethel Armory Complex*
- Letter from U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration—*Re: Alaska 2001 Strategy*
- Letter from AK Department of Environmental Conservation—*Re: Public drinking water system regulations and related information*
- Alaska Housing News Release—*Fitch Upgrades AHFC Bond Ratings*
- Alaska Housing News Release—*Standard and Poor's Affirms AHFC Bond Ratings*
- Public Hearing Notice from HCD Plan Coordinator—*Public invited to participate in a statewide teleconference to provide input into the development of the FY 2002 Action Plan Implementing the Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan for Alaska (HCD Plan)*
- Alaska Housing News Release—*AHFC Loans \$500,000 to Aleutian Housing Authority for Homeownership Program*

Vice Mayor Pobrislo commented on the Governor's Talking points. She also pointed out that applications for 2001 Permanent Dividend Fund are now available. Vice Mayor Pobrislo also reviewed a public notice letter from the State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and read the names of Bethel residents whose permits are up for renewal.

Council member Drake reviewed the letter from Governor Knowles in regard to capital investment-improvement budget in Bethel.

Manager Herron commented on the letter from the Dept. of the Army in regard to Bethel's request to erect a walkway on leased property at the Bethel Armory Complex—along 4th Avenue. Manager Herron said he will respond to the letter and explained the walkway would be a 4-foot wide sand pad, rather than wood.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Council concurred to make the following appointments:

Vice Mayor Pobrislo said there is one industry seat vacant on the PSTC and one regular seat is vacant. She said Terry Miller and Hugh Short, Jr., submitted applications for PSTC.

MOVED BY:	Berger	To appoint Hugh Short, Jr., to fill an industry seat on the Public Safety and Transportation Commission.
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Vice Mayor Pobrislo read the names submitted for reappointment and asked for Council concurrence.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To re-appoint Darcy Anderson to the P&R Committee; Allen DeSousa to the Port Commission; and Kilsoo Seo to the Finance Committee.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Vice Mayor Pobrislo read the names of the applicants and asked for concurrence to reappoint or newly appoint two people to the Planning Commission.

MOVED BY:	Berger	To re-appoint John Guinn and Mark Charlie to the Planning Commission.
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

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

City Manager Bob Herron noted the management reports included in council packets and reviewed the following items with council:

- Seawall—Reviewed language in the appropriations bill and informed Council he plans to travel to Anchorage in the near future to visit with the Corps of Engineers to continue discussions.
- Senior Advisory Board (SAB) Bylaws Rewrite—Copy of the rewritten bylaws were provided to Council. The rewritten bylaws reflect the discussion that Council had at the last Council meeting. The SAB will review the new proposed bylaws at their Jan. 16 meeting. Manager Herron reviewed the significant changes made to the bylaws.
- People's Learning Center—A group of the executive officers of the partners of the proposed vocational training center met Jan. 9 to discuss governance issues and to the progress of the preparation of documents to be submitted to the federal delegation in

Washington, DC for funding. At this meeting, an interim leadership committee was formed with Manager Herron as chairman and Gene Peltola as vice chairman to guide the group toward the possible formation of a consortium.

- Police Officers—Reviewed a letter of resignation of a Bethel police officer. He also provided a salary matrix for how much police officers make around the State.
- Alaska Legislature—After he talked to Paul Richards, City lobbyist, it was concluded that a small group should travel to Juneau after January 23 to lobby the Legislature. AML strategy meetings are scheduled to take place Feb. 1 and 2.
- Bethel Neighborhood Network—Reviewed a proposed MOU with Council in regard to a project that would provide free public access to computers housed at the Senior Center. Discussions have taken place between ONC and the Senior Center, but this is the first document outlining the project. Manager Herron asked for Council’s conceptual approval, but will ask for legal review and logistical review before considering signing the MOU. He said there are still a lot of issues/logistics to be clarified and that he would work with the staff.
- Informed Council that mid-year budget modifications would be dealt with at the next council meeting
- Manager Herron recommended Council start discussing water and sewer rate increases at the January 23 Council meeting. He said the auditors gave Council a report approximately a year ago that stated if Council were to raise water prices just to absorb the red ink of \$600,000/year it would be a 20 percent increase across the board—hailed, piped and sewer. He said it’s important that Council find out from the public if the community still wants the City to absorb the losses or if is it time for the community to start paying for the cost of water and sewer.

Council member Drake recommended Council support Administration to continue discussions in regard to the MOU for a Bethel Neighborhood Network. Council member Berger asked what would be the source of funding for this program. Manager Herron said ONC, in cooperation with BNC, have received a grant to purchase the equipment. The cost to the City would be the logistics of dealing with the public using the computers in a city facility, which will be the issue. He said the City would look at this program first from a legal and logistic point of view.

Council member Notti suggested putting the computer center into the library since the grants do not included operation expenses long-term and because of after-hour operations.

Manager Herron explained the goal of the computer lab and why it would be located at the Senior Center, such as it will create an opportunity for elders to gain free access to the internet and learn some computer skills. Manager Herron said the hours of the computer lab and other logistics will be will still need to be studied.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To direct City administration to explore the concept of the Neighborhood Network.
SECONDED BY:	O’Brien	

Vice Mayor Pobrislo said a motion was not in order, that Council, with concurrence, could direct the City Manager to explore the concept of the Neighborhood Network to be located at the Senior Center.

VOTE ON MOTION	A vote was not taken
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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senior Advisory Board

Council member Berger said the next SAB meeting is scheduled for Jan. 16, 2001. He said he did attend the Senior Christmas luncheon and acknowledged and thanked service organizations and members of the business community for their support with the luncheon and providing gifts to the seniors.

Planning Commission

Council member Notti said the commission will meet Jan. 11, 2001. He referred to the City Planner to review the agenda items for the Jan. 11 meeting. The City Planner reviewed the agenda for the Jan. 11 meeting.

Port Commission

Mayor Rodgers was not present.

Public Works Committee

Council member Drake said the Committee met in December and the major items discussed are under new business, one is a resolution on the council agenda, which will be discussed by Council. He said the next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2001 at 12:00 at the Public Works building.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council member O'Brien said the Commission discussed information that was passed on to members in regard to a letter of revocation and a letter to DOT which was sent out from PSTC in regard to a crossing at YKHC that included specific comments from members of the PSTC. Council member O'Brien said new business included an informative briefing by the city clerk on the rules of procedure concerning the Commission; elections for new chair and vice chair, which John Hastie was elected chair and Jim Blake was elected vice chair. He said the Commission also discussed street lighting on East Avenue, across from the slough, which is extremely dark and is in need of street lights.

Finance Committee

Council member Phillips was not present.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Council member Pobrislo said the Committee has not met since the last Council meeting, but will meet January 24, 2001 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. She said there are agenda items for discussion include a shooting range for the community and a shooting-sports program, which the committee needs public input on.

Council member O'Brien requested new business item M be moved up on the agenda to accommodate members of the public waiting for this item to be discussed. Council concurred. Vice Mayor moved Item M up on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Item M — Support for the Bethel Police Department, the Police Chief and the men and women who serve.

Council member Drake said he would like to see Council provide unanimous support for the police department and would like Council to put this in the form of a letter that he hopes each Council member will sign to show their support as a whole for the police department, the Police Chief in particular, and the men and women who serve thanking them for the tireless hours they work. He also said he would like the letter to recognize Sergeant Ben Dudley and his family for what they've been through and the sacrifices made. He said all of Council present at this meeting should sign the letter and make signature spots available for members who are not present at this meeting.

Council member O'Brien gave concurrence to Council member Drake's comments. Council member O'Brien also said he is a steadfast supporter of the police department and members of this community should be reminded of the many things police officers do to protect members of the community. He asked, when rumors circulate such as what the Police Chief said under *People to be Heard*, what kind of a message does that send to Bethel police officers. He said the community and Council should stand behind those who serve and protect. He gave his thanks and gratitude to everyone on the police force.

Council member Drake added that Council members are leaders of the community and its important Council lead by example. Council member Berger echoed the comments made in support of the Police Department by Council and the public and said he supports the Police Department and Police Chief.

Council member Notti expressed his support for the police department and the work they do and said, to his knowledge, it's the department that has probably grown the most in the budget over the past several years. He said though their work is long and tireless and they put their life and health at risk, they aren't the only city employees who do so. He said the City's Fire Department is continually going into burning structures and the City's Public Works Department stands outside in 100 below chill factor filling tanks and our sewer employees risk their health working around many communicable diseases everyday. He said a grievous offense has happened to one of our police officers, but said to remember that all of our city employees do a great job and should be recognized.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo gave her support for the police department. Vice Mayor Pobrislo also said the comments and actions of one council member do not reflect the rest of what this council feels about the Bethel police department. She said as Mr. Notti pointed out there are other departments in the City who do a very good job, work hard and tirelessly, but they are not always constantly scrutinized for what they do and that is the point. She said the issue at hand is that the police department is being scrutinized, particularly by a Council member and that is inappropriate and it won't be tolerated. She continued that she doesn't know exactly how it is that Council can proceed from here to address this issue, but said she believes Council will have to go into executive session at sometime to discuss this issue. Vice Mayor Pobrislo said it's unacceptable that any member of this Council would call any city employee to talk to them

about their work ethics and the way they do their job, as that is not Council's position and is not Council's job, never has been and never will be. Vice Mayor Pobrislo entertained a motion for a vote of confidence for Police Chief and police department and to draft a letter that each Council member will sign off on in a show of support.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To write a letter of support and vote of confidence for the police department, police chief and officers of the police department, which all Council members will sign off on.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Roll-call vote: Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A — Public Hearing on Ordinance #00-27: Amending sections of BMC 2.52 in regard to Boards, Committees and Commissions

MOVED BY:	Drake	To postpone the public hearing of Ord. #00-27 until the January 23, 2001 regular Council meeting.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote
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Item B — Public Hearing on Ordinance #00-06: Relating to a six-month free demonstration project of wireless technology for City offices

Vice Mayor Pobrislo opened the public hearing.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt Ord. #00-06 accepting a six-month free demonstration project of wireless technology for City offices
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

Seeing no one to speak, Vice Mayor Pobrislo closed the public hearing.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote
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NEW BUSINESS

Item A — BMC 4.16 Sales Tax work session

Manager Herron asked Laurie Walters, Assistant Finance Director, to address postponing the sales tax work session. Ms. Walters explained the Finance Department seeks more time to put together a complete work session package for Council. Council agreed to postpone the sales tax work session until the January 23, 2001 regular Council meeting.

Item B — Presentation of an Award of Appreciation to Brian Glasheen

MOVED BY:	Drake	To postpone the presentation of Brian Glasheen's award to the January 23, 2001 meeting so Mr. Glasheen could be present to receive his award.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item C — Discussion Item: Resolution #01-01 introduced by the Bethel Public Works Committee in regard to the Recycling project.

Council member Drake said the Public Works Committee sent Resolution #01-01 to Council for approval. He explained the Committee has been working with the Bethel Recycling Center and specifically himself and Clair Grifka became members of the recycling committee. He said they set up incorporation papers in hopes of getting the recycling center geared up and going as strong as it once had been, but found that the project did not have any seed money or volunteers to operate the project. Council member Drake said it has since been determined that, at no budgetary impact initially, the recycling center could be operated by the Public Works Department. He said the Committee is working on possible grants and volunteer solutions. He said it is really the only option the Committee has found to have an ongoing recycling center in Bethel.

Council member Drake said the Public Works Committee would like Council direction to allow the Public Works Department to operate the Bethel Recycling Center.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt Resolution #01-01 in regard to the City of Bethel taking over the operation of the Bethel Recycling Center.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

Vice Mayor Pobrislo read Resolution #01-01 to the public. Council member Berger asked if the Public Works Committee has approached the City Manager or Public Works Director to determine if they are able to take on this responsibility. Drake said the Public Works Director has been intimately involved with this project. Manager Herron said, he too, has been involved and does support the Public Works Committee's decision.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item D — Ordinance #01-01: An ordinance exempting the City's acquisition of gravel in settlement of a legal claim from the provisions of Chapter 4.20 of the BMC

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To introduce Ord. 01-01 and set public hearing for January 23, 2001 regular council meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Notti	

VOTE ON MOTION	Roll-call vote: 4 yes, 1 no—motion passed
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Item E — Ordinance #01-02: An ordinance amending certain sections of chapters 2.25 of the BMC relating to the PSTC; and repealing and reenacting chapters 5.20 through 5.50 of the BMC relating to regulation of taxi cabs, river taxis, buses, limousines, airport limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services

MOVED BY:	Berger	To introduce and refer Ord. 01-02 to the PSTC with an amendment adding a sunset clause of 60 days, which at that time Council will review the progress of the ordinance and take action as necessary.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item F — Ordinance #01-03: An ordinance amending chapter 5.04 of the BMC by providing that a decision of the finance director under 5.04.020 may be appealed

MOVED BY:	Drake	To introduce Ord. #01-03 and set public hearing for the January 23, 2001 regular council meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Notti	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item G — Ordinance #01-04: An ordinance granting council members a stipend of \$50 per meeting

MOVED BY:	Notti	To introduce Ord. #01-04 and set public hearing for the January 23, 2001 regular council meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Berger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Roll-call vote: 4 yes, 1 no—motion passed
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Item H — Ordinance #01-05: An ordinance repealing and reenacting BMC 15, 16, 17 and 18 *et seq*

MOVED BY:	Drake	To introduce and refer Ord. #01-05 to the Planning Commission with the amendment of a sunset clause of 60 days, which at that time Council will review the progress of the ordinance and take action as necessary.
SECONDED BY:	Notti	

Manager Herron explained this is an extremely complex ordinance and that it will need to be referred to Planning Commission for review and public hearings, but asked that a sunset clause be inserted of 60 days for a progress review be inserted into the main motion.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item I — Discussion Item: Bering Sea Summit

Manager Herron explained an e-mail he received in regard to the 2001 Bering Sea Summit in that it is basically just a heads up that in October there will be a Bering Sea Summit and suggested Council start to consider, maybe in a small way, getting involved with the summit, since Bethel is on the Bering sea.

Manager Herron said he would respond to the letter and keep Council apprised of information as it becomes available.

Item J — Discussion Item: KYUK's Quonset and property

Manager Herron said several months ago himself and the Chief of Police went to the Bethel Broadcasting Board meeting, where they made a pitch to the Board to consider the City's offer to purchase their Quonset and property underneath. He said the Board replied they appraise the property. Manager Herron said the Board had the property appraised and said it was appraised at \$160,000. He said the Board wants the appraised value. Manager Herron said the property could be an ideal location for a police station and more space for the court complex, as they seek additional space. Manager Herron asked for direction from Council to pursue negotiations or cease negotiations.

Council member Drake said it's a good idea to look into the deal for the possibility of purchase, if the City would benefit. Council member Berger agreed.

Council member Notti declared a conflict of interest because he is on the Bethel Broadcasting Board.

Council directed the City Manager to enter into negotiations for the possible purchase of land. Manager Herron said he would keep Council informed of the negotiations.

Item K — Discussion Item: Juvenile Justice request from AK Dept. of Health and Social Services, Division of Juvenile Justice

Manager Herron explained the request, in that the City is being asked to contribute to a collaborative effort to provide Alaska Native College students internships in rural juvenile probation offices. Manager Herron recommended a subsidy of approximately \$200 per month in utility services only.

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To provide a subsidy of \$200 per month in utility services.
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item L — Proclamation of Kuskokwim-300 Week

Council member O'Brien read the proclamation to the public. Council proclaimed the week of January 15 as Kuskokwim-300 week.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Berger wished everyone a happy Slavic.

Council Member Pobrislo thanked all of the community members who attended the meeting and showed support for the Bethel Police Department. She also said people have a right and it's their responsibility to get involved with their local government, so when the council chambers are full it makes Council's job worthwhile. She wished everyone a Happy Slavic.

Council Member Notti wished everyone a happy Slavic and condolences to the Bayayak Family and thanked the Bethel search and rescue and all of the volunteers who went out and searched for Pavilla Bayayak.

Council Member O'Brien wished everyone a happy Slavic and asked that everyone be careful and safe, as Bethel has received some cold weather but not everything is completely safe, yet.

Council Member Drake gave his condolences to the Pavilla Bayayak Family and wished everyone a Happy Slavic.

Mayor Rodgers was not present.

Council Member Phillips was not present.

ADJOURNMENT

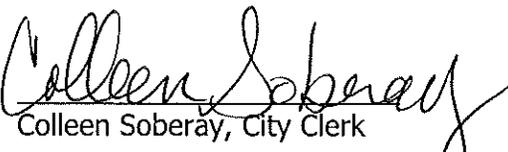
MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

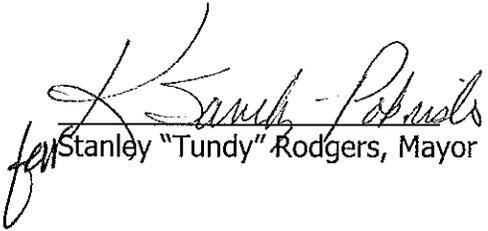
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2001.

ATTEST:


 Colleen Soberay, City Clerk


 Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor