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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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November 6, 2002

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 6, 2002, 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:

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers	Jerry Drake
Andrei Jacobs	David Trantham
Joy Shantz	
Hugh Short, Jr.	
Carl Berger	

Excused absence(s): none

Unexcused absence(s): none

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager  
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

*There were no members of the public to be heard.*

**Resolution #02-31: A resolution supporting Orutsaramiut Native Council (ONC) in requesting Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) road funding to pave Atsaq Street, Delapp Street, Mallard Street, and Own Street, and agreeing to provide for maintenance if this roads project is funded**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt resolution #02-31
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jacobs	

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Council Member Trantham requested a 15 minute recess so that he could study resolution #02-31. Mayor Short asked that other discussion be brought forth before a recess would be considered.

Vice-Mayor Carl Berger read resolution #02-31.

Deputy City Manager Soberay explained the resolution, including ONC's involvement in the program.

Council Member Jacobs asked for an explanation for the in-kind language mentioned in the ASCG letter written to Deputy City Manager Soberay.

Deputy City Manager Soberay stated that the letter refers to is the fact that the engineers developed the cost of the project assuming that the City would not provide funds or provide construction work. She further explained that all the City would be responsible for is maintenance, which is what the City is currently responsible for.

Council Member Shantz asked if a cost comparison of maintaining the gravel roads versus the paved roads study has been completed. Deputy City Manager Soberay stated that a cost comparison has not been done at this time and went on to explain that probably there is less man-power in maintaining paved than the other because of grading roads, watering roads, and the like.

Council Member Shantz stated her concern that just as the State Highway is in need of major repair every 8 years, so would the newly paved roads. Would the City be paying for the repairs? Deputy City Manager Soberay explained that perhaps more grant money could be found by ONC to make the repairs but at this time it's not part of the road application.

Council Member Jacobs asked what the likelihood that ONC would receive another grant for paving the roads. Deputy City Manager Soberay explained that ONC is eligible to submit a BIA Road Project application every year.

Council Member Rodgers voiced his concerns over road access. Deputy City Manager Soberay responded that engineers took right-of-way issues into consideration when developing the budget and currently doesn't the concern does not appear to be an issue.

*Mayor Short allowed a ten minute recess. The meeting was called back to order at 12:30 pm.*

Council Member Trantham asked that the Deputy City Manager provide a written summary of the meeting. It was explained that the minutes would reflect the discussion. It was also explained by the City Clerk that as a special request of the council that the meetings would reflect all discussion, however at all other meetings the minutes would continue to be done as specified by Title 29.

Council Member Trantham wanted the following concerns reflected into record:

- Right of way issues
- Project management and inspection
- Lack of drainage
- Road embankment

Deputy City Manager Soberay explained that issues voiced by Council Member Trantham have been addressed and reflected in the budget. If awarded, the BIA and ONC would put this out to bid and arrange for project management. Ms. Soberay explained a detailed break down provided by the engineers.

Council Member Trantham asked where the dirt would be purchased from – would the engineers expect the City of Bethel to either provide or purchase the dirt?

Deputy City Manager Soberay said that none of project costs assumed City would donate the sand. ONC is initiating the grant and all funds would be awarded to ONC. ONC is requesting that the City of Bethel partner with them to improve the roads for the citizens of Bethel.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To adjourn the meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

**APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002.**

ATTEST:

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Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

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Janette Persinger, City Clerk