
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 27, 2009 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Mayor Tiffany Zulkosky

Vice-Mayor Dan Leinberger

Council Member Eric Middlebrook

Council Member LaMont Albertson

Council Member Klejka Joseph Klejka

Council Member Beverly Hoffman

Council Member Thor Williams-via teleconference (departed the meeting at 8:48p due to technical difficulties)

Others present:

City Manager Lee Foley

City Clerk Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mathew Greenburg

- Spoke in favor of a solution to the ongoing alcohol problem faced by the community and many organizations within the City.

Willy Keppel

- Raised concerns with Village Safe Water.

Fritz Charles

- Spoke in favor of the annual City employee satisfaction survey.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.
SECONDED:	Klejka	
VOTE ON MAIN	All in favor	

MOTION	
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V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A –Discussion With City Lobbyist, Paul Richards About The Upcoming Legislative Session.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Commission And Committee Appointment.

Mayor Zulkosky appointed Michael Meeks to the Port Commission.

Moved:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the appointment of Michael Meeks to the Port Commission.
Seconded:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-0 Motion passes, Council Member Williams disconnected from the meeting.	

Item B–Council’s Use Of Action And Informative Memorandums During Council Meeting.

Moved:	Klejka	Motion to adopt the Action and Informative Memorandums.
Seconded:	Albertson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-2 Motion passes, Williams and Middlebrook opposed	

NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Ordinance 08-10 (E): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2008-2009 Budget

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item B – Establishing A Date For The Joint Task Force Meeting

Moved:	Middlebrook	Motion to establish a date of February 26 th for the next Joint Task Force meeting.
Seconded:	Hoffman	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend the main motion to strike 26 th and insert 17 th .
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to amend the amendment to include the 3 rd as the second option.
SECONDED:	Klejka	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
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VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item C – Approval Of Village Safe Water Grant Agreement Requesting Reimbursement From USDA Water And Sewer Project Funds In The Amount Of \$684,450 For Over Expenditures

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Assistant Finance Director, Ryan Cope.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item D- Update From The Administration On City Insurance Plan

Item E – Establishment Of An Annual Employee Satisfaction Survey

MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to establish an annual employee satisfaction survey.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend the main motion to have the completed proposal presented to Council prior to implementation.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Klejka opposed	
MOVED:	Leinberger	Motion to direct the City Manager to draft questions to be used in the Employee Satisfaction Survey.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	

VOTE ON MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Williams opposed
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Williams opposed

Item F – Approving The City Of Bethel’s Port Terminal Tariff #004

MOVED:	Albertson	Motion to approve the City of Bethel’s Port Terminal Tariff #004.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item G- Approval Of Proposed Lease Agreement Between The American Legion And The City Of Bethel

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the proposed lease agreement between the American Legion and the City of Bethel.
SECONDED:	Albertson	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to table the motion until the second meeting in February pending legal review.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Zulkosky opposed	

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Cemetery Committee

- No report

Parks and Recreation Committee

- Two seats available on the Committee
- New Years Eve events, fireworks and prime rib dinner

Alternative Energy Committee -

- No report

Finance Committee -

- No report

Public Works Committee –

- The new Public Works Director and Project Manager were introduced.
- The thermostats in the sewer lines in Brown's Slough have been adjusted meaning greater energy savings.

Public Safety and Transportation-

- No report

Port Commission –

- Passed the City of Bethel's Terminal Tariff
- Conducted their annual election of officers

Planning Commission –

- Discussion of options to an alternative route through the donut hole.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

X. CLERK'S REPORT

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Klejka –

- Appreciates the efficiencies of the Council during this meeting.

Leinberger-

- Working on a Resolution to reinstate retirement benefits for the Alaska Territorial Guard.

Hoffman-

- The screaming devices on some snow machines are causing disturbances to community members, would these violate any current noise ordinance?
- Need for increased lighting on some portions of the highway.
- Disturbed by some comments made by city employees, would like to see attempts at resolving problems prior to them coming to Council.

Albertson-

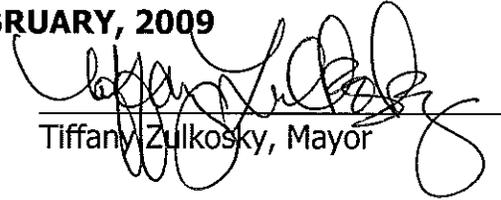
- Thanked Dave and Susie Trantham for bringing food and the fireworks.
- Thanked Jackie Klejka for the food she provided to the Council.
- Thanked the city clerk and the city manager for their work.

Zulkosky -

- Sent thoughts and prayers to the Samuelson family.
- Thanked the city clerk and city manager for their work.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009


Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk