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# City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

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May 25, 2010

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 25, 2010 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 6:30p.

## II. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Council Member Allen Hippler  
Council Member Beverly Hoffman  
Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook (departed at 8:27p)  
Council Member Heather Pike  
Council Member Richard Robb  
Mayor Joseph Klejka (arrived at 6:32p)  
Council Member Thor Williams (arrived at 7:30p)

**Also Present:** City Manager Lee Foley  
City Clerk Lori Strickler

## III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Willy Keppel-  
Spoke in opposition to the current plan for the BATH facility, he claimed it is too expensive and not what the voters wanted.

## IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hippler	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to pull the May 10, 2010 meeting minutes from the consent agenda.
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

**Item A** -4/27/2010 Regular City Council Meeting  
*Passed on the next agenda.*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4/27/2010.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hoffman	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item B** -5/3/2010 Special City Council Meeting  
*Passed on the next agenda.*

**Item C** -5/6/2010 Special City Council Meeting  
*Passed on the next agenda.*

**Item D** -5/10/2010 Special City Council Meeting

<b>MOVED:</b>	Hoffman	Motion to approve meeting minutes form 5/10/2010.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to amend, the motion to eliminate 50-72 the recycling center budget to strike <del>passes</del> and insert <u>failed</u> .
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item E** -5/11/2010 Regular City Council Meeting  
*Passed on the next agenda.*

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A** - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 10-17: Amending The Conflict Of Interest Section Of The BMC To Prevent The Exchange Of Gifts For A Promise To Vote Or Act In A Particular Manner.

*Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.  
 No one wished to be heard.  
 Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to adopt Ordinance 10-17.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to table, until the next regular city council meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hippler	
<b>VOTE ON TABLING MOTION</b>	4-2 Motion passes, Klejka and Robb opposed	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	Motion to direct the city clerk to send the ordinance to the city attorney for review.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hippler	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	5-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed	

**Item B- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 10-19: Amending BMC 4.20.030, Definitions To Exclude Volunteers Of City Bodies.**

*Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.  
No one wished to be heard.  
Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Hoffman	Motion to adopt Ordinance 10-19.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	4-2 Motion passes, Klejka and Robb opposed	

**Item C- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 10-20: Establishing Metered Water And Sewer Rates.**

*Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.  
No one wished to be heard.  
Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	Motion to adopt Ordinance 10-20.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hippler	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	Motion to suspend the rules, to hear from the Assistant Finance Director, Ryan Cope.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hoffman	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	Motion to amend, to insert under Section 3. Effective Date. <u>This ordinance shall not take effect until two months of mock bills are sent to customers and not later than 120 days</u> and <del>strike The ordinance shall become effective no sooner than 60 days and no later than 90 days, after passage of said ordinance.</del>
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to table for three months.
<b>SECONDED:</b>		
<b>VOTE ON TABLING MOTION</b>	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	5-2 Motion passes, Robb and Williams opposed	

**Item D-** Outlining The Roll Of A Council Member And Their Relationship With Staff And Other Members Of The Council.

**Item E-** Funding Appropriation For Sales Tax Audits In the FY 2011 Budget.

**Item F-** Bethel 2010 Clean Up Plans.

**Item G-** Update From The Rural Energy Conference.

**Item H-** Proposed Follow-Up Course Of Action With Respect To Bethel's Opposition To BUC's Request To Raise Rates.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to direct the city manager to direct Dean Thompson, the
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	

		representing attorney, to file the petition to intervene.
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to take a five minutes break.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hoffman	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

*Council Member Williams departed the meeting (8:15p).*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Hippler	Motion to suspend the rules to move item G, under New Business to the next item on the agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item G-** Motion To Rescind Resolution 10-19: Creating A New And Separate City Fund To Place Revenue Collected From One Half Of One Percent Sales Tax Rate To Be Dedicated To The Operation And Maintenance Of A Multi Use Recreational Facility.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Middlebrook	Motion to rescind Resolution 10-19.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hippler	
<i>Council Member Williams returned to the meeting. (8:22p)</i>		
<b>MOVED:</b>	Hoffman	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Laurie Walters.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

*Vice-Mayor Middlebrook departed the meeting 8:27p.*

**Item A-** Introduction Of Ordinance 10-21: Allowing Two Member Of The Transportation Industry To Sit On The Public Safety and Transportation Commission.

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item B-** Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 10-22: An Ordinance Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Beginning July 1, 2010.

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item C-** Introduction Of Ordinance 09-11 (h): Budget Modification.

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item D-** IM 10-05: Notice To Bond Bank For Possible Bond Purchase.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to direct the city administration to give the bond bank notice of the intent to file for a bond.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hoffman	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
All opposed		

**Item E-** IM 10-06: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, FY 2010 Local Solicitation.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Hippler	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Chief of Police, Larry Elarton.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Hoffman	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

**Item F-** Appointment Of Council Member To Committees/ Commissions.

*Mayor Klejka appointed Council Member Pike to the Energy Committee and Council Member Williams to the Port Commission.  
Council concurred.*

**Item H-** The Intention Of The U.S. Postal Service To Establish New Postal Hubs In Chevak And Hooper Bay, The Effects It Would Have On Bethel.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Hippler	Motion to direct city administration to invite the local post master to speak to the council on this issue.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Hippler	Motion to amend, to include an invitation to the regional supervisor.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	1-5 Motion fails, Hippler, Hoffman, Klejka, Pike and Robb opposed	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to amend, to invite the local postmaster to attend a meeting in executive session.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Ruled out of order.	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	4-2 Motion passes, Klejka and Williams opposed	

### VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Planning Commission

- Approved building plans for AVCP.
- Approved potential plans from the port.
- Waiting to hear back from our selected winner of the Bethel Comprehensive Plan update.
- There are two commission vacancies and two alternate vacancies.

#### Port Commission

No Report

#### Public Safety and Transportation Commission

- There was a work session in April and had a meeting in May.
- Worked through an ordinance cleaning up the rates section of the code.
- Also working on establishing minimum rates for the cabs and amending the dispatch fees.

Parks and Recreation Committee

- Business Plan review and discussion of the changes made at the council level.
- Brainstorming ideas to come up with construction funds for the BATH.
- Clean-up Green-up.

Public Works Committee

- Institutional Corridor.

Finance Committee

No Report

Cemetery

No Report

- IX. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- X. MANGER'S REPORT**
- XI. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**
- XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Williams

No comments

Hoffman

- Reminded people to thank the people who are working on cleaning up Bethel
- Encouraged everyone to play it safe on the river, wear floatation devises and file a flight plan.
- Curfew is becoming an issue, parents need to keep track of their children.

Hippler

No Comments

Robb

- April 30<sup>th</sup> the Bethel Freestyle Wrestling Club competed in a state wide tournament, they did very well.
- Congratulated BRHS Class of 2010.
- Thanked everyone for coming out at the April 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting to give their opinion on the trapping issue.
- Pleased with the outcome of the May 4<sup>th</sup> Special Election.

Pike

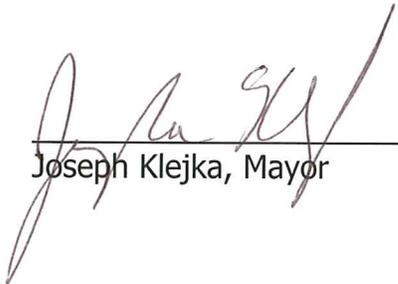
- Encouraged parents to keep track of their children and stressed the importance of safety helmets when riding bicycles.

Klejka

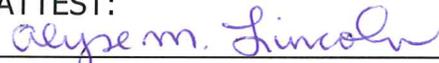
- Thanked the city manager for the repairs to the front lot.
- Enjoyed the break up party.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Hoffman	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

  
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Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Alyse Lincoln, Assistant to the City Clerk