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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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April 8, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 8, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

### ROLL CALL

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

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

Excused absence(s): none

Unexcused absence(s): none

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager  
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Item A – Proclamation – Proclaiming April 14-19, 2003 to be National Telecommunicators Week**

**Item B – Proclamation – Proclaiming April 27-May 3, 2003 to be Municipals Clerks Week**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodgers	To suspend the three minute rule for members of the public to be heard, allowing for ten minutes per person and the five minute rule for committee/commission reports, allowing for fifteen minutes per report
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jacobs	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

**A. Raymond Pete: City Revenue**

- Proposed that the tax of tires and boats be a revenue for the City of Bethel

**B. Robert Carlson: Public Testimony**

- Asked that the City Council explain their position in regards to public testimony

**C. Ben Dale: VFW**

- Stated that the VFW is willing to negotiate with the City to identify the VFW property as being available for the Public Safety project
- Stated that the VFW would like to obtain Lot 10

**D. Yolanda Jorgensen: Plastic bag ordinance**

- Encouraged the citizens of Bethel to voice their opinions regarding the proposed plastic bag ordinance

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	Requesting a detailed written report from the City Manager regarding the alleged incident within 48 hours
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by council concurrence.
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Shantz	To approve the minutes of the 3-25-03 regular meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jacobs	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by (6 -1) voice vote (Trantham).
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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the agenda
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

M/M by Trantham to remove item C from the consent agenda.

Seconded by Jacobs.

Council consensus to remove item C from the consent agenda and place on the regular agenda.

M/M by Rodgers to remove items A & B from the Executive Session agenda and put the City Manager position out for RFP.

Seconded by Trantham.

Motion failed by 3 – 4 roll call vote (Berger, Drake, Shantz, Short)

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by 6 – 1 voice vote (Trantham).
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**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Items included in the Mayor’s report:

- Press release from the State of Alaska re: ANWR
- Letter from Senator Lyman Hoffman re: resolution #03-13
- Press release from AML re: AML Legislative Conference
- Letter from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation re: feedback on Water Quality Standards

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodgers	To appoint Sue Trantham to the Senior Advisory Board and Jeff Sanders to the Public Works Committee
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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## **MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT**

City Manager Herron's report included the following:

- Ptarmigan Street Improvements MOA
- Capital Budget Priority List Deadline
- Personnel Matters
- Travel Status
- Appraisal of Lot 2 for the Assisted Living Home project
- The sale of sand to Knik Construction by the City of Bethel
- The Hoffman and Charles families extended their gratitude during the time of passing of Johnny York

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Senior Advisory Board**

Council Member Berger reported that the Senior Advisory Board held an informal meeting on March 31, 2003 and will be scheduling an additional meeting on Monday, May 5, 2003.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Council Member Jacobs reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee recently passed two resolutions. The first resolution was in support of the requested FY04 Parks and Recreation Department budget and the second resolution supporting capital funding for Pinky's Park.

### **Planning Commission**

Council Member Shantz stated that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2003.

### **Port Commission**

Council Member Rodgers reported that the Port Commission had not met since the previous meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2003.

### **Public Works Committee**

Council Member Trantham announced that the Public Works Committee will meet on April 15, 2003 and highlighted the Public Works Director's report.

### **Public Safety and Transportation Commission**

Council Member Drake stated that the Public Safety and Transportation Commission met on March 26, 2003 and highlighted the minutes of that meeting. Bruce Wells and Kelly Shawn attended the meeting and provided information on a public transit system.

### **Finance Committee**

Mayor Short stated that the Finance Committee meeting was held on March 27, 2003 and highlighted the minutes of that meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Item A – Presentation of possible Public Safety sites to Council per Resolution #03-03**

City Manager Herron highlighted a memo written by him regarding possible sites for the Public Safety building.

Discussion ensued regarding the provision of a quantitative analysis for council. Some of the suggested issues to be discussed in the analysis were site work, site control, response time, future

expansion, access and egress and costs associated with USDA financing. Another item discussed was the centralizing City of Bethel services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A – Resolution #03-14: Recognizing and supporting the men and women of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta representing the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodgers	To suspend the rules and place resolution #03-14 on the regular agenda – providing the council an opportunity to read the resolution for members of the public listening on the radio and adoption of resolution #03-14
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Trantham	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**Item B – Resolution #03-15: Recognizing tribal entity rights for the disposition of cultural items and/or ancient human burials, associated items, and archaeological remains**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Shantz	To adopt resolution #03-15
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

Discussion moved to council regarding the grant monies from Indian Health Services and Village Safe Water

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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**Item C – Ordinance #03-04: Prohibiting certain uses of plastic bags by issue on the October 7, 2003 ballot**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To introduce and set for public hearing ordinance #03-04
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by 6 – 1 roll call vote (Trantham).
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**Item D – Budget Estimate Preparation**

City Manager Herron highlighted the work session calendar for the FY04 budget. City Manager Herron requested that council move the April 9 Budget Work Session meeting to April 14, 2003. *Council consensus was to meet on April 14, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.*

City Manager Herron highlighted the General Fund Summary, General Fund Revenues and Utility Fund/Expense Summary pages.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Berger** commented on the response from legislator regarding resolution #03-13: Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and invited members of the public to attend the Chamber Luncheon on April 24, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. where the Transportation Security Administration supervisor will be in attendance.

**Council Member Shantz** had no comment.

**Mayor Short** commented on the sale of sand to Knik Construction. Council consensus was to further explore the possibility of selling the sand to Knik Construction. Mayor Short thanked Mr. Pete for his ideas on revenues for the City of Bethel and further commented on Camai Festival and the need for a larger facility to house events such as Camai. Mayor Short thanked the community of Bethel for the support provided to their family during the passing of Johnny York.

**Council Member Jacobs** commented on his recent training in Washington DC and encouraged entities to use performance measures.

**Council Member Drake** commented on a state-wide gaming tax purposed by the Governor's office.

**Council Member Trantham** commented on his phone calls from citizens regarding dust control.

**Council Member Rodgers** offered his condolences to the Johnny York family. Voiced his concerns regarding the Ice Road and commented on the migration of the geese.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### **Item A – Subject that tends to prejudice the reputation and character of a person (AS 44.62.310(c)(2) BMC 2.04.110(b)(2)) – City Manager Performance Evaluation**

City Manager Herron requested that his evaluation be conducted in **open session**.

Each member of council reviewed their copy of the performance evaluation with City Manager Herron. It was decided by council that each member would contact City Manager Herron to set up an appointment to speak one-on-one with him. It was further decided that the City Manager's contract would be placed on the next agenda.

#### **Item B – Subject that tends to prejudice the reputation and character of a person and/or matters that by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential (AS 44.62.313(c)(2)(3) BMC 2.04.110(b)(2)(3)) – City Attorney Performance Evaluation**

*Removed by City Attorney*

### ADJOURNMENT

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

<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 8:54 pm.

**APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003.**

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Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janette Persinger, City Clerk