
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

December 13, 2005

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 13, 2005, at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

David E. Trantham	Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers (Dismissed at 8:23p)
Hugh Dymont	Mary Kenick
Dan Leinberger	R. Thor Williams
Andrew McGowan	

Also in attendance were the following:

Wally Baird, City Manager
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk
Sharon Sigmon, Staff Attorney

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Ben Dudley addressed Council to advise Council and the community that Patti Waters resigned as the Police Department Dispatch Supervisor. Mrs. Waters has been an employee of the City of Bethel for 15 yrs. The Bethel Police Department awarded Patti the plaque of appreciation for her services.

MOVED:	Trantham	To declare by proclamation, December 16, 2005, Patti Waters Day.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

2. Kate McIntyre, Director of Capital Projects & Major Maintenance of the Lower Kuskokwim School District addressed Council to state that the Kilbuck Elementary School Water Line needs to be upgraded. It is requested that the City of Bethel pay approximately \$1.3 million to meet the requirements of the EPA and upgrade their water system.

Mayor Williams called an Emergency Special Meeting on 12/15/05 at 4:30p to discuss the Kilbuck Elementary School Water Line

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Dyment	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda for the December 13, 2005 Council meeting as amended removing Resolution #05-42 and #05-43 from the consent agenda.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
MOVED:	Trantham	To amend the agenda to address Council Member Comments at 9:30p
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Voice vote 4-3 (No: Dyment, Kenick & Leinberger)
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A-Lobbyist Update On The Upcoming 2006 Legislature Session By Paul Richards

Paul Richards attended the meeting telephonically to update Council on the upcoming 2006 Legislature Session.

Item B-Presentation of the City of Bethel FY05 Audit by Karen Rodgers

Karen Rodgers from Altman, Rogers Ampersand Co. (certified Public Accountants) addressed Council to review and discuss the "City of Bethel Management Discussion and Analysis, Basic Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information, Additional Supplementary Information Compliance Report Year Ended June 30, 2005"

Council concurred to recess from 8:10p-8:22p

MOVED:	Trantham	To dismiss Council Member Rodgers at 8:23p.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

Item C-An Award Presented To The City Of Bethel On December 4, 2005 In Recognition Of Public Service And Support Of The Alaska Cooperative Extension Service And It's Educational Programs From The University Of Alaska Fairbanks

City Manager Baird advised Council and the community that he accepted an award on behalf of The City of Bethel on December 4, 2005 In Recognition Of Public Service And Support Of The

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks & Recreation Committee (Vice-Mayor Kenick): Vice- Mayor Kenick reported that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting. The next scheduled meeting is December 20th.

Finance Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger stated that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting. The next scheduled meeting is December 15th.

Alternative Energy Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger stated that the Committee met and discussed the following:

- AEA to establish parameters around existing projects.
- Project timelines

Planning Commission (Council Member Rodgers): Council Member Rodgers was dismissed at 8:23p. and was unable to report on the Planning Commission Meeting.

Port Commission (Mayor Williams): Mayor Williams reported that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting. The next scheduled meeting is December 19th.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Dyment): Council Member Dyment reported that the Commission last met on December 5th and discussed the following:

- A Public Hearing will be held on January 9th at 7p in Council Chambers regarding the Taxi Cab industry.
- Commission is tasked to devise a new taxi cab permit test

Community Cemetery Planning Committee (Council Member Trantham): Council Member Trantham reported the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting. The next scheduled meeting is December 21st.

Public Works Committee (Council Member McGowan): Council Member McGowan reported that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting. The next scheduled meeting is December 20th.

Alaska Municipal League (Council Member Trantham): Council Member Trantham advised Council and the community that AML is opposed to a law/senate bill that legislation is trying to pass in regards to imminent domain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance #05-19: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.16.210 B Of The Bethel Municipal Code Regarding The Time Limit To Request A Refund On Over Payment Of Sales Tax Paid

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Leinberger	To adopt Ordinance 05-19: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.16.210 B Of The Bethel Municipal Code Regarding The Time Limit To Request A Refund On Over Payment Of Sales Tax Paid
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Council concurrence

Item B- Public Hearing Of Ordinance #05-20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Lot 2A, Block 19, United States Survey NO. 3230 A/B, From Crowley Marine Corporation

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Dyment	To adopt Ordinance 05-20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Lot 2A, Block 19, United States Survey NO. 3230 A/B, From Crowley Marine Corporation
SECONDED:	Trantham	
MOVED:	Trantham	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON SECONDRAY MOTION		
	Passed	Council concurrence
Port Director Heath Martin addressed Council to clarify inquiries from Council regarding the ordinance #05-20.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Roll call vote 6-0.

Item C- Bethel Municipal Code 2.52 And Committee & Commission Attendance

Mayor Williams stated and Staff Attorney Sharon Sigmon clarified that the BMC states that it is the responsibility of each Committee & Commission to declare a vacancy for attendance reasons.

Council recessed from 9:10 until 9:18p

NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution #05-42: A Resolution Supporting The Preparation And Submission Of A Grant Application To The Alaska Energy Authority For The Purchase And Installation Of A Small Commercial Wind Turbine

MOVED:	McGowan	To adopt Resolution #05-42: A Resolution Supporting The Preparation And Submission Of A Grant Application To The Alaska Energy Authority For The Purchase And Installation Of A Small Commercial Wind Turbine
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Passed Council concurrence		

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Kenick- Happy Christmas and New Year.

Council Member Leinberger-Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and be careful on the roads.

Council Member McGowan-Happy Holidays and thanked the water & sewer department for their hard work.

Mayor Williams-Happy Holidays, inquired about the water line in trooper housing, and expressed concern regarding the amount of Special Order of Business on the agendas.

Council Member Dyment- Happy Holidays and thank City employees for their hard work.

Council Member Trantham- inquired about a second meeting for December. Advised Council and the community that Chief Anvil is in the hospital and requested that Council continue with the Anvil trail. Reminded Council of the Jan 24-25 lobbying dates for the City of Bethel priorities. Happy Holidays and thanked the community for their calls. Thanked the department heads for a good budget. Advised Council that he may not be at the 1st mgt in Jan due to surgery.

Council concurred that a second meeting in December is not needed at this time.

Item B- Resolution #05-43: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council To Approve The Contract For The Bethel Water And Sewer Facilities Upgrade Design Between CRW Engineering Group, LLC, INC. And The City Of Bethel

MOVED:	Leinberger	To adopt Resolution #05-43: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council To Approve The Contract For The Bethel Water And Sewer Facilities Upgrade Design Between CRW Engineering Group, LLC, INC. And The City Of Bethel
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Passed Council concurrence		

Item C- Resolution #05-44: A Resolution Requesting FY06 Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Funding From The Department Of Commerce, Community And Economic Development

Resolution #05-44 was passed on the consent agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Williams re-appointed Charlie Chung to the Public Safety & Transportation Commission.

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Charlie Chung to the Public Safety & Transportation Commission.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
Council Member Dyment advised Council that the appointment could not be made because the vacancy has not been posted per the BMC.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Failed Voice vote of 0-6		

- Draft FY06-08 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- National Institute for Literacy and the partnership for reading letter and material

MOVED:	Leinberger	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p until 10:15p.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Passed Unanimous		

MANAGER'S REPORT

- The City of Bethel DMV is open and operating as of 12/13/05.
- Snow removal concerns
- Highway right of way purchase update

MOVED:	Leinberger	To rescind a previous motion to direct the City Manager to acquire the easements.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

Vice-Mayor Kenick requested a written report from the City Manager.

MOVED:	Kenick	To direct the City Manager to provide a written report in the City Council packets outlining project timelines.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	

MOVED:	Dyment	To amend the motion to direct the City Manager to provide a written report to Council in Council packets once a month.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	

MOVED:	Leinberger	To amend the amendment to direct the City Manager to provide a written report to Council in the Council packet of the 1 st Council Meeting of each month.
SECONDED:	Trantham	

VOTE ON SECONDARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Council concurrence
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MOVED:	Leinberger	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10:15p until 10:30p.
SECONDED:	Dyment	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence
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VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Unanimous	Council concurrence
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VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence
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MOVED:	Leinberger	To reinstate the past Mayor's pictures on the wall of City Hall Chambers.
SECONDED:	Kenick	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence
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ADJOURNMENT

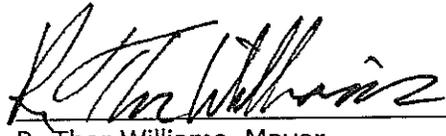
MOVED:	Dyment	To adjourn at 10:30p.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Passed	Council concurrence	

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:30p.

APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 2006.

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


R. Thor Williams, Mayor