

Introduced by: Council Member
Dan Leinberger
Date: February 8, 2005
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 05-06

**A RESOLUTION THAT REQUESTS
THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
CENTRAL REGION, DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES
TO BEGIN THE PLANNING AND DESIGN PHASES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
AN ASPHALT TREATMENT OVER GRAVEL PROJECT
FOR THE EAST AND WEST ENDS OF PTARMIGAN STREET.**

WHEREAS, the voters of Alaska approved the GARVEE (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle) bond package in 2002 and within the package is the Ptarmigan Street Improvement Project #2227 in amount of \$1,190,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Ptarmigan roadway embankment generally consists of a sand and gravel surface treated with calcium chloride over silty sand and tundra vegetation, and the City of Bethel has appropriated, in the most recent years, \$290,000 for C-1 gravel to stabilize the base of the Ptarmigan Street; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel and the Alaska Department of Transportation has been corresponding with the electric, cable television and telephone utilities about the relocation of their equipment within the right-of-way since 2003 for the upcoming Ptarmigan Street asphalt treatment over gravel project; and

WHEREAS, the Project Design Engineer John Dickenson cost-estimated and the City Manager reported to the City Council in November 2004 that the three sections of the Ptarmigan Street project consists of:

Tundra Ridge Road to Gunderson (Makqalria) Court – 2,800 feet with a construction cost of \$541,200;

Gunderson (Makqalria) Court to Brown's Slough East – 2,800 feet with a construction of \$612,900, and a utilities relocation cost of \$350,000;

Brown's Slough East to Ridgecrest Drive – 3,500 feet with a construction cost of \$663,364;

and the recommendation was to construct the east and west ends of Ptarmigan Street in the immediate future rather than waiting for additional funding; and

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WHEREAS, on December 9, 2004, the Bethel City Planner submitted a request through the ONC Realty Officer to Lena R. Phillip to purchase a 50' wide by 1,307' long (approximately 65,390 square feet) area to relieve minor encroachments that currently exists by the road on the allotment, to alleviate the cost of relocating a portion of the roadbed from this encroachment, and by expanding the right-of-way to provide for a better engineering solution to slope/bank stabilization on both sides of the roadbed; and,

WHEREAS, in a follow-up meeting with the City Planner and the ONC Realty Officer, Lena R. Phillips communicated to both that she is amenable to the proposal by the City of Bethel to acquire this parcel for the overall improvement of Ptarmigan Street; and,

Whereas, the Public Works Committee met on January 19, 2004 on their regular schedule and an agenda item was the Ptarmigan Street Project and attended by Alaska Department of Transportation officials, John Dickenson, P.E., Project Design Engineer and Rich Sewell, Kuskokwim Area Planner; and,

Whereas, the Public Works Committee Members in attendance, Kevin Murphy, Jeff Sanders, Mike O'Brien, and Dan Leinberger (and other interested members of the public, including the Public Works Director and other Public Works staff) discussed the Ptarmigan Street Project and formulated a recommendation to the Bethel City Council; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

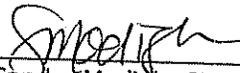
"The Public Works Committee would like to recommend to the Bethel City Council that they recommend to DOT that they immediately begin planning for the utilization of GARVEE Bond funding to implement construction and paving of both of the East and West ends of Ptarmigan Road. The Committee also recommends that City Council immediately begin dialogue with the utility companies and the native allottee to deal with the issue of right of way for the remainder of Ptarmigan Road. And finally the Committee would recommend that Council begin exploring a funding source for future up-keep and maintenance of Ptarmigan Road."

ENACTED THIS 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005 BY A UNANMIOUS VOTE.



Hugh Dyment, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk