

Introduced by: Dan Leinberger, Council Member
Date: February 4, 2008
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 08-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF ONE OR MORE LARGE COMMERCIAL WIND TURBINES

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council approved Resolution #08-02 on January 29, 2008, a resolution that supported the preparation and submission of a grant application to the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and Denali Commission (DC) for the purchase and installation of one or more large commercial wind turbines;

WHEREAS, this resolution provides essential statements that make the City of Bethel eligible to apply for and be awarded the grant from the Alaska Energy Authority and Denali Commission for the City's proposed alternative energy project;

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council hereby authorizes the grant application to the Alaska Energy Authority and Denali Commission in response to the agencies' Request for Proposals for Alaska Alternative Energy Projects;

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council authorizes John Sargent, Grant Development Manager, to represent the City for purposes of this application;

WHEREAS, Electric Power Systems, a company under contract with the City of Bethel, will prepare a feasibility study containing technical and economic justifications for the project proposed;

WHEREAS, the City is in good standing with respect to existing credit and federal tax obligations;

WHEREAS, Resolution #08-02 supporting this grant application mistakenly stated that no cash match (i.e., local sources) were required;

WHEREAS, grant funding can only provide 50% of total project cost—the High Energy Cost Grant sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD) can fund 25% of the total project cost—the remaining 25% must come from local sources, such as a cash contribution;

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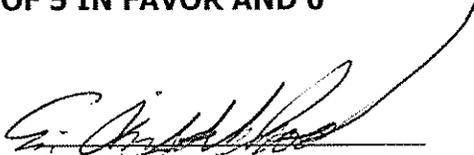
WHEREAS, the City intends to pursue an alterative energy project costing up to \$1,000,000 by seeking up to \$500,000 in AEA/DC grant funds, up to \$250,000 in USDA-RD grant funds, and provide up to \$250,000 as a cash contribution;

WHEREAS, the City pledges to properly administer grant funds from both intended sources, and provide sufficient financial, human, technical and other resources as needed to operate and maintain the wind turbines installed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council authorizes the preparation and submission of a grant for the purchase, installation, operation, and maintenance of one or more large commercial wind turbines;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City commits up to \$250,000 as a cash contribution to support this project;

ENACTED THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk