
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

November 30, 2004

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 30, 2004, at 12:11 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Dymont called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Tundy Rodgers	Dave Trantham
Andy McGowan	Hugh Dymont
R. Thor Williams	Dan Leinberger

Excused Absence(s):

Yolanda Jorgensen

Also in attendance were the following:

Robert Herron, City Manager
Selena Malone, City Clerk
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Representative Mary Kapsner

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to be heard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	McGowan	To approve agenda for November 30, 2004, Special Meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by Council concurrence.
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NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A – Discussion of the City's Legislative Priorities with Senator Lyman Hoffman and Representative Mary Kapsner and the 2005 Alaska Legislature.

Senator Hoffman addressed the Council and discussed some of the anticipated priorities of the legislature.

Representative Kapsner stated that she thinks meetings like this should occur before every legislative year. Representative Kapsner encouraged Bethel getting a lobbyist. Representative Kapsner also briefly stated here priorities for the legislature.

Council members discussed with Senator Hoffman and Representative Kapsner, the advantages of having a lobbyist.

Council Member Trantham asked whether or not it is better to have a shorter list or a longer list.

Senator Lyman Hoffman stated the pros and cons of having shorter or longer legislative priority lists.

Council Member Williams expressed his concerns for the Attorney General's position on the Crowley/Yukon merger. Mr. Williams also stated his concerns regarding Bethel's port authority issues as well as percent of market value (POMV) issues.

Council Member Leinberger asked Mr. Hoffman and Ms. Kapsner where they thought power cost equalization (PCE) was going.

Senator Hoffman and Representative Kapsner spoke about PCE and their efforts to increase the amount of PCE and the barriers they faced in their efforts.

Council Member McGowan asked what the anticipated priority for education was.

Senator Hoffman indicated that he thought the operating part of education would be a priority for the legislature and went on to discuss his priorities for education.

Council members discussed with Mr. Hoffman and Ms. Kapsner the issues of the Readiness Center and its construction.

Mayor Dyment dismissed himself from the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

MOVED BY:	Williams	To amend the agenda to delete Council Member Comments from the agenda
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote 5-0.
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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Williams	To adjourn the meeting at 1:16 p.m.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote 5-0
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF December, 2004.

ATTEST:

Hugh Dyment, Mayor

Selena Malone, City Clerk