
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

June 10, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 10, 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:

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

Excused absence(s): Carl Berger

Unexcused absence(s): none

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A. Pamela Bumsted: Resolution #03-19

- Gave the history of the USDA position
- Spoke in favor of the previously passed resolution

B. Marty Langois: Tundra Ridge Road/Boys & Girls Club

- Thanked the Public Works Department for their job grading the Tundra Ridge Road
- Voiced his concerns regarding the Boys & Girls Club
- Asked for additional input by the community regarding the Boys & Girls Club
- Expressed additional concerns regarding the tuition rates for children who attend the Boys & Girls Club

C. Ross Boring: Boys & Girls Club

- Questioned how effective the program would be in Bethel
- Stated that he felt that the programs currently offered through the Parks & Recreation were adequate for the youth of the community

D. Dottie Rassmith: Boys & Girls Club

- Voiced her concerns regarding the Boys & Girls Club
- Stated her involvement with the Boys & Girls Club

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the minutes of the 5-27-03 regular meeting
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Shantz	To approve the agenda
SECONDED BY:	Jacobs	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MAYOR’S REPORT

Included in the Mayor’s report:

- Letter from the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council
- Announcement from AML re: Municipal Fiscal and Policy Summit
- Letter from the Boys & Girls Clubs re: Bethel Program
- Press release from Anchorage Daily News re: Governor’s budget cuts
- Letter from Mayor Short re: Alaska InvestNet

MANAGEMENT TEAM’S REPORT

City Manager Herron’s report included the following:

- Correspondence with Clint Farr Re: Rural Alaska Transition Plan to Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel
- Personnel matters
- Commented on Governor Murkowski’s veto of Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Commented on the signed Ptarmigan MOA
- Commented on the arrival of barges
- The increased activity within the Parks & Recreation Department

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senior Advisory Board

Council Member Berger was not in attendance.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Council Member Jacobs did not have a report.

Planning Commission

Council Member Shantz reported that the Planning Commission had not met since the previous meeting. The next scheduled meeting is July 10, 2003.

Port Commission

Council Member Rodgers stated that the Port Commission had not met since the previous meeting and highlighted the Port Director’s report.

Public Works Committee

Council Member Trantham reported that the Public Works Committee had not met since the previous council meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council Member Drake stated that the Public Safety and Transportation Commission met on June 2, 2003.

Finance Committee

Mayor Short welcomed Sam Shields to the Finance Department and stated that due to a lack of quorum, the Finance Committee was not held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing – Ordinance #03-08: Establishing a City of Bethel budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 beginning July 1, 2003

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt ordinance #03-08 with the amendment of an unallocated reduction from the general fund portion of the next fiscal year budget of \$300,000.00 and giving the City Manager the authority to identify where the reductions would be taken
SECONDED BY:	Jacobs	

M/M by Trantham to cut Travel/Training line item in all departments by 50%.

Seconded by Shantz.

Motion fails 3 -3 roll call vote. (Trantham, Rodgers, Shantz – yes, Drake, Jacobs, Short – no)

M/M by Drake to make an unallocated cut of \$250,000.00.

Seconded by Jacobs.

Discussion ensued regarding where the reductions would be taken.

M/M by Shantz to make an unallocated cut of \$300,000.00 to the General Fund.

Seconded by Drake.

Motion passed by roll call vote of 5 – 1. (Trantham)

M/M by Trantham to make an unallocated cut of \$400,000.00 to the General Fund.

Seconded by Rodgers.

Motion failed by roll call vote of 2 – 4. (Trantham, Rodgers)

M/M by Rodgers to accept all 17 written amendments offered by Council Member Trantham.

Seconded by Trantham.

Motion fails with a 2 – 4 roll call vote. (Trantham, Rodgers)

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by 4 - 2 roll call vote (Trantham, Rodgers).
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A break was taken from 7:35 to 7:45 pm.

Item B – Public Hearing – Ordinance #03-09: Authorizing an exchange of title to land for an easement between the City of Bethel and Dr. Robert Sept

MOVED BY:	Shantz	To adopt ordinance #03-09
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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Item C – Public Hearing – Ordinance #03-10: Amending the Bethel Municipal Code sections 5.20.070 and 5.20.110 to add provisions requiring any requested taxicab inspection report to be paid by the taxicab owner, imposing fines against a designated inspector station and taxicab owner for submission of any false or misleading taxicab inspection report, authorizing denial, suspension or revocation of a taxicab permit upon submission of such a false or misleading report, and providing for appeal procedures under section 5.20.100

MOVED BY:	Rodgers	To adopt ordinance #03-10
SECONDED BY:	Shantz	

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of enforcing the ordinance.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Resolution #03-21: Requesting federal legislators to fully fund the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program

Resolution #03-21 was passed under the consent agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Berger was not in attendance.

Council Member Shantz thanked those who spoke under People to be Heard and thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the Tundra Ridge Road. Reminded everyone to respect the river and wear their pfd's.

Mayor Short offered his condolences to the Roehl family on the loss of their daughter.

Council Member Jacobs commented on the budget process.

Council Member Drake had no comment.

Council Member Trantham commented on the Senior Center and the patrol of the area. Further commented on the state of a grant and rumors that are circulating.

Council Member Rodgers had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adjourn the meeting
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

APPROVED THIS 24th day of June 2003.

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Janette Persinger, City Clerk