

# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

February 28, 2006

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

### CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 28, 2006, 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

R. Thor Williams

Dan Leinberger

Mary Kenick

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

Hugh Dymnt

Andrew McGowan (arrived at 6:35p)

Also in attendance were the following:

Wally Baird, City Manager

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

Sharon Sigmon, Staff Attorney

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. City of Bethel Port Director Heath Martin addressed Council regarding House Bill 478 and Senate Bill 291 both are concerning a formation of a municipal harbor facility grant program; Mr. Martin requested that the Council pass a resolution supporting both House Bill 478 and Senate Bill 291.
2. Susan Taylor addressed Council to state that 100-150 National Guards from this Y-K Delta region will be deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. Their families have been invited to Bethel on March 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> during readiness deployment training and volunteers are needed to watch and entertain the children, March 8<sup>th</sup> will be a potluck to welcome the families to Bethel.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Dymnt	To direct the City Manager to look into extra water and sewer deliveries for facilities or families providing services or lodging out of town guests
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Kenick	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
	Passed	Council concurrence

3. Agnes Philips addressed Council to thank the community for making it through the winter, thanked the City of Bethel for their services to the community, thanked the subsistence life style in Bethel, and thanked the organizations that make Bethel a better community.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Moved:</b>	Dyment	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda for the February 13, 2006 Council meeting as amended removing resolution 06-07 from the agenda, removing resolution 06-06 from the consent agenda, and moving item E under new business to item B under executive session.
<b>Seconded:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
	Passed	Council concurrence

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- 2/9/06 Special Meeting Minutes
- 2/13/06 Regular Meeting Minutes

*Meeting minutes passed on the consent agenda*

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Planning Commission (Council Member Rodgers): Council Member Rodgers stated that the Commission has not met since the last Council Meeting the next meeting is March 9, 2006. At the last meeting the Planning Commission discussed the letter from Karole Kohl on page 25 of the Council packet regarding the Village Motel and requested input from Council to resolve this concern.

Cemetery Planning Committee (Council Member Trantham): Council Member Trantham stated that the committee has not met since the last Council meeting but will be working on a budget amendment recommendation for the upcoming FY07 budget.

Alaska Municipal League (Council Member Trantham): Council Member Trantham stated that the next board meeting will be March 8, 2006. Advised Council that the only bills being considered right now are HB 488 and SB 305, both are called Oil & Gas Production Tax.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission: Council member Dyment stated that the Commission has not met since the last Council meeting they will be meeting next on March 6, 2006.

Port Commission (Mayor Williams): Mayor Williams reported that the Commission last met on 2/22/06 and discussed the following:

- LCL freight handling
- Bethel Search & Rescue possible land lease
- City Dock conditional survey
- Captain of the Port nominations
- Small boat harbor expansion
- SNOWBALL project
- Port office replacement
- Council representative position
- Donlin Creek Project meeting

Senior Advisory Board: Mayor Williams stated that the Board last met on 2/21/06 and discussed the following:

- Transfer to ONC
- Traditional Chief Applications
- Lunch meal fee increase
- Mother's Day brunch at the Senior Center May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Bus route concerns

Public Works Committee (Council Member McGowan): Council Member McGowan stated that the Committee met and discussed the following:

- Fee structure for use of lift stations
- QII lift station
- Equipment purchases
- Water & sewer rate schedule
- Resignation of Paul O'Brien
- Chronic abuse of honey buckets
- School schedule for streets & roads sanders

Finance Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger stated that the Committee last met on 2/23/06 but was unable to meet due to a lack of a quorum; next meeting is March 1, 2006.

Alternative Energy Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger stated that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting.

Parks & Recreation Committee (Vice-Mayor Kenick): Vice-Mayor Kenick stated that that Committee has not met due to lack of a quorum since the last Council meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A- Public Hearing of Ordinance 05-11 (C): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2005-2006 Budget**

**Public Hearing:**

*None*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Dyment	To adopt ordinance #05-11 (C): An Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2005-2006 Budget
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>   Passed   Roll call vote 7-0		

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A- Resolution 06-06: A Second 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**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Leinberger	To adopt resolution 06-06: A Second 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
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Trantham	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>   Passed   Voice vote 6-1 (No: Williams)		

**Item B- Resolution 06-07: A Resolution Supporting The Preparation And Submission of A Capital Grant Application To The Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For Start-Up Operating Funds And A Vehicle Storage Facility**

*Resolution 06-07 was removed from the agenda.*

**Item C- Federal Appropriation Request For FY2007**

Mayor Williams stated that he requested to have this item on the agenda for an update on applications on Federal Appropriations Requests for FY2007.

***Council concurred to recess from 7:27 until 7:35p***

**Item D- August Regularly Scheduled City Council Meetings**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Dyment	To set the August Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings for August 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>SECONDED:</b>	McGowan	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>   Passed   Voice vote 7-0		

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Proclamation request from YKHC & Alaska Health Fair to proclaim March 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 as Bethel Health Fair Day.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Leinberger	To proclaim March 4, 2006 Bethel Health Fair Day.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	McGowan	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed	Voice vote 7-0

- Creating Alaska update from University of Alaska
- Bethel Airport Improvement, public notice
- Letter from Governor Murkowski regarding revenue sharing
- Discussion with Mr. Sue regarding relocation of their Church to the Boys Group Home property
- PTA is holding their weekend movies on Saturday & Sunday
- Article in the Anchorage Daily News regarding the cost of living in Bethel

### MANAGER'S REPORT

- Memo regarding the appointment of Laurie Walters as Finance Director and

<b>MOVED:</b>	Trantham	To confirm the appointment of Laurie Walters as the Finance Director.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	McGowan	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed	Voice vote 7-0

- Proposed Budget Development Schedule
- Donlin Creek Project meeting

### CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- Codification update
- Alcohol Delivery Site petition update
- Travel request

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	To approve the City Clerks travel request to attend the Professional Development Phase II.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	McGowan	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed	Voice vote 7-0

### COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Rodgers: stated that construction is a big thing around here, state and federal money is coming in and outside help gets most of the money which hurts Bethel, the City needs to have a local hire policy. Also stated that he is a Guard member and the Bethel Readiness training has not yet been confirmed. Advised Bethel that there is a storm coming and suggested all travelers to file a flight plan and don't travel alone as well as taking enough supplies with you to last a few days. Hug an elder; it'll make you feel better.

Council Member Trantham: stated that we do need to build on the Bethel economy. Thanked Senator Lisa Murkowski for testifying in Washington D.C. trying to restore Veteran funding. Also stated that a reporter contacted him to meet and discuss the high cost of living in Bethel.

Council Member Dymont: stated that he agrees that the Bethel community needs to become more diversified. Council Member Dymont restated the request from Susan Taylor's public testimony.

Mayor Williams: stated that we need to find ways to keep families in our community and make the community more attractive to young professionals. Stated that he's happy to see the Council working together.

Council Member McGowan: stated that the past few weeks have been trying for the community regarding the road conditions; the community would like to see improvements within the City budget focusing on long term work force reductions.

Council Member Leinberger: stated to the community that Bethel doesn't at this time have a growing economy and this system is failing us, we need to look at ways to improve our economy; the Donlin Creek Project may be a way to improve our economy and needs to be looked at carefully.

Vice-Mayor Kenick: no comments at this time.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### Item A- Discussion Of Proposal To Resolve A Sales Tax Issue Per BMC 2.04.110(B).1 And AS 44.62.310(C).1.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	To proceed into executive session for Discussion Of Proposal To Resolve A Sales Tax Issue Per BMC 2.04.110(B).1 And AS 44.62.310(C).1.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Dymont	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		Passed
		Voice vote 7-0

***Council proceeded into executive session at 8:48p.***

Council exited executive session at 9:05p to discuss a possible conflict of interest with Council Member Leinberger and the executive session discussion.

Mayor Williams declared a conflict of interest for Council member Leinberger regarding the executive session topic.

***Council again proceeded into executive session at 9:02.***

***Council exited executive session at 9:22p.***

**Item B- Direction Or Action To Be Taken Following Executive Session Regarding The Discussion Of Proposal To Resolve A Sales Tax Issue Per The BMC 2.04.110(B).1 And As 44.62.310(C).1**

*No action was taken regarding the executive session discussion item.*

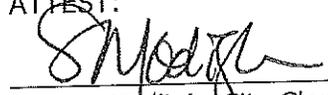
**ADJOURNMENT**

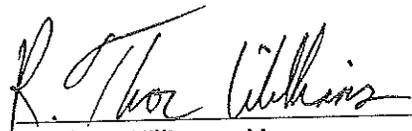
<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	To adjourn meeting at 9:22p
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Kenick	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Passed	6-1 (No: Rodgers)

**With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:22p.**

**APPROVED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2006.**

ATTEST:

  
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

  
R. Thor Williams, Mayor