
City Council Minutes

May 9, 2006

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 9, 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:

Members present:

Mayor R. Thor Williams
Council Member Hugh Dymont
Council Member Tundy Rodgers (exited meeting at 8:29p)
Council Member Andrew McGowan (attended via teleconference)
Vice-Mayor Mary Kenick
Council Member Dan Leinberger
Council Member David Trantham Jr.

Others present:

City Manager Wally Baird
City Attorney Sharon Sigmon
City Clerk Sandra Modigh

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Carl Berger addressed Council to state that the City should not stand for the delay in the State Highway reconstruction being delayed for an additional year. Mr. Berger suggested Council get the attention of DOT Commissioner Barton to take some action. Mr. Berger also spoke in favor of resolution 06-16.
2. Greg Rozicka addressed Council to state that he is aware of the new water & sewer fee increase that's to be introduced and stated that he's in favor of City water meters and would like to be charged for the amount of water used individually.
3. Debra Reichard addressed Council to advise them that there is a sewer pipe/culvert that has caused numerous problems over the years and that there is one specific culvert that is not being maintained properly and advised Council that she has made suggestions to the City to maintain this specific culvert. Ms. Reichard stated that she would like to have the Engineers check the status of the water/sewer pipes to ensure that these pipes are not hazardous to her family or neighbors or she will contact a private specialist to check the status of the pipes.

MOVED:	McGowan	To direct the City Manager to direct the Public Works Director to direct the streets and roads crew to have the steamers out steaming the culverts.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Failed: 2 – 5 (Williams, McGowan voting for)		

Council Member Trantham requested that City Manager Baird access the situation and provide a memorandum to all Council Members tomorrow by 5p.

4. Council Member Trantham, as a citizen, addressed Council to state that ordinance 06-05 if expanded as suggested at the last Council meeting, would increase costs to the City of Bethel.
5. Wally Richardson addressed Council to invite Council and the community to the opening ceremony of the Rural Development Providers Conference and requested that the Mayor conduct the opening ceremony.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Dyment	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda for the May 9, 2006 Council meeting as amended removing ordinance 06-11, resolution 06-14, and resolution 06-16 from the consent agenda and striking "a land purchase" from agenda item G under New Business and replace with "Building Construction".
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

MOVED:	Dyment	To recess for 10 minutes
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 4/25/06 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 4/29/05 Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes passed on the consent agenda

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning Commission (Council Member Rodgers): stated that the Commission has not met since the last Council meeting.

Cemetery Committee (Council Member Trantham): Council Member Trantham stated that the committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

Alaska Municipal League (Council Member Trantham): thanked all who worked in favor of SB231 and spoke in favor of SB231.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Dymont): Council Member Dymont stated that the Commission has not met since the last Council meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

Port Commission (Mayor Williams): Mayor Williams stated that the Commission has not met since the last Council meeting.

Senior Advisory Board: Mayor Williams stated that the Board met today and discussed the following:

- Spring Brunch fund raiser on May 13th, 10a at the Senior Center
- Senior bus system
- Going away party for Senior Center employee Sara Konig
- Looking for a NTS driver
- New van due this fall
- May 19th & 20th fiddle dance
- Construction services grant contract approved

Public Works Committee (Council Member McGowan): Council Member McGowan stated that the committee had a work session on April 26th and discussed the following:

- water & sewer rates

Stated that he met with members of VSW & DOT and would report back to Council upon his return.

Finance Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger stated that the Committee last met on May 1st and discussed the following:

- Water & sewer rates
- Hedging fuel rates
- Review of ordinance 06-05

Alternative Energy Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger stated that the Committee last met on May 8th and discussed the following:

- New proposal from the Alaska
- Wind Diesel Conference at the end of June '06

Parks & Recreation Committee (Vice-Mayor Kenick): Vice-Mayor Kenick stated that the Committees next meeting is on May 16th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing of Ordinance 06-10: An Ordinance Amending Planning Office Fees And Charges Schedule For Electronic Copies Of The Bethel Address Map, Application Of Zoning Changes, And Basic GIS Data In Electronic Format

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Rodgers	To adopt ordinance 06-10: An Ordinance Amending Planning Office Fees And Charges Schedule For Electronic Copies Of The Bethel Address Map, Application Of Zoning Changes, And Basic GIS Data In Electronic Format
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

MOVED:	Trantham	To excuse Council Member Rodgers from the meeting for health reasons at 8:29p
SECONDED:	Keinck	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

Council concurred to recess from 8:30p until

Item B-FY07 Port Budget Review

Port Director Heath Martin addressed Council to discuss the FY07 Port Budget and justifications.

MOVED:	Trantham	To adopt the Municipal Fund Dock Budget as presented as amended.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		
MOVED:	Leinberger	To sell the excursion with the proceeds to be reverted back to the Port fund to buy a new a dump truck from line item 52-50 and to take the old dump truck and give it to streets & roads to then buy a new crew cab pick up out of administration line item 10-51.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

MOVED:	Dyment	To call the question.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 4 – 2 (Williams, McGowan voting against)	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 5 – 1 (McGowan voting against)	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction of Ordinance 06-11: An Ordinance Extending The City Employee Water And Sewer Benefit To Acting Members Of The Bethel City Council

MOVED:	Leinberger	To introduce ordinance 06-11.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
MOVED:	Dyment	To set public hearing on ordinance 06-11 on May 23 rd and June 13 th .
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed 5-1 (No Trantham)	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 4 – 1 (Trantham Jr. voting against)	

Item B- Resolution 06-12: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council Relating To The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, "The Moving Wall", To Veterans And Their Families

Resolution 06-12 was introduced on the consent agenda

Item C- Resolution 06-13: A Resolution Supporting The Preparation And Submission Of A Homeland Security Grant Application For FFY 2006 To Benefit The Police, Fire, Port, And Public Works Departments

Resolution 06-13 was introduced on the consent agenda

Item D-Resolution 06-14: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council Supporting The Expansion Of The Bethel Correctional Facility And Expressing An Interest In Pursuing Discussions With The State Of Alaska Department Of Corrections Regarding The Possible Expansion And The City Of Bethel's Involvement Thru Issuance Of Lease Revenue Funding Bonds

MOVED:	Dyment	To adopt resolution 06-14.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

Item E- Resolution 06-15: A Resolution Approving The Appointment of Election Official Chairs and Canvass Board Members For The City of Bethel Special Election on May 16, 2006

Resolution 06-15 was introduced on the consent agenda

Item F- Resolution 06-16: A Resolution Supporting A Birding Assessment Of The Bethel And The Surrounding Area As A Way To Gauge Birding Tourism Potential

MOVED:	Leinberger	To adopt resolution 06-16.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

Item G- Discussion to Support The State Appropriation To Bethel Search & Rescue For Building Construction

Council Member Dyment stated that he wrote a letter of support to Senator Hoffman in support of the State appropriation to Bethel Search & Rescue, Council Member Dyment stated that he did not speak on behalf of the City Council Members.

Item H- Proposed Policy For City Council Member Travel

MOVED:	Leinberger	To adopt the City Council travel policy as presented as amended.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
MOVED:		
SECONDED:	Dyment	To amend item 1.B. and 3.A to insert "when representing the City Council" at the beginning of the sentence.
	Leinberger	

MOVED:	Leinberger	To insert "and positions" after discussion topics in both 1.B. and 3.A.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
MOVED:	Trantham	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	
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MOVED:	Leinberger	To allow Council Member Leinbergers travel to Anchorage with City Manager Baird to address BUC matters.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

MOVED:	McGowan	To suspend the rules to proceed to executive session as the next order of business
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A- Discussion Of Actions Taken To Terminate A Utility Contract And To Negotiate A Separate Contract Per Bethel Municipal Code 2.04.110 (b) (1)

MOVED:	Dyment	To proceed into executive session for discussion of actions taken to terminate a utility contract and to negotiate a separate contract per the Bethel Municipal Code
SECONDED:	McGowan	

		2.04.110 (b)(1)
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

Council exited executive session at 10:59p

MOVED:	Dymnet	To suspend the rules to proceed past 11p.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

MOVED:	Dyment	To direct Council Member Leinberger and City Manager Baird to allow open discussions seeking solutions with BUC regarding waste heat and street lights.
SECONDED:	Keinick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 4 – 1 (Williams voting against)	

MOVED:	Leinberger	To adjourn the meeting at 11:08P
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 2 – 3 (Dyment, Kenick voting for)	

MOVED:	Leinberger	To remove council member comments from the agenda.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Williams appointed Christopher Pike to the Parks & Recreation Committee

MOVED:	Dyment	To confirm the Mayor's appointed of Christopher Pike to the Parks & Recreation Committee
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

Upon Council concurrence, Council Member McGowan was excused at 11:13p

- Letter from DOT regarding the Bethel dock assets in City control
- Resolution from the City of Napakiak regarding exemption of the 5% sales tax on electricity
- Letter from USDA regarding the loans used to develop water & wastewater facilities
- Letter from AVCP regarding the Dolin Creek Mine and the risks associated with the large scale mining activity
- Foster Parent appreciation month

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Memorandum regarding the Safety Program Supervisor
- City Manager submitted a written report to Council to update Council on current projects.
- Boys Group Home

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- Special Election, May 16th, 8a-8p
- Election official training May 11th, 12p-?
- City Clerk has taken over passport processing by appointment only

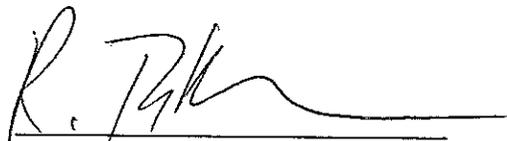
MOVED:	Dyment	To adjourn meeting at 11:31p.m.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:31p.m.

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF MAY, 2006.

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


R. Thor Williams, Mayor