
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

May 24, 2005

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 24, 2005, at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Dyment called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Andy McGowan	Dave Trantham
R. Thor Williams	Hugh Dyment
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers	Yolonda Jorgensen
Dan Leinberger	

Also in attendance were the following:

John Malone, Acting City Manager
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Dyment read a Proclamation, proclaiming May 24th Bethel Regional High School JROTC Day. Council presented the JROTC Drill Team including Team Coach's individual Certificates of Excellence and a Team Award. Council Member Trantham and Council Member Rodgers presented Sergeant Wright, the JROTC Instructor, a Plaque of Appreciation.

Council stood at ease while the JROTC Drill Team exited Council Chambers.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Wally Richardson and Rose Henderson addressed Council on behalf of the 2005 Rural Providers Conference (June 6th -10th 2005). The Rural Providers Conference is requesting the City provide/donate 2 portable toilets and the evacuation of the portable toilets to be located at the Moravian Church for out of town visitors attending that are unable to purchase lodging. Wally Richardson also announced every year an elder is honored within Bethel, this year Mr. David Trantham will be the honored guest.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To donate 2 portable toilets and the evacuation of the portable toilets to the Rural Providers Conference.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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2. Paul O'Brien addressed Council to inquire about the City's fee increase process. Mr. O'Brien brought to the attention of Council certain instances where his fee's had been increased without notification from the City.

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To direct Administration to research the fee increase process and report back to Council and Paul O'Brien
SECONDED BY:	Jorgensen	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGUALR AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Rodgers	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda for the May 24, 2005 Meeting as amended.
SECONDED BY:	McGowan	

MOVED BY:	Rodgers	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.

Agnes Whitman addressed Council regarding community beatings which she and her son have been the victim of. Agnes requested the City stop the recreational beatings. Agnes stated that without action this will get worse. Mary suggested a Committee, an ordinance, or some type of action be done to stop this immediately.

Council Member Rodgers stated the need to stand together as a community. Council Member Rodgers suggested a letter be sent to District Attorneys Office.

Mayor Dymont suggested Agnes also address the Public Safety Committee regarding the community beatings.

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To direct the Acting City Manager to review the case with the Police Department and if justified, file a complaint with the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

MOVED BY:	Williams	To amend the motion to add the Division of Juvenile Justice in reviewing of the case.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.

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MOVED BY:	Trantham	To direct the City Manager to research the lean on the Bethel Group Home and provide information to Council.
SECONDED BY:	Jorgensen	

Mayor Dymont ruled to motion out of order, the motion will need to be discussed after the approval of the agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION *Not voted on-ruled out of order.*

MOVED BY:	Williams	To amend the agenda to remove Item C-Senior Center Grant Update listed under New Business.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *5/9/05 Special Meeting Minutes
- *5/10/05 Regular Meeting Minutes
- *5/11/05 Special Meeting Minutes
- *5/16/05 Special Meeting Minutes
- *5/18/05 Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes as amended approved under the consent agenda

MOVED BY:	Williams	To suspend the rules to address the Manager's Report regarding failure of the Port.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Acting City Manager Malone addressed Council to discuss the Port's Wing Walls great distress. Acting City Manager Malone explained the plan of action to receive funds to restore the Port walls.

Council recessed from 7:40p until 7:51p

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To direct the Acting City Manager to research the lean on the Bethel Group Home and provide information to Council at the next City Council Meeting on June 14 th .
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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MOVED BY:	Williams	To suspend the rules to address the Mayor's Report, specifically related to the City Manager candidate interview/hiring process.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Mayor Dymont stated that Don Baird has been offered the position as the City Manager for the City of Bethel, however, the Council must formally appoint and vote on the appointment of the City manager, which will be done at the May 31st Council Meeting.

Council Member Williams requested all Council be provided a copy of the contract prior to an agreement and the Mayors signature.

Council suggested Council Member Jorgensen participate via teleconference during the May 31st City Council Meeting-Appointment of the City Manager.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council member Jorgensen): Council Member Jorgensen reported the Committee last met on May 5th and reviewed the meetings agenda items discussed. Council Member Jorgensen read a proposed "Trails Day Proclamation" to be issued by the Mayor for June 4th.

Council approved the Proclamation by unanimous concurrence.

Public Works Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger reported the Committee last met on May 17th, where a request by a local contractor was brought to the Committee regarding a piped water line project. During the meeting the Committee discussed the grinder pumps and would like for CRW to research alternatives.

Planning Commission (Council Member Rodgers): Council Member Rodgers reported the Commission rescheduled their meeting to May 26th due to a lack of a quorum. Council Member Rodgers discussed the upcoming meeting agenda.

Council directed the City Clerk to forward the absentee policy to all Committee/Commission members.

Senior Advisory Board: Council Member Williams reported the agenda items discussed at the last meeting on May 10th one item being the removal of bottled water to the elders.

Port Commission (Council Member Williams): Council Member Williams reported the Port Commission has not meet due to a lack of a quorum on May 16th.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Mayor Dyment): Mayor Dyment reported the Commission last met on May 5th. Mayor Dyment reviewed the recommendations to City Council made by the Commission.

Finance Committee (Council Member McGowan): Council Member McGowan reported the Committee will meet on May 26th.

Meeting recessed from 8:42 until 8:56p

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A-Public Hearing of Ordinance #04-09 (D-amended): An Ordinance of the Bethel City Council amending the adopted Annual FY04-05 Budget

Public Hearing: *None*

MOVED BY:	Leinberger	To adopt Ordinance #04-09 (D-Amended): An Ordinance of the Bethel City Council amending the adopted Annual FY04-05 Budget.
SECONDED BY:	Jorgensen	

Council Member Williams explained his memorandum relating to Ordinance #04-09.

Finance Director Strahan addressed Council and provided a brief description to address Council Member Williams memorandum and a status report on the current Invitation For Bids and Report For Proposals.

Council discussed the Ordinance that states administration must address Council regarding expenditures over \$5000.

Council and Finance Director Strahan discussed the Ordinance #04-09 and the actual numbers.

Council Member Rodgers stated the budget issues are the fault of Council due to lack of direction.

Council Member Trantham referred to the BMC and read an excerpt pertaining to line item transfers and over spending line items that can be approved by the City Manager.

Council Member Leinberger stated the Finance department should have come to Council regarding the lines item over expenditures. Council Member Leinberger also stated that Council should be given a report to keep Council abreast of the expenditures throughout the year.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To amend Ordinance # 04-09 (D-Amended)by adding 10-51-503, 10-51-504, 10-60-503, 10-61-503, 10-61-504, 10-66-503, 10-66-710, 51-81-722, 51-83-502, 51-83-503, 51-84-502, 51-84-503, 51-84-623, 51-85-502, 51-85-503, 51-85-722, 51-86-592, 51-86-621, 51-86-623, 51-91-502, 51-91-504, and 51-91-683 to the amended FY04-05 Budget.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-2 (no-Rodgers & McGowan)
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MOVED BY:	Leinberger	To amend Ordinance #04-09 (D-Amended) to include line item number 10-53-736 in a total of \$2460.65.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-2 (no-Rodgers & McGowan)
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VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-2 (no-Rodgers & McGowan)
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MOVED BY:	Rodgers	To direct Administration to follow Ordinance #04-05: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.04.080 Of The Bethel Municipal Code Regarding When Requests For Supplemental Appropriations Need To Be Submitted To The City Council.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Item B-Public Hearing of Ordinance #05-10: An Ordinance appropriating \$43,000 from the City's designated retained earnings for seawall maintenance in the Municipal Dock Fund to meet the City's local match obligation provided for in Amendment NO.1 to The Bank Stabilization Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Army and to authorize the purchase of property to carry out the purposes of the Bank Stabilization Agreement

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED BY:	Rodgers	To adopt Ordinance #05-10. An Ordinance appropriating \$43,000 from the City's designated retained earnings for seawall maintenance in the Municipal Dock Fund to meet the City's local match obligation provided for in Amendment NO.1 to The Bank Stabilization Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Army and to authorize the purchase of property to carry out the purposes of the Bank Stabilization Agreement
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote in favor.
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Item C- City of Bethel Newsletter

MOVED BY:	Leinberger	To direct the City Clerk to process the City Newsletter in house.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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MOVED BY:	Williams	To suspend the rules to appoint Cemetery Committee Members
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Item D- Community Cemetery Planning Committee

By Council concurrence, all Cemetery Committee Volunteers were appointed. Council Member Trantham was appointed as the Council Representative and Wayne Ogle as the Ex-officio.

Council Member Trantham suggested keeping the posting up to encourage more volunteers.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p until 10:15p.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

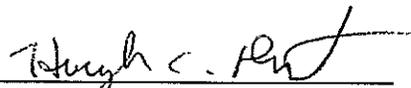
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (yes-Williams & Trantham)
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Adjournment

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:05p.

APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2005.

ATTEST:


 Hugh Dymment, Mayor


 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk