
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2010

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 27, 2010 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 6:30p.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Council Member Allen Hippler
Council Member Thor Williams
Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Heather Pike
Council Member Richard Robb (participated telephonically)
Mayor Joseph Klejka (participated telephonically)

Absent:

None

Also Present:

City Manager Lee Foley
City Clerk Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one wished to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Williams	

MOVED:	Robb	Remove Resolution 10-37 from the consent agenda.
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to make the Executive Session at 7:30p.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to postpone item A under Special Order of Business to the next regular city council meeting.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Appreciation To KYUK For Their Continued Technical Support To The City OF Bethel.
Postponed until the next regular council meeting.

Item B- Recognizing Ronda Sargent As The City Of Bethel Employee Of The Second Quarter.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A- 7/13/2010 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B- 7/20/2010 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 10-14: Increasing The Transient Lodging Business Tax And Eliminating Sales Tax For The Rental Of Rooms.

*Vice-Mayor Middlebrook opened the public hearing.
 No one wished to be heard.
 Vice-Mayor Middlebrook closed the public hearing.*

MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to adopt Ordinance 10-14.
SECONDED:	Pike	
MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to amend, Section 4.14.02 to insert <u>9%</u> and strike 12% .
SECONDED:	Pike	
MOVED:	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director Laurie Walters.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MOTION	2-4 Motion fails, Hippler and Robb in favor	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to table until the first meeting in September.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON TABLING MOTION	All in favor	

Item B- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 10-27: Moving Taxi Cab Rates From 5.20.020 To 5.40.100.

Vice-Mayor Middlebrook opened the public hearing.

No one wished to be heard.

Vice-Mayor Middlebrook closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adopt Ordinance 10-27.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend to strike the reference to 5.40.100 and insert <u>at the time of passage the rates are:</u> .
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to refer to committee and to the attorney.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Public Hearing Of Ordinance 10-28: Amending The City Of Bethel Regular Agenda Format To Move Reports Of Standing Committees Up On the Agenda.

Vice-Mayor Middlebrook opened the public hearing.

Jody Malus- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 10-28.

Vice-Mayor Middlebrook closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adopt Ordinance 10-28.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
5-1 Motion passes, Middlebrook opposed		

I. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Resolution 10-37: Opposing The Proposed Postal Hubs In Chevak Or Hooper Bay.

MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to approve Resolution 10-37.
SECONDED:	Pike	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to insert Scammon Bay throughout the Resolution.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MOTION		
3-3 Motion fails, Hippler, Klejka and Robb opposed		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item B- Introduction Of Ordinance 10-29: Amending The BMC To Allow The Appointment Of Two Members To The Public Safety And Transportation Commission Who Have An Interest In the Vehicle For Hire Industry.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C – Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 10-22 (a): Amending The FY2011 Budget.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D- AM 10-39: Appointment Of Terry Perry To The Planning Commission

Because Mayor Klejka is participating telephonically, Vice- Mayor Middlebrook appointed Terry Perry to the Planning Commission.

MOVED:	Pike	Motion to approve the Vice-Mayors appointment of Terry Perry to the Planning Commission.
SECONDED:	Hippler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to take a five minute break.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time certain 7:30p.

Item A- Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity And To Discuss Potential And/Or Threatened Litigation Related To D. Carpenter d/b/a Pacific Rim International Tax Delinquency And collection.

The Council entered into executive session at 7:38 p.m.

MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to move into executive session "Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity And To Discuss Potential And/Or Threatened Litigation Telated To D. Carpenter d/b/a Pacific Rim International Tax Delinquency And Collection".
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

The Council exited executive session at 8:06 p.m.

Item E- AM 10-40: Approving Mayor And/Or His Representatives To Travel To Donlin Creek For A Tour Of The Facility.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to approve the travel of the mayor and or his designee to tour the
SECONDED:	Pike	

	Donlin Creek Mine.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4-2 Motion passes, Middlebrook and Pike opposed

Item F- AM 10-41: Appointment Of Greg McIntyre To The Energy Committee.

Because Mayor Klejka is participating telephonically, Vice- Mayor Middlebrook appointed Greg McIntyre to the Energy Committee.

Council concurred.

Item G - AM 10-42: Direction To City Management To Develop An Interim Plan To Build An Above Ground Summer Water Safety Training Pool And Enclosed Structure Not To Exceed \$500,000.

MOVED:	Hippler	Motion to approve AM 10-42.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Mayor Klejka departed the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Item H- AM 10-43: Approve The Transfer Of \$160,000 From The Wells Fargo Interest Bearing Account To Balance The Port Fund And Provide For Anticipated \$20,000 Cash Contribution To The Bethel Senior Center.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to postpone until the next meeting.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed	

Item I- IM 10-10: City Manager's Project Management Experience.

Item J- IM 10-11: Verbal Agreement Between Previous Administration And Two Businesses To Reimburse For Towing And Impound Services.

MOVED:	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Chief of Police, Larry Elarton.
SECONDED:	Williams	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor
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Item K- IM 10-12: Utility Manhole Improvement Preliminary Schedule.

Item L- IM 10-13: Update On Billing And Payment Processing Outsourcing For Water And Sewer Services.

II. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning Commission
No Report.

Port Commission
The commission was not able to take action on the tariff due to two members having a conflict of interest.
Kuskokwim Way boat ramp and the possible closing of the ramp.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission
No Report.

Public Works Committee
No report.

Finance Committee
Didn't have a quorum at the last meeting but will be discussing bed tax, sales tax delinquencies, commercial piped water and sewer rates and the metered water in City Subdivision.

Energy Committee
Energy Fair set for October 30th from 10am – 5pm.

Parks and Recreation
No report.

- III. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- IV. MANAGER'S REPORT**
- V. CLERK'S REPORT**
- VI. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Hippler
No comment.

Council Member Robb
 Condolences to the Hoffman for their loss.
 Liked the change in procedure for telephonic participations.
 Pleased with the agenda amendment, moving Reports of Committees and
 Commissions ahead of New Business.

Council Member Pike
 Condolences to the Hoffman for their loss.

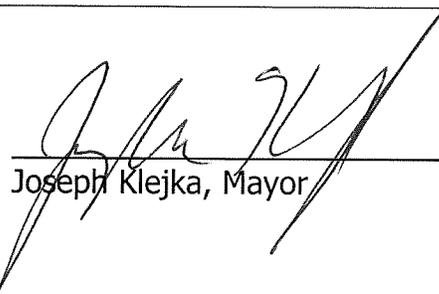
Council Member Williams
 Thankful for the Open Meetings Act because of the recent scandal in Bell
 California. .
 Thanked the administration for providing the information to the council
 efficiently.
 Be safe on the river, don't drink and boat.
 Condolences to the Hoffman for their loss.

Vice Mayor Middlebrook
 Sad to hear of the passing of Sunny Hoffman, he made moving to Bethel
 very welcoming no matter who you are.

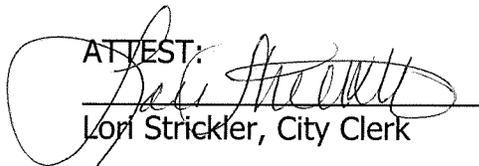
VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.



 Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Lori Strickler, City Clerk