
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

December 20, 1999

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 20, 1999, at Noon in the City Manager's office, Bethel, Alaska. Mayor Mike O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present:

Mayor Mike O'Brien (telephonically)	Agnes Phillips (telephonically)
Jerry Drake	Karol Pobrislo
Joerene Hout (telephonically)	Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

comprising a quorum of the Council.

Absent:

Dario Notti (Excused)

Also in attendance were:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Gaye Vaughan, City Clerk
Bob Petitt, Police Chief
Louann Cutler, City Attorney (telephonically)

ITEM OF BUSINESS

Motor Vehicle Office

City Manager Herron briefed the Council on the contract with the Department of Motor Vehicles. He indicated his misgivings on proceeding with the contract and he saw three choices for Council. One, to go forward with the contract. Two, decline the contract. Three, work with DMV on interim with another organization taking over at a later point.

Louanne Cutler also expressed her misgivings. On behalf of the city, she has asked for reasonable changes to the contract for protection of the city. Six representatives of DMV were at the meeting and were difficult to work with on making the changes. They will be a very difficult entity to work with and Council should be thinking of letting another bidder have the contract.

Police Chief Pettitt concurred and noted that DMV has its own rules and agenda. They have had the city's revisions to the contract over a month yet no one from the Attorney General's office was present.

It was noted that there are 17 to 19 DMV contract sites throughout the state.

Mayor O'Brien stated the Council need to look at this contract in terms of providing a service to the city residents. If there had been no other bidders, the city should pursue it. Since there were other bidders, then let another bidder do it, especially if the city would lose money. Mayor O'Brien stated the Council

Louanne Cutler noted that this never was going to be a money making proposition. The City would still receive the vehicle tax. The revenue from the office would pay for a clerk to staff it.

Council Member Pobrislo stated maybe the City should try it for a year then let another entity take over, or not take it at all. She felt the City has too many other things going on. A transition period would show the community the City cares, but the City cannot afford to lose money on this.

Council Member Drake said the City should either do it or not, but not take it on an interim basis.

Council Member Rodgers said the two other entities who bid on it have federal assistance. He said the citizens need this service in Bethel.

Council Member Hout felt the City should back out and let it go to another agency or take it as an interim measure.

Mayor O'Brien agreed with the majority. He said it should be given to another organization.

The direction given to the City Manager was to let someone else give it a try. Another entity will be in a better position to do it.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Drake	Moved to adjourn.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

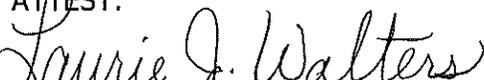
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2000.

ATTEST:


Mike O'Brien, Mayor


Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk