
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

January 10, 2006

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 10, 2006, at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

David E. Trantham	Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers
Mary Kenick	R. Thor Williams
Dan Leinberger	
Andrew McGowan	

Excused Absence(s):
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Also in attendance were the following:
Wally Baird, City Manager
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk
Sharon Sigmon, Staff Attorney

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Louie Andrew addressed Council to state that he is concerned about the economic development of the City of Bethel and the Port Commission. The City of Bethel operations have created excess noise, traffic and obnoxious fumes in his area of the community. Mr. Andrew requested the fishery operations be moved to the Crowley property that the City owns.

Council discussed the operations of the Port Harbor, specifically fish processors, and options of moving the operations to the Crowley property that the City of Bethel owns.

Port Director Heath Martin addressed Council to state that the City is aware of the matters being discussed and stated they are looking into moving the operations from the Port Harbor.

Mayor Williams stated that he will ensure that this matter is discussed at the next Port Commission Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Leinberger	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda for the January 10, 2006 Council meeting as amended removing Ordinance #06-01 from the consent agenda and amending the executive session verbiage.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
MOVED:	Trantham	To update the executive session verbiage to read as follows: To go into executive session to receive an update between the Union Labor Negotiators and the City of Bethel.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Roll call vote 5-1 (No: Williams)
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks & Recreation Committee (Vice-Mayor Kenick): Vice- Mayor Kenick reported that the Committee last met on December 20th which she was not in attendance. The committee was unable to conduct a meet due to lack of a quorum.

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

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

Planning Commission (Council Member Rodgers): Council Member Rodgers stated that the Commission will be discussing the following at their next meeting:

- Completion of the land exchange with the City of Bethel and the St. Sophia Russian Orthodox meeting
- Road through the Donut Hole

Port Commission (Mayor Williams): Mayor Williams reported that the Commission last met on December 15th and discussed the following:

- Tariffs
- Budget amendments
- Purchase of Crowley property
- Eddie Hoffman Hwy renovations

Community Cemetery Planning Committee (Council Member Trantham): Council Member reported that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting.

Public Works Committee (Council Member McGowan): Council Member McGowan reported that the Committee last met on December 19th and discussed the following:

- Construction of utility/sewer lines for the Trooper Housing

MOVED:	McGowan	To direct administration to ensure the planning department provides culverts to facilitate future sewer tie-ins
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Council concurrence

Alaska Municipal League (Council Member Trantham): Council Member Trantham stated that there is an agenda item under New Business regarding the AML summer meeting and would like to submit an application to have it held in Bethel. Council Member Trantham also stated that the Legislative Session will be discussing reorganizing the "borough" system.

Council concurred to take a brief recess from 7:40p until 7:52p

NEW BUSINESS

Item A-Introduction Of Ordinances 06-01: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.04.140 Of The Bethel Municipal Code Regarding The Election Of A Mayor And Vice-Mayor Paul Richards attended the meeting telephonically to update Council on the upcoming 2006 Legislature Session.

MOVED:	Leinberger	To introduce ordinance #06-01 as amended.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
MOVED:		
	Rodgers	To strike the third sentence under section B.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT		
	Passed	Council concurrence
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Roll cal vote 6-0

MOVED:	Leinberger	To set public hearing for ordinance 06-01 at the next scheduled Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

Item B- Introduction Of Ordinance 06-02: An Ordinance Repealing Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.19

Ordinance #06-02 was introduced and set for public hearing on the consent agenda

Item C- Approval Of The 2006 City Council Meeting Calendar

MOVED:	Trantham	To adopt the 2006 City Council Meeting Calendar as amended.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
MOVED:	Trantham	To amend the 2006 City Council Meeting calendar to move the second meeting in January from the 24 th to the 31 st .
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Council concurrence
MOVED:	Leinberger	To amend the 2006 City Council Meeting calendar to move the first February meeting from the 14 th to the 13 th .
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Council concurrence (Council Member Leinberger was out of chambers during the vote)
MOVED:	Trantham	To amend the 2006 City Council Meeting calendar have September meetings on the 12 th & 26 th .
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Council concurrence
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

Item D- Summer Legislative Committee/Alaska Municipal League Board/Alaska Conference Of Mayors

Council Member Trantham advised Council that he is on the AML Site Selection Committee for the summer meeting. Council Member Trantham suggested that the City of Bethel sponsor the AML summer meeting.

MOVED:	Leinberger	To direct the City Clerk/City Manager to submit the application for the AML summer meeting location.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Council concurrence

Item E-2006 Mid-Year Budget Modification And FY2006-2007 Budget Introduction

Mayor Williams inquired to administration about any mid-year budget modifications and introduction of the 2006-07 budget.

City Manager Baird stated that he would like to see the introduction of the upcoming budget moved later in February or March.

MOVED:	Trantham	To delay the introduction of the FY2006-2007 budget for 30 days, March 1 st .
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Council concurrence

Council discussed options pertaining to the appropriations for Ice Road maintenance or allocating funds to the Bethel Search & Rescue to help provide services.

MOVED:	Leinberger	To direct the City Manager to contact Bethel Search & Rescue to see what amount of funds would be an appropriate donation.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Council concurrence

Council concurred to recess from 9:00p until 9:10p

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Letter from DOT regarding the Chief Eddie Hoffman Hwy Rehabilitation Project
- Letter from the University of Alaska regarding their 2006 Development Plan
- Letter from DOT regarding the 2005-06 STIP
- Letter from AVCP regarding their Regional Housing Authority Housing Summit
- Letter from the Departments of the Army and the Air Force (Joint Forces Head Quarters) regarding reimbursement for the Readiness Center construction site

Mayor Williams appointed Henry Powers to the Public Works Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To appoint Henry Powers to the Public Works Committee
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

Mayor Williams appointed Charley Chung to the Public Safety & Transportation Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To appoint Charley Chung to the Public Safety & Transportation Committee
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

- 6 letters from LKSD students regarding requests and suggestions to improve the City of Bethel

MOVED:	Trantham	To direct the City Clerk to post all the youth community member letters to the 2025 Vision Board.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

- Legislative Draft Bill regarding "Boroughs"
- Kuskokwim 300 schedule
- Mayor Williams will be in Juneau in January
- Hopes the culvert steamers will be up and running by March 15th.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Met with DOT and VSW regarding paving road in the community
- Chief Eddie Hoffman Hwy improvements update
- Staff matters
- Sales tax audits

CLERK'S REPORT

- Codification
- Petition
- December '05 Newsletter
- COB e-mail accounts for Council Members
- Completed Digital Recording System RFP

MOVED:	Trantham	To approve travel for the City Clerk to attend the AML 40 th AAMC Conference.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED:	Leinberger	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Passed Council concurrence		

MOVED:	Kenick	To enter into executive session to receive an update between the Union Labor Negotiators and the City of Bethel.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Passed Voice vote 5-1 (No: Williams)		

Council exited executive session at 10:19p

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Kenick:

- No coments

Council Member Leinberger:

- Stated the reluctance of Council addressing the issues of the Alcohol Delivery Site and the LKSD water line request troubled him, he felt that Council did not want to do the hard work to address either matter.
- Stated that there will be more difficult issues down the road and he here to tackle the important issues.

Council Member McGowan:

- No comments

Mayor Williams:

- Stated that he received a Christmas card from Tad Miller, former City Council Member.

Council Member Trantham:

- Beginning of a new year that the there are a lot of things to do, taxes to collect, and children to take care
- Would like to be part of the team to lay the ground work for vision 2025
- Stated that the Army National Guard lost 4 members in Iraq, Alaska citizens, which saddens him greatly
- Requested to fly the flag at half mass

- Hopes all of our troops from the Bethel area and region return safely

Council Member Rodgers:

- Condolences to the Kinegak & Alexie family that has lost loved ones on the past month.
- Hug an elder

ADJOURNMENT

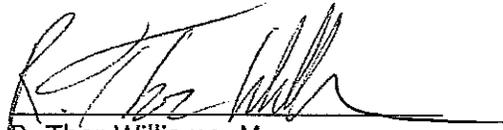
MOVED:	Rodgers	To adjourn at 10:35p.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Council concurrence

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:35p.

APPROVED THIS 31st DAY OF JANUARY, 2006.

ATTEST:


 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


 R. Thor Williams, Mayor