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# City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

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April 8, 2008

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 8, 2008 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

## II. ROLL CALL

### Members present:

Mayor Eric Middlebrook  
Vice-Mayor R. Thor Williams (Telephonically)  
Council Member Tundy Rodgers  
Council Member Dan Leinberger  
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen  
Council Member Tiffany Zulkosky  
Council Member Keppel

### Others present:

City Manager Wally Baird  
City Clerk Lori Strickler

## III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Allen Hippler –In strong support of the expansion of the YK Correctional Center. There are many economic reasons to support the expansion.

Loren Bradbury –In addition to economy humanitarian needs are a concern. Urge the City Council to support the expansion as well as the detoxifying center.

Dianna Moffet – I was under the assumption all of the 1% was going to the Community Recreation center, I hear it is now being split and some of it is going into the General Fund. We need the Rec. center to help the children.

Dave Trantham - If the deal is too good to be true, be skeptical.  
Disappointed to see a cultural event (Camai) being used as a political event, this was not the place to get signatures for a recall petition.  
Cemetery Committee Representative, Council Member Keppel make certain the \$30,000.00 goes into the veteran's cemetery. Recognized 7 community members who stood up to speak on behalf of the capital budget, George

Young; Michelle Dewitt; Dan Leinberger; Vice-Mayor Thor Williams; Mayor Middlebrook; Dave Trantham.  
 E-Mail received from the City of Bethel's Lobbies Mr. Paul Richards was read.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Move to approve the regular and consent agenda
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Keppel	Move items X,XI,XII,XII ahead of Unfinished Business.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passes 4 – 3, Leinberger, Zulkosky, Jorgensen voting against.	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Move item h under Unfinished Business in front of item a
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Amend the motion to move item h in front of item X. Mayors Reports
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Leinberger	Move to divide the question
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passes 4-3 Rodgers, Keppel and Williams opposed	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	Motion passes	

**V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Public Safety Dispatch Week Proclamation

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration Of Draft Agreement With The State Of Alaska

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Move to suspend the rule to hear from the Commissioner of the State of Alaska Department of Corrections and his staff (Joe Schmidt, Sam Edwards, Chris Liu)
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Leinberger	Direct the City Manager to continue working with the State of Alaska Department of Corrections in regard to the expansion of YKCC, with the intent to continue to go forward.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Motion passes 4-3, Leinberger, Williams, Zulkosky, Jorgensen voting for		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Motion to break for ten minutes
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Suspend the rule to move item A above 10,11,12,13
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Leinberger	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

a. **Public Hearing Of Ordinance 08-05 – Authorizing The Disposal Of Approximately 87,987 Square Feet Within The Northwest Quarter Of Section 8, Range 71 West, Township 8 North, Seward Meridian, To The Association Of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Leinberger	Motion to adopt Ordinance 08-05: Authorizing The Disposal Of Approximately 87,987 Square Feet Within The Northwest Quarter Of Section 8, Range 71 West, Township 8 North, Seward Meridian, To The Association Of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Carried unanimously		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Move to suspend the rule to hear from the City Planner, Rick Abboud
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Leinberger	Suspend the rule to allow comments from the AVCP Housing Representative.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
6-1 Williams opposed		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Keppel	Amend Ord. 08-05 by deleting Proposal A in its entirety and input Proposal B to the City of Bethel to purchase lots #7 and #4 at fair market value, the land is 474.98' X 40' = 19,000sf.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Carried unanimously.		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Move to divide the question to
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
6-1 Motion passes, Williams in opposition		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Keppel	Move that the 87,987 square feet within the surface estate of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8 Range 71, Township 8 North, Seward Meridian be brought to bid for a period of 30 days.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Motion pass 6-1 Rodgers opposed		

**II. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**III. MANAGER'S REPORT**

NOTED REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL:

Get a copy of the Anchorage Contract with the state (Jail Expansion).  
 Get information from other entities which have undergone the expansion project with the state, what was expected from administration.

#### IV. CLERK'S REPORT

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Move to approve the training and travel request for the City Clerk To attend the Northwest Clerk's Institute session 1 June 1 <sup>st</sup> through June 6 <sup>th</sup> ; as well as job shadowing Janette Bower May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , and 14 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Motion to suspend the rule to move item b under new business to after the Clerk's Report
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Move to reschedule the Aug. 26, 2008 so the state may use the Council Chambers.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgensen	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

#### V. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Rodgers – Hug an elder

Council Member Zulkosky – No comment

Council Member Leinberger – Troubled by a memorandum from the Finance Department, to Council Member Keppel in which administration was asked to provide information Finance Condition of the port fund prior to our previous port director and finance arrangements with Faulkner/Walsh. It would have been more prudent if it were brought to council first, it feels wrong.

Council Member Keppel- About 2/3 of the people are opposed to the jail expansion. Native leader from around the delta were appalled at the people who used the Camai dance festival as dirty politics.

I have been trying to get all of the numbers from the port for years. I am interested in finding out how the city purchased tons of gravel which is not allotted to go onto roads or parking lots, it never went to bid.

Council Member Jorgensen – Would like to go through one meeting without one conflict; too many loose dogs, perhaps the city should reevaluate the fines.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgenson	Move to go past 10:00
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Motion Passes		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Motion to go to 10:15
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Motion passes Keppel, Rodgers, Williams opposed		

Mayor Middlebrook – Caution to the travelers on the river and the snow machine trails, it is getting dangers; Toksook had a nice dance festival this weekend, it was really nice; “Politics is a contact Sport”, Garison Keeler is one of my favorite political quote. The council gets into some heated debates, we are expressing our opinions.

Vice Mayor Williams – councils are this way, bethel loves politics. For good bad or indifferent, this is who we are. We have to continue passing issues.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgenson	Motion to adjourn
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Motion passes 6-1 Leinberger opposed		

**VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

*The Following Minutes were approved on the consent agenda*

- a. 03/25/2008 Special Meeting
- b. 03/25/2008 Regular Meeting

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVED THIS 22 DAY OF APRIL, 2008.**

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Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk