
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 24, 2009 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Vice-Mayor Dan Leinberger

Council Member Eric Middlebrook

Council Member Klejka Joseph Klejka (Departed the meeting at 9:10p)

Council Member Thor Williams

Council Member Beverly Hoffman

Members absent:

Mayor Tiffany Zulkosky

Council Member LaMont Albertson

Others present:

City Manager Lee Foley

City Clerk Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Billy Mccann

- The community should and could do something to slow down the alcohol problem in the area.

Raymond Pete

- Would like to see the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center built by the power plant, its original location.
- Would also like to have an environmental impact statement done prior to the construction of the building.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to postpone Item C under Unfinished Business, Approval Of Proposed Lease Agreement Between The American Legion And The City Of Bethel, until the March 10 th meeting.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION		
		All in favor
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Remove Items A, B, and C from the Consent Agenda.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
		All in favor

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A –Audit Presentation, Altman And Rogers.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Laurie Walters, as needed and appropriate.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
		All in favor

Karen Rogers gave an update to the City Council on the FY 2008 Audit Report.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to take a five minute break.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
		3-2 Motion fails, Williams and Middlebrook in favor

Item B – Army National Guard Discussion Of Site Location

Presentation provide to Council by General Tom Katkus and Jerry Walton

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEEING MINUTES

Item A -1/20/2009 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item B -2/10/2009 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the Consent Agenda.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to take a ten minute break.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
4-1 Motion passes; Klejka opposed		

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A –Public Hearing Of Ordinance 09-01: An Ordinance Amending The Sales Tax Code To Provide An Exemption For Nonprofit Religious Organizations

Vice-Mayor Leinberger opened the public hearing.

No one wished to be heard.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to Postpone Ordinance 09-01: An Ordinance Amending The Sales Tax Code To Provide An Exemption For Nonprofit Religious Organizations until the March 10 th City Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
2-3 Motion fails, Williams and Leinberger in favor		

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-01: An Ordinance Amending The Sales Tax Code To Provide An Exemption For Nonprofit Religious Organizations.
SECONDED:	Klejka	

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to amend the main motion to strike "sales of goods and services" and insert "water, sewer and garbage".
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor		

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Laurie Walters on this issue.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	2-3 Motion fails, Middlebrook, Leinberger and Williams opposed

Item B--Public Hearing Of Ordinance 09-02: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.04.055 Section D and E, Public Participation Of The Bethel Municipal Code.

*Vice-Mayor Leinberger opened the public hearing.
No one wished to speak*

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-02: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.04.055 Section D and E, Public Participation Of The Bethel Municipal Code.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 09-10: Supporting HB 114 "An Act Relating To Availability Of State Transportation Facilities And State-Owned Or State- Operated Transportation Modes For Delivering Compassionate Aid During A Disaster Emergency"

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to introduce Resolution 09-10: Supporting HB 114 "An Act Relating To Availability Of State Transportation Facilities And State-Owned Or State-Operated Transportation Modes For Delivering Compassionate Aid During A Disaster Emergency."
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B – Resolution 09-11: Opposing Section 1 Of Committee Substitute For Senate Bill 85 (CRA) An Act Relating To Limitations On Possessing, Sending, Shipping, Transporting, Or Bringing Alcoholic Beverages To A Local Option Area And To Penalties For Violations Of Those

Limitations; Relating To Civil Fines For Liquor Licensees Whose Agents Or Employees Furnish Alcoholic Beverages To A Person Under 21 Years Of Age: And Providing For An Effective Date" As Written.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to adopt Resolution 09-11: Opposing Section 1 Of Committee Substitute For Senate Bill 85 (CRA) An Act Relating To Limitations On Possessing, Sending, Shipping, Transporting, Or Bringing Alcoholic Beverages To A Local Option Area And To Penalties For Violations Of Those Limitations; Relating To Civil Fines For Liquor Licensees Whose Agents Or Employees Furnish Alcoholic Beverages To A Person Under 21 Years Of Age: And Providing For An Effective Date" As Written.
SECONDED:	Williams	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend the Resolution by striking "section one of" and insert "the".
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4-1 Motion passes, Leinberger opposed	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend the Resolution by striking "3" and insert "4" of the nineteen communities.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend the Resolution by striking "has been" and insert "is".
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item C-Resolution 09-12: A Resolution On Renewable Energy Efficiency For Rural Alaska.

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to introduce Resolution 09-12: A Resolution On Renewable Energy
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	

		Efficiency For Rural Alaska.
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend the Resolution to strike "Alaska Native and rural Alaska communities" in the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; Motion to insert "City of Bethel urges the" United States Congress "to" increase, in the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; Motion to insert "City of Bethel urges the" United States Congress "to" extends-in the second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item D –AM 09-02: Employee Satisfaction Survey.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to approve AM 09-02 Employee Satisfaction Survey.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend the main motion to have an annual evaluation.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	3-2 Motion fails, Middlebrook and Williams opposed	

Item E-AM 09-03: Contingency Order For Caterpillar Model 160M Motor Grader

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve AM 09-03: Contingency Order For Caterpillar Model 160M Motor Grader.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	3-1 Motion fails, Williams opposed	

Item F –Requesting The State Of Alaska Should Reinvestigate The Consent Decree Between Crowley And The State Of Alaska Concerning The Bethel Tank Farm.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to ask the Attorney General of the State of Alaska to reinvestigate the consent decree between Crowley Marine Services, Inc.; Crowley Maritime Corporation; Northland Fuel, LLC; Yukon Fuel Company; Northland Vessel Leasing Company LLC, and Yutana Barge Lines, LLC. 9:19:42 PM
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to suspend the rules to allow public participation.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
<i>Hugh Dymont and Brandon Leary gave public testimony.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>All in favor</i>	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to table until the March 10 th Meeting.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation Committee-

- Received Committee training from the City Clerk, Lori Strickler.
- Meeting times changed from 12:00p meetings to evening meetings still located at the Bethel Youth Facility.

Alternative Energy Committee –

- Grant for 2.6 Million dollars for four wind towers and funding seems promising.

Finance Committee –

No report

Public Works Committee –

Meeting cancelled due to weather.

Port Commission –

- Review of the Port Budget at the next meeting.
- Status of job opening for the Port Director.
- Status of the Ice Road project.
- Terminal Tariff is upon completion, which will be posted on the City of Bethel's website.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to suspend the rules to extend the meeting past 10:00p.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Chief of Police, Larry Elarton on the issue of the grant funding match for the Community Service Officer.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

XI. CLERK'S REPORT

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Williams-

- Have a good evening.

Middlebrook-

- Research on the proposed postal rate increased perhaps to 30% or more effective may 11th.
- Safe travels.

Leinberger-

- House Energy Committee Meeting will be held in City Council Chambers at 12:00p until 2:00 Saturday February 27th.
- Plan to bring Ordinance 09-01 back with amendments.

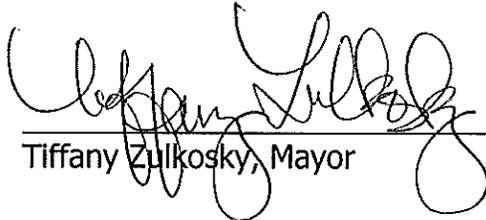
Hoffman-

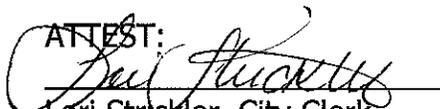
- Hurricane force winds expected on the coast everyone stay safe.

- The Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center received their first grant preliminary design.
- Requested Lee to meet with the cab owners to discuss ongoing problems.
- Water and sewer costs need to be subsidized in Bethel, people need to come together and get a solution.

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

APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2009


 Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Lori Striekler, City Clerk