
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

May 23, 2000

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 23, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska. Mayor Mike O'Brien called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present:

Mike O'Brien, Mayor
Jerry Drake
Joerene Hout
Dario Notti

Agnes Phillips (Arrived @ 6:55 p.m.)
Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

comprising a quorum of the Council.

Also in attendance was:

Bob Herron, City Manager

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

David Trantham,

Antone Anvil,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were not ready for approval.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Copies having been made available to the public, Mayor O'Brien noted by title only the items on the consent agenda.

Ordinance #00-15: Establishing a City of Bethel Budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Beginning July 1, 2000 (City Manager Herron) (Public Hearing June 13, 2000)

Ordinance #00-16: Establishing a Fee Schedule for the City of Bethel (City Manager Herron) (Public Hearing June 13, 2000)

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended.
SECONDED BY:	Hout	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor O'Brien announced the following:

1. Governor's Talking Points for May 8 and 15, 2000
2. Notice of Electronic Transfer of Funds, May 11, 2000
3. ONC-YKHC Request-for-Support Letter

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Herron relayed the following information:

- Department Head reports were included in the agenda packets.
- Crowley Building – The old office building moved up the highway this afternoon.
- Seawall – The contractor has completed the
- Gravel Bid – The deadline for bids is June 12.
- Owl Street Park Sand Pad – Red Samm Construction was low bidder for the project. The City Manager recommended that Council approve the contract award.
- Utility Truck Drivers – The Mayor and Council Members were given a copy of an email from a member of the community commending the utility truck drivers.
- Bethel Court Complex – As of today, the entire building is now officially occupied and generating revenue. The remaining two tenants are to move in June 3-4.

City Manager Herron requested an executive session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss a financial matter and a lawsuit settlement.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mayor O'Brien noted there were vacancies on the Port Commission.

Port Commission

Council Member Rodgers reported that the Port Director has returned to Bethel. Mr. Rodgers has inspected the hole in the seawall . The Commission will met on May 15.

Public Works Committee

Council Member Drake reported that the Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. He noted that the Technical Committee will be meeting this week and they will send out a survey to each employee asking what type of equipment they need. They also hope to finalize the existing equipment list.

Public Safety Commission

Mayor O'Brien stated the Commission has not met.

Planning Commission

Council Member Notti announced that the Commission will meet next on May 11.

Senior Citizens' Advisory Board

Council Member Hout stated that the Advisory Board had met two weeks ago. They had approved the by-laws which will now be presented to the Council for approval.

Transportation Commission

Council Member Hout stated there had not been a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #00-10: Approving an Issue of Bonds to Finance a Community Services Building and Hostel in Bethel for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (City Manager Herron at request of YKHC)

MOVED BY:	Phillips	To adopt Resolution #00-10.
SECONDED BY:	Notti	

Mayor O'Brien opened the ordinance for public testimony. As no one stepped forward, the public hearing was closed.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Ordinance #00-14: Amending the Business Licensing Code (City Manager Herron)

Mayor O'Brien opened the public hearing.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To enact Ordinance #00-14.
SECONDED BY:	Notti	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #00-15: Establishing a City of Bethel Budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Beginning July 1, 2000 (City Manager Herron) (Public Hearing June 13, 2000)

MOVED BY:	Drake	To set Ordinance #00-15 for public hearing on June 13, 2000.
SECONDED BY:	Hout	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Ordinance #00-16: Establishing a Fee Schedule for the City of Bethel (City Manager Herron) (Public Hearing June 13, 2000)

MOVED BY:	Drake	To set Ordinance #00-15 for public hearing on June 13, 2000.
SECONDED BY:	Hout	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Owl Street Park Sand Pad

MOVED BY:	Notti	To approve
SECONDED BY:	Phillips	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Hout noted that the March of Dimes walk had been held the previous weekend at which over \$3500 was raised. She congratulated the graduates of KUC especially McKenzie Sumpter.

Council Member Notti congratulated the JrROTC members for the award and promotions they received. He noted that the first coat of paint has been applied to the high school gym and the second coat will be put on soon. The women's basketball league was doing the work.

Mayor O'Brien thanked Ms. Hout for her work with the March of Dimes. He also congratulated the Cub Scouts who were in attendance earlier in the meeting. He further congratulated Katie Roll who, at age 65, got her degree at KUC.

Council Member Drake noted that the Finance Director's report did not contain the amount of funds owed to the City which were included in the previous report.

Council Member Rodgers sent his condolences to the Pavil family. He noted that the ice is about ready to go out and there is currently no ice in Aniak. He hope for a safe boating season.

Council Member Phillips sent congratulations to Seth _____, Randy Nicholson and Robert Griffith. She also thanked all of the agencies in Bethel who support college students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY:	Phillips	To recess to Executive Session to discuss settlement on a lawsuit and a financial matter.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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The meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Notti	

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 8:14 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2000.

ATTEST:

Mike O'Brien, Mayor

Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk