

Introduced by: City Manager Baird
Date: November 8, 2006
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 06-30

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PURSUIT OF DENALI COMMISSION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SKID STEER TO BE USED IN THE CITY'S RECYCLING EFFORTS AND PLEDGE TO COVER ASSOCIATED OPERATING/MAINTENANCE COSTS

WHEREAS, the community of Bethel is expected to generate 7,578 tons of solid waste in 2006, nearly all of which will end up in the City's landfill;

WHEREAS, Bethel's 17.4 acre Class II landfill has a limited useful life, estimated to expire in 2014 under the current operating permit, before it must be capped and a new one opened;

WHEREAS, closing the existing landfill is estimated to cost nearly \$1 million and opening a new landfill is expected to cost over \$1 million;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel purchased a System Ten-Sixty baler with Denali Commission grant funds in 2006 and expects to soon produce 1,000–2,000 pound bales of steel, tin, aluminum, plastics, shrink wrap, cardboard, paper, and other items to facilitate handling, shipping and recycling of Bethel materials in Seattle, Washington;

WHEREAS, the use of the skid steer will allow the City's Solid Waste Coordinator to maximize the use of the baler purchased with Denali Commission grant funds and increase the City's ability to recycle aluminum, brass, cardboard, plastics, paper, and other recyclables;

WHEREAS, a skid steer is small enough to be used throughout the year inside the Recycling Center building, but strong enough with a bucket attachment to push, pack, and move recyclables in preparation for baling and to lift a large quantity of recyclables into the baler;

WHEREAS, a skid steer with forklift attachment will allow the Solid Waste Coordinator to move the 1,000/2,000-pound bales of recycled materials into cargo containers for shipping to Seattle;

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WHEREAS, the Denali Commission and its partner organizations, in seeking to identify innovative solutions to technical and logistical challenges of traditional handling of municipal solid waste, have issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Solid Waste Management Projects;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel will request approximately \$35,000 from the Denali Commission to pay for the purchase and shipping of a skid steer;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has a history of successful solid waste recycling investment that support the baler project: Recycling Center building, Solid Waste Coordinator position wages and benefits, dumpsters and other collection bins, pick-up truck, light equipment, and educational programs;

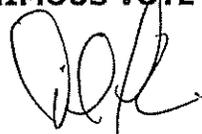
WHEREAS, the Denali Commission proposal for a skid steer must be received by November 15, 2006;

WHEREAS, no cash or in-kind match is required for funding received under an approved proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the development of a grant proposal to the Denali Commission requesting funds to purchase a skid steer for use in its recycling efforts;

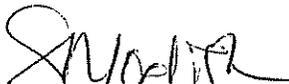
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Bethel pledges to pay the expenses associated with operating the skid steer, including fuel, lubricants, maintenance service and parts, and other incidentals over the course of its useful life;

ENACTED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006 BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.



Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk