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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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July 22 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 22, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

### ROLL CALL

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

David Trantham

Andrei Jacobs

Joy Shantz

Excused absence(s): Drake

Unexcused absence(s):

Carl Berger

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

Hugh Short, Jr.

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Item A –Bethel Police Department presents the Order of St. Francis Humanitarian Award to Bethel Police Officers

Awards Accepted by:

Investigator Charlie Seidl

Patrol Officer Derek Davison

Patrol Officer Josh Trigg

Patrol Officer William Perry

Lieutenant Ben Dudley

Investigator Pat Messmer

Patrol Officer George Nicholai

Patrol Officer Kelly Grimes

Evidence Tech Andrew Steel

Sergeant Jessie Whittom

Mayor Hugh Short, Jr. congratulated each recipient of award, and thanked each for their great service.

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

#### A. Eric Olsen

- He said he was discouraged from volunteering for a Bethel City Web site
- Has his own web site running at [WWW.CITYOFBETHEL.INFO](http://WWW.CITYOFBETHEL.INFO)

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Shantz	To approve the amended minutes of the 7-8-03 regular meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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## **MOTION TO AMMEND AGENDA**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To remove Resolution #03-25
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed by 4 to 2 vote. (Trantham, Rodgers)
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## **Motion to Approve Agenda**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve agenda as presented to council
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jacobs	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by 4 to 2 vote ( Trantham, Rodgers)
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## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Included in the Mayor's report:

- Newsletter from the Alaska State Legislature
- Public meeting announcement for the Central Kuskokwim Moose Management 4<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Letter from the Alaska Industrial Port Development and Export Authority
- Alaska State Highway Transportation has adopted Vision 20-20; where to find a copy is at <http://www.alaska.gov/vision2020>

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT**

City Manager Herron's report included the following:

- Emergency readiness report
- Status of Mid June report on tank farm inspection
- Legal Services update report
- Transit Grant agreement from Mental Health and Trust Authority awarded

## **Comments**

### **Council Member Rodgers**

Concerns about the Inhalant center security addressed to Police Department.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Senior Advisory Board**

Council member Berger stated that the senior advisory board has not met since the last Council meeting. He wanted to encourage community to bring in donations for the seniors such as fish and berries.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Council Member Jacobs stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee held their meeting on July 15, 2003. He was concerned with the status of the park in the Browns Slough area. Encouraging residents of the area to chip in and help with the community. The next meeting will be held on August 12, 2003. He would like to invite the public to the ribbon cutting ceremony for Owl Street Park.

### **Planning Commission**

Has not had a meeting since the last Council Meeting. There is a scheduled meeting for August 14, 2003. There is no report at this time. Council Member Shantz would like to remind everyone that there is a seat opening on the Planning Commission, and would like to encourage applicants.

### **Port Commission**

Council Member Rodgers stated that the Port Commission met on July 21, 2003 had meeting and concern voiced on parking, impounding, and signs. They want additional mooring blocks, mooring areas, and a long reach back hoe. The next meeting is on August 18, 2003.

### **Public Works Committee**

Council Member Trantham reported that the Public Works Committee met on July 15, 2003 and highlighted the draft minutes of that meeting. There was a great deal of discussion on the high turnover rate of the drivers. They discussed the establishment of a Utility Commission. The next meeting is on August 19, 2003.

### **Public Safety and Transportation Commission**

Council Member Drake did not attend this meeting. City Manager Herron made announcement that the meetings are going to be on the same day but at noon instead of in the evening for the next three months.

### **Finance Committee**

Council member Mayor Short reported that there has not been a meeting of the Finance Committee since the last Council meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item A – Public Hearing - Ordinance Sect 5.201-6703: Restricting front passengers to over the age of twelve years old in vehicles that have front passenger side airbags.**

Mayor Short opened the public hearing

- **Willie Kepple** states there is no reason for this ordinance. The state statute has enough coverage to be sufficient.
- **Andrew Steel** – Taxi Technician states that he was not prepared at the first meeting but is now available to answer any questions. The BMC does not have exact limitation on age of children able to ride in front seat with airbags, thus the need for this ordinance.
- **Council Member Trantham** is concerned about the financial expense of this ordinance. City Manager has assured the council member that there will be no extra money needed to fund this ordinance.
- **Chief of Police Morris** states that there will be no extra expense to enforce this ordinance.

**Item A**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Berger	To approve that no child under the age of twelve can ride in front seat of a taxi with airbags.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion fails by three to three vote
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*A break was taken from 7:33 p.m. to 7:44 p.m.*

**Item B – Ordinance 03-12 Sect 4.16.040 – Political subdivisions to be exempt from sales tax.**

Mayor Short opens the floor to public speakers. No one to speak.

**Item B**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Shantz	To adopt resolution #03-12
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by vote of 5 to 1 (Rodgers)
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**Item C –Resolution# 03-25, Sanitation Facilities**

**City Manager Herron** states that there were no comments or suggestions received at the City Manager’s office as of noon today. He states this is a starting point, not the final draft. This can change over time as reviewed by the public and the Council, he recommends passage. Village Safe Water has reviewed this already, gave the go ahead and then was presented to Council. Village Safe Water has agreed to the plan and is willing to work with Council on any issues.

**Robert Strahan** – Finance Director states that the original plan, done by survey, has been around for years. This is just an extension of the original plan and survey.

**Willie Kepple** states that the main problems were eliminated, except for letting council give away management of the rising and lowering of rate. States that the revenue amounts are different through out the report. Upset that there wasn’t enough notice.

**Mayor Short** comments that he agrees with City Manager and if we wait on the vote, then we may lose the grant money. This is simply a plan, and plans can change.

**Council member Berger** comments about Mr. Kepple's statement that council is giving up its management, is not true at all. Also comments that this is a plan and it can be changed, does not want to lose grant money.

**Council Member Trantham** discussed that the late notice to the public made it impossible for the public to give any input into the matter. He was upset about the lateness of the release of the report and would like reassurance that it won’t happen again. He requests that a 6 month review to be scheduled. Thanks to whoever cleaned up the report.

**Item C**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Shantz	To adopt Resolution #03-25
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by vote of five to one (Trantham)
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**Item D**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Berger	To offer Amanda Roudebush the position of City Clerk
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

Council Member Trantham requests a 2 year contract – no objections

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote
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**COUCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Berger** No comment

**Council Member Jacobs** Reported that he attended the Native Olympics in Fairbanks and enjoyed the event.

**Council Member Shantz** encouraged interested persons to run for Council, announced she is not running for Council this fall.

**Council Member Trantham** If interested run for a council seat, Thanks to Joy for her service on Council.

**Council Member Rodgers** Best wishes to all seniors, and to the Turner family. salmon berries, blue berries, and early winter coming. silver salmon running, and remember your PFDs. Encouraged public to attend Port Commission meeting.

**Mayor Hugh Short, Jr.** Encouraged Bethel residents to run for City Council .

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Berger	To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote
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**APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2003.**

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Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amanda Roudebush, City Clerk