
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

July 28, 2005

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 28, 2005, at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Dymont called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Andy McGowan	David E. Trantham
R. Thor Williams	Hugh Dymont
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers	Yolonda Jorgensen

Excused Absence(s):

Dan Leinberger

Also in attendance were the following:

Wally Baird, City Manager
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

1. Willie Keppel addressed Council to request the Staff Attorney position be supervised by the City Manager instead of City Council. Mr. Keppel also stated that he is pleased with the City Clerk's performance.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGUALR AGENDA

MOVED:	Williams	To approve the agenda for the July 28, 2005 meeting as amended, moving Executive Session in front of the Clerk's Report.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Staff City Attorney

A copy of email correspondence between the Staff Attorney applicant and the HR Manager was provided to all Council members. The letter stated that the applicant would not be willing to work for the City Council as the job is presently structured, supervised by the City Council. The applicant considered the job a risk.

City Manager Baird and Council discussed the pros and cons of the staff attorney position being supervised by the City Council as opposed to the City Manager.

City Manager Baird and Council discussed the option of offering the staff attorney applicant the position with the City of Bethel.

MOVED:	Williams	Move that the City Council offer Brian Sullivan a three year contract as Staff Attorney, negotiating the contract salary between \$76,000-\$80,000 including \$7,500 for moving expenses.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
MOVED:	Williams	Directing the day to day operations be supervised by the City Manager.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Council concurrence
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Roll call vote 7-0

MOVED:	Rodgers	To direct the Staff Attorney as their first task to amend Ordinance #05-02 to reflect the Staff Attorney can only be terminated by a Council super majority.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Roll call vote 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting recessed from 7:12 -7:20p, Council proceeded unto executive session at 7:20p.

MOVED:	Williams	To proceed into executive session to discuss the reputation and character of any person-City Clerk evaluation.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

Council exited executive session at 8:05p.

Council recessed from 8:05 until 8:11p.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A-City Clerk's Evaluation

An agenda item will be placed on the next regular City Council Meeting to discuss the City Clerk's 6 month merit increase.

MOVED:	Williams	To approve the City Clerk Open Meetings Act travel and training.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

MOVED:	Williams	To approve OMA travel and training for Council Member Jorgensen.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Williams	To adjourn the meeting at 8:19p
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Concurrence

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:19p.

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


Hugh Dymont, Mayor