
City Council Minutes

June 15, 2006

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 15, 2006, at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members present:

Mayor R. Thor Williams
Council Member Hugh Dymont
Council Member Tundy Rodgers
Council Member Dan Leinberger
Council Member Andrew McGowan
Council Member Dave Trantham arrived at 6:34

Others present:

City Manager Wally Baird
City Attorney Sharon Sigmon (Acting City Clerk)

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Agnes Phillips addressed the council and expressed her appreciation for the city employees and their policies and procedures.

Council member Trantham arrived and apologized to the council for arriving late.

2. Council member David E. Trantham Jr. addressed the council regarding his service to the United States, the City of Bethel and issues of being unacceptable to serve on the ONC Senior advisory board and he accepted an offer to serve on the Port Commission.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

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| MOVED: | Dymont | To approve the agenda |
| SECONDED: | McGowan | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously. Mr. Trantham did not vote. | |

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rodgers – There have been issues about Bethel Police policies and procedures from the public. We have collected ordinances from various communities and they will be forwarded to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee. Mr. Rodgers reported that he and the Police Chief had a conversation yesterday and ironed out most of the issues that Mr. Rodgers had with the Police Chief and the Police Department.

Dyment – Agreed that this council is doing the right thing with letting the City Manager and the Public Safety Committee look at this and work out the issues that had come up with 4-wheelers in the City of Bethel. He also admonished the council to stay out of personnel issues with the exception of those persons, the city manager, the city staff attorney, city clerk and Anchorage Law Firm who the council oversees.

Dyment – Expressed support of the police department and their procedures.

Trantham – Expressed appreciation for the Bethel Police Department and noted an improvement from past departments.

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| MOVED: | Trantham | To Give a Vote of Confidence for our Police Department |
| SECONDED: | Rodgers | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried: 5 - 1 Williams voting against. | |

Williams – reminded the council to deal with the issues and watch out for cycles of complaints and emotional actions.

City Manager Baird – assured the council that processes are underway to correct issues as they come up in the City. He expressed appreciation for communication through his office. He stated that measures are already being taken to address the Bethel Municipal Code to better serve the citizens.

Trantham – Recommends once the new ordinance is drafted, we hold at least two public hearings so that we can get a wide spectrum of opinion from the community.

Williams – stated we should also include regulations, such as insurance, licensing, where to drive the 4-wheelers, etc along with the new ordinance.

McGowan – Suggested we consider adopting the same standards as the State of Alaska motorcycle regulations.

Dyment – We were here for a specific reason and if we are done, we should adjourn.

Leinberger – Asked the Chief and City Manager about curfew and helmet law for bikes.

City Manager Baird – With regard to curfew, it seems that is working except when there is a late night dance or other organized function. The police have been handling that very well by

picking up the juveniles and delivering them home. Bicycle helmets many were handed out at the bike rodeo last weekend. It is difficult to get every child to wear one. Total enforcement might not be reasonable. Parental involvement is needed. He related the police probably have higher priority duties than stopping every child who is not wearing one.

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| MOVED: | Trantham | To suspend the rules to allow the public to speak |
| SECONDED: | Rodgers | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously. | |

Dario Notti – Spoke in favor of 4-wheelers on the streets with some reasonable safety restrictions, but stated that snow machines are a little different with their circumstances. With some safety procedures.

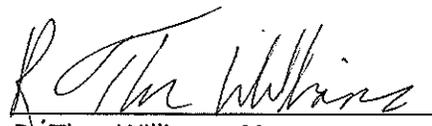
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| MOVED: | Rodgers | To Adjourn |
| SECONDED: | Leinberger | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2006.

ATTEST


 Sharon Sigmon, Acting City Clerk


 R. Thor Williams, Mayor