
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 9, 2009 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook

Mayor Joseph Klejka

Council Member Thor Williams

Council Member Beverly Hoffman

Council Member Hugh Dymont

Council Member LaMont Albertson- (arrived at 7:18 p)

Members absent:

Council Member Dan Leinberger

Others present:

Lee Foley, City Manager

Maggie Murrie, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Jennie Dacy

Jennie stated she depended on the Senior Center and was sorry to hear that it may be closed down.

Helena Williams

Stated the Senior Center needs financial support, she does not want it to close.

Catherine Peters

Stated the importance of the Senior Center and that they shouldn't have to ask for funding assistance.

Peter Jacob

The Senior Center needs financial assistance from the City Council.

Katie Roehl

There was panic from the seniors when they found out ONC was short on funding to run the Senior Center. ONC and the Senior Center needs community support to continue running the Center.

Elizabeth Benedict

She appreciates the services of the Senior Center and enjoys visiting the Senior Center and the activities they provide.

Katie Chukiak

She grew up without money in Nunivac Island, the Senior Center provides her lunch everyday which otherwise she would struggle to have.

Fritz Charles

It is important to take care of the elders, they are our treasures. What would happen if the Senior Center closed?

John Active

Read a letter from Julius Pleasant Sr. which stated in summary; the partnership between the ONC Council and the Bethel City Council is an important one. The continued running of the Senior Center is dependent on the partnership.

Oscar

The employees at the Senior Center are good people, it is hard to keep people working at a low paying job. There must be a solution.

Kathy Hanson

Spoke in favor of Ordinance 09-12: An Ordinance Banning The Use Of Non-Biodegradable Plastic Carry-Out Bags And Polystyrene Take-Out Containers At Point Of Sale By Retail Establishments In The City Of Bethel.

John White

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Laurie Walters

Requested for the Council send Ordinance 09-13: An Ordinance Amending Chapters 13.04.260, 13.08.210, 013.12.070, 013.04.120, And 13.08.190, Water, Sewer And Solid Waste Collection Billing to the Finance Committee for recommendation to come before the Council.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to remove item D, Ord. 09-13 under New Business from the Consent agenda.
MOVED:	Dyment	Motion to move item C under Unfinished Business to item A under Unfinished Business.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION All in favor		
MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to remove item C, under New Business, Introduction of Ordinance 09-12 from the consent agenda.
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to remove item E, under New Business, Introduction of Ordinance 09-14, from the consent agenda.
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to combine item H and I under unfinished business to the Public Hearing of Ordinance 09-11.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION Motion fails 3-3; Hoffman, Albertson and Klejka opposed		
MOVED:	Dyment	Motion to table item I, under New Business until the next regular council meeting.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION All in favor		
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Laurie Walters.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MOTION All in favor		
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to remove item F, Ordinance 08-10 (k), under New Business from the consent agenda and table it until the next regular council meeting.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MOTION All opposed		

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor
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V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Proclamation Recognizing The Women's Auxiliary To The Veterans Of Foreign Wars.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEEING MINUTES

Item A – 05/07/2009 Special City Council Meeting

MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 5/7/2009.
SECONDED:	Williams	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend to note the excusal of Council Member Williams
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B – 05/12/2009 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- 05/12/2009 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D – 05/14/2009 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item E – 5/18/2009 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item F- 5/21/2009 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item G – 5/26/2009 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item H – 5/26/2009 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 09-11: An Ordinance Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Beginning July 1, 2009.

Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.
 No one wished to be heard.

MOVED:	Dyment	Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-11.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to amend the motion to include full city benefits for any city employee working 80% or more of the year.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion passes; Williams and Middlebrook opposed	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend the main motion to add 10-49-434 rental income, for the rental income for police annex in the amount of \$12,000.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Chief of Police, Larry Elarton.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Ana Hoffman.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MOTION	2-3 Motion fails; Middlebrook and Williams in favor	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to take a five minute break.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend to add 10-51-513 life insurance benefit increase of \$6,525.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	

VOTE ON MOTION			All in favor
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend increase line items, 10-42-420 General Fund Revenues, Federal Stimulus, in the amount of \$170,694; line item 10-54-512, Planning, Employee Group Health Benefit in the amount of \$8,112; 10-54-519, Planning, Utility Benefit in the amount of \$4,128; 10-70-771, Property Maintenance, Public Works Floor Repair in the amount of \$171,325; 53-44-472 Division of Motor Vehicles, Lease-DMV Office, by \$6,288; 56-50-507, Transit System, Longevity Bonus, in the amount of \$1,000; 57-50-512 Vehicles and Equipment Maintenance, Employee Group Health Benefits \$8,112; 57-50-519 Vehicles and Equipment Maintenance, Utility Benefits in the amount of \$2,766.	
SECONDED:	Dyment		
VOTE ON MOTION			All in favor
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend, to have the federal stimulus revenue sharing be used for the public works floor.	
SECONDED:	Williams		
VOTE ON MOTION			Ruled out of order
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to increase line item 10-60, employee group benefits by \$8,0000, and utility benefits by \$1,071.	
SECONDED:	Middlebrook		
VOTE ON MOTION			All in favor
MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to amend, to add a line item 10-72- 620for the Bethel Senior Center in the amount of \$50,000.	
SECONDED:	Dyment		

VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion passed, Klejka and Middlebrook	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to increase line item 10-72-748, in the amount of \$15,000.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend, to increase line item In-kind Transfers to the amount of \$97,000.
SECONDED:	Williams	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend the amendment to increase In-kind Transfers to the amount of \$47,000, and \$50,000 to Community Services in the General Fund.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion passes, Klejka and Hoffman opposed	
VOTE ON MOTION	3-3 Motion fails, Albertson, Hoffman and Klejka opposed	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, by decreasing 10-66, Employee Group Benefit by \$32,393.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION	All opposed	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to delete the shared personnel under from water and sewer from streets and roads 10-66.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend, to zero fund the Endowment Fund appropriations listed at \$24,500.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to increase line item 52-50-775 Municipal Dock
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	

		Expenditure to \$250,000.
VOTE ON MOTION	5-1 Motion fails, Williams in favor	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend to insert FD 7, Range 6, Entry level, for one Firefighter/EMT.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MOTION	5-1 Motion fails, Williams in favor	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend to zero-fund F5 Payroll Clerk under Finance, and 54-50 under Employee Group Health Benefits.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion fails, Williams and Middlebrook in favor	
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to amend to zero-fund F7, Purchasing Agent under Finance.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion fails, Williams and Middlebrook in favor	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to take a five minute break.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MOTION	3-2 Motion fails, Albertson and Hoffman opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-1 Motion passes, Williams opposed	

Item B -AM 09-14: City Manager Personal Situations.

MOVED:	Albertson	Motion to approve AM 09-14.
SECONDED:	Hoffman	

MOVED:	Hoffman	Motion to divide the question listed in AM 09-14, approval of the dog in the work place and approval of the use of the truck purchased by the Port.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
		Motion to approve the City Manager bringing his dog to work.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4-2 Motion passes, Williams and Hoffman opposed	
		Motion to approve the City Manager's use of the truck purchased by the Port of Bethel.
MOVED:	Middlebrook	Motion to extend the meeting.
SECONDED:	Dyment	
VOTE ON MOTION	3-3 Motion fails, Albertson, Hoffman and Williams opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	The meeting adjourned with this item on the floor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Resolution 09-25: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council Supporting The State Of Alaska's Proposed Expansion And Improvements To The Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center And Bethel Youth Facility.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B – Resolution 09-26: A Resolution In Support Of A Liquefied And Compressed Natural Gas Pilot Study And Project As A Bridge Solution To High Energy Prices In Rural Alaska.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item G- AM 09-15: Re-Appointment Of Margaret Guinn And Leo Andrew To The Cemetery Committee.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item H- AM 09-16: Re-Appointment Of Margaret Guinn And Leo Andrew
To The Cemetery Committee.

Passed on the consent agenda.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2009



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk