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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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November 16, 2001

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 16, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Rodgers called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

Jerry Drake	Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers
Hugh Short, Jr.	Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo

Also in attendance were the following:

Robert Herron, City Manager  
Colleen Soberay, City Clerk

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Item A: Mr. Miller's chauffeur's permit and owed sales tax

Mayor Rodgers asked why Mr. Miller's chauffeur's permit had not been reinstated. City manager Herron explained that Mr. Miller owes taxes to the City. Mayor Rodgers said Mr. Miller tried to set up a payment plan, and asked why this wasn't worked out with the City. Manager Herron said because Mr. Miller would not pay the taxes owed even after being set up on a payment plan is the essence of this issue. City manager Herron reviewed the history of Mr. Miller's tax case.

Mr. Miller rebutted the City Manager's comments in that the ordinance did not indicate that one could not get a chauffeur's permit if one owed taxes. He said because he didn't have his permit, he could not work to earn money to pay the taxes. Mr. Miller reviewed dates of the history of hearings to get his permit reinstated.

City manager Herron said, to-date, Mr. Miller will still not agree to pay taxes owed. Council member Sanchez-Pobrislo asked for clarification of Mr. Miller's chauffeur's permit. Chief Pettit responded that Mr. Miller leased a permit to Qu yana Cab Co. and that Mr. Miller missed the deadline to submit an application for renewal of a permit. Discussion briefly ensued regarding the history of Mr. Miller's permits with the City.

Mayor Rodgers said, after listening to the information, that Mr. Miller, in fact, hasn't had a permit since 1996 and said Mr. Miller has been wasting the City's time for four years. Mayor Rodgers reiterated that Mr. Miller never filed a renewal application on time.

Council member Short asked what the window of opportunity was to renew a chauffeur's permit and said deadlines are for a reason. Mr. Short also said bureaucracies need to move on and the facts show Mr. Miller didn't apply for a permit by the deadline. He said the permit was dead by 1997 so all of these dates are a moot point.

Discussion briefly ensued that Mr. Miller did not renew his permit by the deadline. Chief Pettit reviewed Mr. Miller's permit history and the Public Safety and Transportation's role.

Mr. Miller said the issue is now the revocation of his permit in 2000, as no one voted to decline his permit. Mr. Miller said he made attempts to repay his taxes owed since he found out in 2000. City manager Herron said to say Mr. Miller has only now heard about the taxes owed is false.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To stand behind City Administration in its efforts to collect the sales tax owed by Mr. Miller
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Short	

Council member Short reiterated that he believes in deadlines and that Mr. Miller not making the deadline was not the City's fault. He also said the tax payers are due their \$13,000 in taxes owed by Mr. Miller. Council member Short said it's not right of Mr. Miller to co-mingle these two issues. Council member Short said he is in support of Mr. Miller receiving his permit, but not unless Mr. Miller agrees to pay taxes owed by signing a promissory note as the City Manager offered.

Council member Sanchez-Pobrislo said she won't support the permit being reinstated to Mr. Miller and at this point it is difficult for her to even agree to let Mr. Miller sign a promissory note.

City manager Herron said in the spirit of good faith, Administration would support the reinstatement of Mr. Miller's permit if Mr. Miller signs a promissory note. City manager Herron also explained to Council that Administration has offered this plan to Mr. Miller in the past, which he rejected.

Council member Drake agreed with the City Manager, if Mr. Miller would pay at least \$300 per month.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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#### ADJOURNMENT

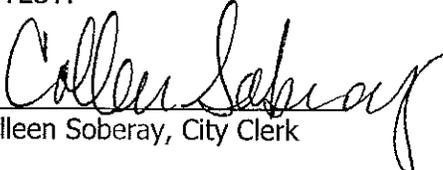
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Sanchez-Pobrislo	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2001.**

ATTEST:

  
Colleen Soberay, City Clerk

  
Stanley "Furdy" Rodgers, Mayor