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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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May 27, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 13, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Berger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

David Trantham	Jerry Drake
Joy Shantz	Carl Berger
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers	

Excused absence(s): Andrei Jacobs, Hugh Short, Jr. (*Mayor Short joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m. via telephone*)

Unexcused absence(s): none

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager  
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

#### A. Dr. John White: North Pacific Research Board

- Explained the purpose of the research board
- Stated that the board is the process of developing a Comprehensive Research Plan
- Stated that the Board is coming to Bethel on Thursday at the Pacifica at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to receive in-put
- Encouraged the council to appoint the City Manager or a member to appear before the board to provide information regarding the impacts on commercial fishing

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the 5-13-03 regular meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the amended agenda
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

To add item H to the agenda under New Business – Resolution #03-20, to remove item G under the consent agenda and place on the regular agenda

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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## MAYOR'S REPORT

Items included in the Mayor's report:

- Letter from Governor Murkowski to the Alaska Municipal League re: House Bill 293
- Letter from the US Department of Justice re: National Night Out

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To appoint Mary Gregory to the Senior Advisory Board
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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## MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT

City Manager Herron's report included the following:

- Commented on the Science Plan for the North Pacific Research Board
- Personnel Matters
- Commented on the status of the budget by Governor Murkowski
- City Manager travel status
- State of the Ptarmigan MOA

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Senior Advisory Board

Council Member Berger reported that the Senior Advisory Board met on May 5, 2003.

### Parks and Recreation Committee

Council Member Jacobs was not in attendance.

### Planning Commission

Council Member Shantz reported that the Planning Commission had not met since the previous meeting.

### Port Commission

Council Member Rodgers highlighted the Port Director's report and the minutes of the May 19, 2003 Port Commission minutes.

### Public Works Committee

Council Member Trantham highlighted the Public Works Director's report and the May 20, 2003 Public Works Committee minutes.

### Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council Member Drake stated that the Public Safety and Transportation Commission had not met since the previous meeting.

### Finance Committee

Mayor Short stated that there has not been a meeting of the Finance Committee since the previous meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Item A – Public Hearing – Ordinance #03-05: Authorizing the City of Bethel to purchase a used bus from Golden Eagle Unlimited, LLC; exempting the transaction from certain provisions of Chapter 4.20 of the Bethel Municipal Code; and waiving an indirect**

**employee conflict of interest related to the transaction in accordance with section 4.20.420 of the Bethel Municipal Code**

A. Thor Williams

- Stated his participation as Chairman of the Youth Bus Fund
- Thanked Janet Athanas for her work and participation
- Thanked members of the community for their work and donations

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt ordinance #03-05
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

Discussion ensued regarding the inspection of the school bus and the appraised value of the vehicle.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A – Resolution #03-17: Support of the Napaskiak/Bethel Road Study**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt resolution #03-17
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**Item B – Resolution #03-19: Requesting the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to locally maintain and give support to local hire of all federal job positions currently based in the USDA Bethel Field Office**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt resolution #03-19
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**Item C – Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel**

Discussion ensued regarding the costs differences between the types of sulfur, effects of the environmental impact and separation of fuel.

Council consensus was that due to inadequate cost studies and the lack of adequate information, council was unable to give any feedback at this time and would revisit the issue when more information was provided.

**Item D – Introduction – Ordinance #03-08: Establishing a City of Bethel budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 beginning July 1, 2003**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To introduce and set for public hearing ordinance #03-08
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

Discussion ensued regarding the figures from various line items.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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A break was taken from 7:38 p.m. to 7:44 p.m.

**Item E – Introduction – Ordinance #03-09: Authorizing an exchange of title to land for an easement between the City of Bethel and Dr. Robert Sept**

*Ordinance #03-10 was introduced and set for public hearing under the consent agenda.*

**Item F – Introduction – Ordinance #03-10: Amending the Bethel Municipal Code sections 5.20.070 and 5.20.110 to add provisions requiring any requested taxicab inspection report to be paid by the taxicab owner, imposing fines against a designated inspector station and taxicab owner for submission of any false or misleading taxicab inspection report, authorizing denial, suspension or revocation of a taxicab permit upon submission of such a false or misleading report, and providing for appeal procedures under section 5.20.100**

*Ordinance #03-10 was introduced and set for public hearing under the consent agenda.*

**Item G – Resolution #03-18: Committing to appropriate the required cash match funds to the Community Development Block Grant program**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt resolution #03-18
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	
Discussion ensued regarding the possible adjustments to the project.		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	

**Item H – Resolution #03-20: Supporting the joint efforts of the Bethel Police and Fire Department’s pursuit to purchase vehicles through Government Acquisitions, Inc.**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodgers	To adopt resolution #03-20
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	
Discussion ensued regarding local advertising.		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Berger** stated that Kate Hammond, VISTA Volunteer will be making a presentation at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding the Community Strategic Plan. Council Member Berger expanded on his experiences at the Senior Center.

**Council Member Shantz** had no comment.

**Mayor Short** had no comment.

**Council Member Jacobs** was not in attendance.

**Council Member Drake** had no comment.

**Council Member Trantham** thanked the Chief of Police for bringing the issue of the vehicles to the council’s attention. Council Member Trantham commented on a letter and on individual accountability.

**Council Member Rodgers** wished the elders Happy Birthday and extended his condolences to Rev. Nicholson who recently lost his father.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Rodger	To adjourn the meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

**APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003.**

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Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janette Persinger, City Clerk