
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 11, 2011 at 6:30p, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Eric Middlebrook
 Council Member Heather Pike
 Council Member Richard Robb
 Vice-Mayor Thor Williams
 Council Member Terry Perry
 Council Member Jennifer Schiedler
 Council Member Tundy Rodgers

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Lee Foley
 City Clerk Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

David Trantham Jr. –
 The council will have to make some important decisions in the future. He recommended the council read a National Geographic article dealing with mining.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED:	Pike	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Schiedler	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to remove "time certain" from Executive Session, Item A.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Middlebrook opposed	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Rodgers opposed
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V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A - Proclamation Recognizing The Bethel Warriors Wrestling Team For Their Outstanding Performance This Season And Their Accomplishment Of State Champions For The 2010 Wrestling Season.

Item B- Award Presentation To City Of Bethel Employee Of The Year Randy Broeckel.

Item C- Alaska Parks And Recreation Distinguished Service Award To Janet Athanas.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A- 12/14/2010 Regular City Council Meeting.

Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A - Energy Committee

Jody Malus-

A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

At the next regularly scheduled meeting the committee will discuss their goals and priorities for 2011.

Item B- Planning Commission

Mayor Middlebrook-

A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Item C -Port Commission

Vice-Mayor Williams-

A citizen brought forward concerns regarding the construction expecting to take place on the east addition of the sea wall. The individual claimed the construction will interfere with their fish buying business. The Planning Commission conveyed their understanding of the concern and insured the citizen, measures will be take to provide adequate space for his business dealings.

Discussed the importance of earmarks in the State's which would be used to help maintain the port facilities and provide safe use of the

port and harbor. Additionally, hope a funding mechanism will be established to allow for the dredging of the small boat harbor. The citizens of Bethel and the surrounding communities were fortunate to have plenty of rain to allow for good access to the small boat harbor. With the continued filling in of the small boat harbor and a strong dependence on rain for high water levels citizens may not be so fortunate this coming summer. Concerns of overflow issues on the ice road which is not allowing safe access to Bethel by those using the river road.

Item D- Public Works Committee

Council Member Rodgers-

A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

For the upcoming meeting they will discuss:

The five year plan.

A joint effort between various agencies in Bethel and the surrounding communities to continue to move forward in the BATH Center.

Hug an elder.

Item E- Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council Member Robb-

Working on a flyer to help reduce the consumption of alcohol as well as to market the new tip line for the police department.

Election of chair and vice-chair.

Working on updating the animal control ordinance.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 10-22 (d): ONC Money Transfer And Endowment Fund Transfer.

Council Member Rodgers declared a conflict of interest due to seat on the ONC board.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adopt Budget Ordinance 10-22 (d).
SECONDED:	Schiedler	

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to include an increase to transfer of funds under 10-46-490 Transfers from Other Funds \$18,492; and 90-46-990 under Interfund Transfer Out-General Fund 70% \$18,492.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to insert under 10-52-541, City Council Travel and Training \$6,000.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MOTION	5-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed, Rodgers abstained	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-0 Motion passes, Rodgers abstained	

Item B- Appointment Of A Representative And An Alternate To The Delta Tobacco Control Alliance.

Mayor Middlebrook appointed Jennifer Schiedler as the Representative to the Delta Tobacco Control Alliance. Council concurred.

Mayor Middlebrook appointed Rick Robb as the alternate to the Delta Tobacco Control Alliance. Council Concurred.

Item C- City Attorney Itinerary For City Of Bethel Visit In January And Final Approval For Travel.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to approve travel for the city attorney and the agenda provided.
SECONDED:	Perry	
MOVED:	Pike	Motion to amend, to set the second work session listed on the agenda to be from 5:30 to 6:30pm.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to take a ten minute break.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
6-1 motion passes, Schiedler opposed		

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Resolution 11-01: City Of Bethel Federal Priority Requests.

At the previous meeting the council made a motion to hold a public hearing on Resolution 11-01.

*The Mayor opened the public hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
The Mayor closed the public hearing.*

MOVED:	Rodgers	Motion to adopt Resolution 11-01.
SECONDED:	Schiedler	
VOTE ON MOTION		
2-5 Motion fails, Robb and Perry in favor		
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to move the number five priority, Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center to the number one priority and to concurrently move the other priorities down the list by one.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MOTION		
2-5 Motion fails, Robb and Perry in favor		
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to move the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center to the number two priority and to concurrently move the other priorities down the list by one.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MOTION		
2-5 Motion fails, Robb and Perry in favor		
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to insert under dredging of the Kuskokwim River "As determined by the Reconnaissance Study of the Kuskokwim River".
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION		
2-5 Motion fails, Robb and Perry in favor		

VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor

Item B- Introduction Of Ordinance 11-01: Amending Title 3 Section 3.56.010 Of The Bethel Municipal Code Regarding Recognized Holidays With Pay.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- AM 11-02: Non Disclosure Statement/Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And Donlin Creek Mine.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve AM 11-02.
SECONDED:	Williams	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Mary Sattler.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	0-6 Motion fails, Rodgers abstained Council Member Rodgers abstained from voting declaring a conflict of interest. Mayor Middlebrook ruled Council Member Rodgers does not have a conflict of interest at which time Council Member Rodgers refused to participate in the vote. Mayor Middlebrook advised Council Member Rodgers, per BMC unless a council member has a conflict of interest in a matter they are required to vote. Therefore, if Council Member Rodgers did not vote he would be in violation of the Bethel Municipal Code.	

Item D- AM 11-03: Appointment Of Mary Weiss To The Energy Committee.

*Mayor Middlebrook appointed Mary Weiss to the Energy Committee.
Council concurred.*

Item E – AM 11-04: Appointment Of David Trantham Jr. To The Finance Committee.

*Mayor Middlebrook appointed Mary Weiss to the Energy Committee.
Council Concurred.*

MOVED:	Rodgers	Motion to approve AM 11-04.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item F - AM 11-05: Personal Leave Request For The City Clerk.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the city clerk's leave request.
SECONDED:	Schiedler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item G - AM 11-06: City Of Bethel City Council Regular Meeting Schedule For 2011.

MOVED:	Rodgers	Motion to approve AM 11-06.
SECONDED:	Schiedler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item H- AM 11-07: Approving Alaska Municipal League Representative, Mayor Middlebrook To Travel And Attend The 2011 AML Winter Meeting Held In Juneau.

MOVED:	Rodgers	Motion to approve Am 11-07.
SECONDED:	Pike	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item I- IM 11-01: City Council Policies And Procedures.

- I. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- II. MANAGER'S REPORT**
- III. CLERK'S REPORT**
- IV. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Perry-
Happy Sloviak and Happy New Year.
Cribbage night at the Log Cabin.

Council Member Rodgers –
Condolences to the O'Brian family for their loss.
Condolences to the Aloysius family for their loss.
Condolences to the Watson family for their loss.
It was a great experience for three generations to be hunting together.
Go hug an elder.

Council Member Robb-
Happy at the council's decision to remove the time certain executive session item. By interrupting the meeting the council interrupts the listening public.
Pleased at the administration for turning off the lights at the small boat harbor during the night, energy savings.
Condolences to the O'Brian family for their loss.
Official grand opening of the Sobering Center happened this week.
Unofficial trappers association is meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Happy Birthday to Stan.

Vice-Mayor Williams-
The City of Bethel Master Plan (2004) needs to be revisited by the city council. We have only one project within that master plan completed.
Happy Sloviak.
Take a moment to remember the citizens brutally shot down while meeting with their representative in Arizona.

Council Member Pike-
Thanked the police and fire for their hard work new year's eve.
Condolences to the O'Brian family.
Where something reflective when walking on or near the road.
Thanked the school system for their services. Hug a teacher and thank them for the work they do.

Council Member Schiedler-
Happy Birthday Stan.
Kuskokwim little league will start enrolment in March.
Provided a kudos to Bobby Sutton and the other members of the Finance Department for their hard work.

Mayor Middlebrook-
Condolences to Paul O'Brian as well as his family for their loss.

Sad to hear of the news of the representative who got shot, shakes the confidence of humanity.
 Report out of Egypt- a Christmas mass was held. The Report stated thousands of Muslims surrounded the Catholic mass saying they live together they die together.

MOVED:	Pike	Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity-Finances-Hoffman Fuel Trucks Teleconference With Representing Attorneys.
SECONDED:	Schiedler	To include City Manager Foley, City Clerk Strickler, and Attorney Leila Kimbrell.
		Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity-City Of Bethel Collective Bargaining Agreement And Discussion Of Negotiation Actions.
		To include City Manger Foley, City Clerk Strickler, and Kimberly Garret.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Council entered into Executive Session at 9:48p.m.

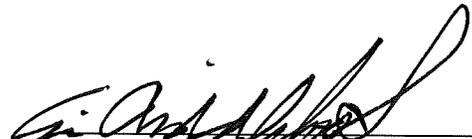
V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

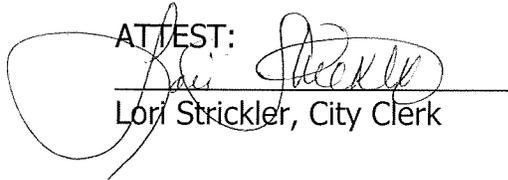
Item A -Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity-Finances-Hoffman Fuel Trucks Teleconference With Representing Attorneys.

Item B -Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity-City Of Bethel Collective Bargaining Agreement And Discussion Of Negotiation Actions.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Following the Executive Session issues, the council adjourned the meeting at 11:23p.m.


Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Lori Strickler, City Clerk