
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 28, 2007 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members present:

Mayor Dan Leinberger
Vice-Mayor Tundy Rodgers
Council Member David E. Trantham
Council Member Mary Kenick
Council Member Andy McGowan
Council Member Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen

Others present:

City Manager Wally Baird
City Clerk Sandra Modigh
City Attorney Sharon Sigmon

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Raymond Pete addressed Council to thank Council for proclaiming August 31, 2007 Very Berry Clean Fish Moose Harvest Day.
2. Wally Richardson addressed Council to say Happy Birthday to the City and reminded Council and the community of the intent of the new path. Mrs. Richardson requested the path be named the Antoine Anvil Trail as previously passed and dedicated.
3. Jody Mauls, a Finance Committee Member addressed Council to discuss ordinance 07-17. Mrs. Malus stated that the current rate schedule isn't fair and we are losing lots of money. Mrs. Mauls thanked Council Member Middlebrook for his time spent on his table. Mrs. Malus addressed the Finance Committee vacancies and invited any interested community members to apply through the City Clerk.

4. Dan Rodgers, a representative from the Electrical Power System, addressed Council to state that he and another representative are in town and are available to answer any questions Council may have regarding EPS wind study.
5. Bob Graham addressed Council to discuss ordinance 07-17. Mr. Graham stated that the water & sewer process has become more & more complex and stated that there are consequences to changes. Mr. Graham stated that hopefully there are other ways or other areas to decrease costs to help the community decrease their personal costs.
6. Daisy Mae Barrera addressed Council to state that she has observed vast improvement in leadership, quality, and treatment of citizens within the community. Mrs. Barrera encouraged Council to work together and with the community. Mrs. Barrera recognized and thanked the Police Department for their services. Mrs. Barrera wished the Council the best of luck with their responsibilities.
7. Susan Richards addressed Council to speak in opposition of ordinance 07-17 and stated that the City should look into a metered option.
8. Dario Notti addressed council to state that there are unintended consequences to ordinance 07-17. Mr. Notti stated that having the same engineers building & designing the systems should be addressed in the future.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To direct the Finance Committee & the Public Works Committee to devise a plan for metered water.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
MOVED:	Kenick	To amend the motion to look into replacing the ASHA pipes prior to metering water
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Failed for lack of a second</i>	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 5 - 2 Rodgers, Trantham voting against	

9. Thor Williams addressed Council to state that he would like to see metered water within the community. Mr. Williams requested the City provide him a month of free water & sewage because he does not think that he is receiving the amount of water he is paying for. Mr. Williams also stated that you could purchase larger residential tanks for a cheaper cost.
10. Doug Bushy addressed Council to state that his family tries to use as much water as possible prior to their water delivery to ensure they get their monies worth. Mr. Bushy also stated that ordinance 07-17 will affect the lowest social economic individuals in the community.

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To take a ten minute recess.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Rodgers	To approve the Consent & Regular Agenda for the August 28, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as amended.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
MOVED:	McGowan	To place the Proclamation as the 1 st item of business under Special Order of Business and to remove introduction of ordinance 07-12 (A) from the consent agenda.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 6 - 1 Middlebrook voting against	
MOVED:	McGowan	To place the Executive Session & continuation of New Business as the 1 st items of New Business
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Proclaim August 31, 2007, Berry Very Clean Fish Moose Harvest Day

Mayor Leinberger proclaimed August 31, 2007 Berry, Very Clean Fish Moose Harvest Day and read the proclamation into the record.

MOVED:	Rodgers	To adopt the Berry, Very Clean Fish Moose Harvest Day Proclamation
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

Item B- Discussion Of Senate Bill 128: An Act Relating To Licensing Common Carriers To Dispense Alcoholic Beverages With ABC Board Director Doug Griffin

Doug Griffin ABC Board Director addressed council to advise Council that Bethel is specifically named in Senate Bill 128 and to further discuss senate bill 128 with Council and answer any questions.

MOVED:	Trantham	To suspend the rules to allow any public testimony regarding SB 128
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried: 6 - 1 Leinberger voting against		

Council allowed community members in attendance to address Mr. Griffin and ask questions regarding SB 128 to which he answered individually.

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To call a community meeting to address Senate Bill 128.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried: 4 - 3 Rodgers, Trantham, Middlebrook voting against		

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To recess for 10 minutes.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried: 5 - 2		

MOTION	Leinberger, Rodgers voting against
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I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item A-8/14/07 Regular City Council Meeting

8/14/07 meeting minutes were approved on the consent agenda

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 07-27: A Resolution Of The Bethel City Council Supporting The Transfer Of City Land On And Adjacent To The ONC Multipurpose Building

Vice-Mayor Rodgers declared a conflict of interest due to his seat on the ONC Board

Mayor Leinberger approved the conflict of interest declared.

MOVED:	McGowan	To postpone resolution 07-27 until the September 11, 2007 Council meeting.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously. Rodgers abstaining		

Item B- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-17: An Ordinance Increasing The Rates/Fees Charged For City Of Bethel Water And Sewer Services

Public Hearing:

None

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To adopt ordinance 07-17: An Ordinance Increasing The Rates/Fees Charged For City Of Bethel Water And Sewer Services
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
<i>Failed for lack of a second</i>		

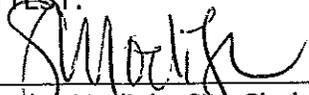
III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A- Per BMC 2.04.110 B (2)-Inquiry Into Council Member Tranthams Alleged Violation Of BMC 2.04.090 To Determine Whether BMC Was Violated And If A Violation Has Occurred, Discussion Of Possible Action To Be Taken

MOVED:	Kenick	To proceed past 10p
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Lost: 3 - 4 Kenick, Middlebrook, and Jorgensen voting for	

MOVED:	Kenick	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007.

ATTEST:

 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


 Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor