
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2006

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 24, 2006 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 of the Council, the following were present:

Members present:

Mayor Dan Leinberger
Vice-Mayor Tundy Rodgers
Council Member Dave Trantham
Council Member Andrew McGowan
Council Member Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen

Members absent:

Council Member Mary Kenick

Others present:

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

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| MOVED: | Middlebrook | To suspend the rules to move the Special Order of Business to the next order of business. |
| SECONDED: | McGowan | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously. | |

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Award Presentation For Former Mayor R. Thor Williams And Former Council Member Hugh Dymnt

City Manager Baird presented the Former Mayor and Council Member with Years of Service Awards.

Item B-Council Member Attendance Award

City Manager Baird presented Council Member David E. Trantham Jr. with the Outstanding Attendance Award.

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Jeff Sanders addressed Council to speak in opposition of Co-Council representation to Committees & Commission.

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| MOVED: | Middlebrook | To declassify the City Attorneys confidential memorandum given to Council regarding appointment of Council Members to Committees & Commissions |
| SECONDED: | Trantham | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | | |
| Carried unanimously. | | |

2. Tim Straun and Jen Meyer from Public Health Nursing addressed Council to inform them of upcoming Influenza Pandemic Work Shop Agenda and suggested that Council Members and the community attend. Jen Meyer addressed Council speak on behalf of the Mass Dispensing Exercise that will be held at the Kilbuck Armory on Saturday, 11/28 from 10a-6p and also invited the Community and Council Members to attend.
3. Emma Nelson and Kyle Jimmie addressed Council to advise Council and the community of Red Ribbon Week and stated that they are wearing red ribbons to show that they are drug and alcohol free and gave the history of the Red Ribbon Week. Both Emma and Kyle stated that BABBS School encourages the community to be drug and alcohol free and requested that Council declare the week Red Ribbon Week.
4. Michelle Dewitt who works with the Tundra Women's Coalition addressed Council to speak on behalf of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
5. Kristy Newell, Teen Advocate at TWC, addressed Council to speak on behalf of Teens Acting Against Violence, Kristy read a letter into the record from the group advising Council and the community of their ideas and visions regarding domestic violence.

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| MOVED: | Rodgers | To declare this week Red Ribbon Week |
| SECONDED: | Jorgensen | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

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| MOVED: | Trantham | To approve the Regular Agenda for the October 24, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting as amended. |
| SECONDED: | Rodgers | |
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| MOVED: | Rodgers | To approve the consent agenda. |
| SECONDED: | Jorgensen | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously. | |

Council concurred to recess from 7:19p until 7:36p

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| MOVED: | Middlebrook | To suspend the rule to allow the former Council Members to address Council and the community. |
| SECONDED: | McGowan | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |

Thor Williams addressed the Council to thank the community for the comments he has received since the election. He advised Council that being a Council Member is a difficult job. Mr. Williams stated that he appreciated being on City Council and helping the community to grow. He also advised the new Council Member Middlebrook to listen to both sides which he has learned from Council Member Tranatham and Council Member Rodgers. Mr. Williams advised the Council to work hard for the community.

Hugh Dymont addressed Council and congratulated the new City Council Members and stated that it looks like it will shape up to be a really nice Council. Mr. Dymont also stated that it was an honor for him to serve on City Council. Mr. Dymont stated that it's time to get the City finances under control and advised the Council that this will be difficult. Mr. Dymont stated that he has always been in favor of a citizen representative on Council to share community input. Mr. Dymont stated that this was a great experience for him.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

- Item A-9/19/06 Special City Council Meeting Minutes**
- Item B-9/26/06 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**
- Item C-10/6/06 Special City Council Meeting Minutes**
- Item D-10/10/06 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**
- Item E-10/16/06 Special City Council Meeting Minutes**

All meeting minutes were passed on the consent agenda

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 06-24: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council Supporting A Reconnaissance Survey Of The Lower Kuskokwim River, By The U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers

Resolution 06-24 was passed and adopted on the consent agenda

Item B- Resolution 06-25: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council In Support Of The Port Of Bethel Waterfront Facility Improvement Plan

Resolution 06-25 was passed and adopted on the consent agenda

Item C- Approval Of A Lease Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And Mr. Fermin Iturbide For A Portion Of The Alaska Tidelands Survey #319P66-215

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| MOVED: | Rodgers | To approve the Lease Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And Mr. Fermin Iturbide For A Portion Of The Alaska Tidelands Survey #319P66-215 |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously. |
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VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning Commission (Vice-Mayor Rodgers) advised Council that the Commission last met on 10/12 and discussed the following:

- Presentation on the Costal Management Program
- ACMP
- Vacancy declared, Steve Bush has move to Anchorage
- Alaska Commercial has moved their facility off of City property
- Presentation regarding the Water Source Protection
- Revision of Title 13 of the BMC regarding sanitary cans

Council concurred to direct Administration to ensure that the well is capped between Nappa and the Long House

Finance Committee (Council Member Trantham & Mayor Leinberger) advised the Council that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting.

Cemetery Committee (Council Member Trantham) advised Council that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting.

Alaska Municipal League (Council Member Trantham) advised Council of his vote to the AML regarding their Annual Awards. Council Member Trantham reminded all Council Member of the AML Annual Conference and suggested they attend.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Middlebrook) advised Council that the Commission has not met since the last Council Meeting.

Alternative Energy Committee (Mayor Leinberger) advised Council that the Committee met last week, Mayor Leinberger was unable to attend. City Manager advised Council that the Committee discussed the following:

- Proposal for a staged Wind Farm in Bethel was sent out by RFP

Public Works Committee (Council Member McGowan) advised Council that the Committee met on October 17th and discussed the following:

- Water and sewer rate change

- Resignation by Mike Shantz

Council Member McGowan stated that he and Public Works Director Wayne Ogle met with CH2M Hill & CRW to review 95 % QFII Lift Station and that he also met with BUC and documentation will be provided to Council soon.

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council Member Jorgensen) advised Council that the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting due to a lack of a quorum but conducted a work session and discussed the following:

- community ice rink for hockey
- creating a Youth Advisory Board which would be a sub committee that reports to the Parks & Recreation Committee
- YMCA or community recreation facility
- Upgrade to the Senior Center Park in Bethel Heights

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Leinberger stated that he would like the roll call voting to be random

Mayor Leinberger appointed Steve Murat to the Public Works Committee

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| MOVED: | Rodgers | To confirm the appointment of Steve Murat to the Public Works Committee. |
| SECONDED: | Jorgensen | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | | |
| Carried unanimously. | | |

- Letter from the Department of Commerce regarding the 2006 Full Value Determination of the Public Schools Foundation Program
- Letter from Douglas Stark campaigning for his AML seat as 2nd Vice-President
- Letter from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources regarding the notice of issuance of Holitna Basin Exploration License Best Interest Finding
- Letter from Donna Chris resigning from the Port Commission

Mayor Leinberger stated that for the time being all Council Member Representatives to Committee & Commissions will remain until he and the Staff Attorney draft an ordinance to address this issue.

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Counter offer to the Clean Laundromat, \$48, 900 was remitted to the City of Bethel in past taxes and fees; we have terminated the lease.
- OMA
- Memo to Council in regards to the Court house Expansion Project
- Memo to Council requesting personal leave

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| MOVED: | Rodgers | To approve the City Managers personal leave request. |
| SECONDED: | Trantham | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously. | |

XI. CLERK’S REPORT

- Memo to Council and Administration regarding revised submission deadlines for the 11/8/06 Council Meeting.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Rodgers stated it has started to freeze, be very careful, soon we’ll have shell ice. Vice-Mayor Rodgers also stated his personal view on the Committee & Commission representatives, the BMC takes precedence. Hug an elder, he means it with his heart, do it, thank you.

Council Member Trantham stated that he has had an opportunity to speak with elders within the community and he relayed their thanks for passing the exemption of heating fuel ordinance and requested that the City take a look at the drainage in front of the Fire Department. Council Member Trantham stated that he strongly feels that per BMC Committes & Commissions should only have one Council Member Representative. Council Member Trantham suggested that Council and the community attend the Graduation Ceremony for the Bethel Therapeutic Court on 10/27 at the Court House at 3p. Council member Trantham also stated that Council needs to clean up their act and thanked everyone for his attendance award and thanked the community.

Council Member Middlebrook stated that he believes that appointment of two Council Representative to a Committee was awkward for Council and believes that there should be one per committee/commission and hopes that this can be resolved and move on. Council Member Middlebrook advised the community to get involved.

Council Member McGowan stated no comment.

Council Member Jorgensen stated that she too agrees that there should only be one Council Representative on a Committee/Commission and would like to see this matter cleared up soon, cheerio.

Mayor Leinberger stated that if this is the worst we are to face throughout the year regarding appointment of Committee/Commission Representative then this will be a good year and stated that this is not at a whim to go against the BMC and that we have guidance but not guidelines. Mayor Leinberger stated that it is his intention to work with the Staff Attorney to address this matter. Mayor Leinberger stated that he could not believe the contentiousness on this matter, his goal was to have both Council Members work as a team.

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| MOVED: | Trantham | To suspend the rules to allow Council to debate during Council Member comments |
| SECONDED: | McGowan | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously. | |

Council discussed the Council Representative Committee/Commission appointment.

City Manager Baird advised Council that G.V. Jones has been selected by CRW to be the engineering firm to work with on the design of our waste water treatment plant.

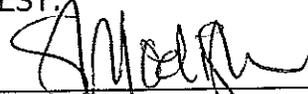
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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| MOVED: | Rodgers | To adjourn meeting at 9:03pm |
| SECONDED: | Jorgensen | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously. | |

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:03pm

APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006.

ATTEST:


 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


 Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor