City of Bethel, Alaska

Council Minutes

October 13, 1998 | Regular Meeting | Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 13, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. in the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska. Mayor Agnes Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present:

Mayor Agnes Phillips
Mike O'Brien
Karol Pobrislo
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

comprising a quorum of the Council.

Absent:

Antone Anvil (excused)
Carl Berger (excused)
Dario Notti (excused)

Also in attendance were:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Gaye Vaughan, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mayor Phillips opened the floor to public comments. With no one coming forth to speak, she continued the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of September 29, 1998.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion to approve the minutes carried by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the consent agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

Resolution #98-27: Certifying the October 6, 1998 Regular Election (City Clerk)

Resolution #98-28: Designating Lease Property Revenues (City Manager)

Ordinance #98-23: Amending Chapter 3.029, Classification Plan (City Manager) (Public Hearing set for October 27, 1998)

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion to approve consent agenda carried by unanimous consent.

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the agenda as presented.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion to approve agenda carried by unanimous consent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Phillips announced the following:

- She noted that newly elected Council Member Joerene Hout could not be in attendance at this meeting due to a prior commitment.
- Council Members Anvil and Notti were out of town attending the Alaskan Federation of Natives Conference.
- She was in receipt of a letter from the Dept. of Commerce asking if Bethel would like to be included in a book about Alaska.
- She noted that the city had received money from the Magnuson-Stevens Act due to the fish disaster.
- The Mayor had received a letter from the American Cancer Society thanking the City of Bethel for enacting the no smoking ordinance.
- Mayor Phillips had attended the Americorps dinner to say hello to the new members and farewell to the member who were leaving.
- She also received a letter from the Dept. of Fish and Game regarding development of a new fishery.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Herron noted that department head reports were included in the council packets.

The City Manager noted that the newly purchased CAT 955 tractor loader has been received and is working the landfill.

Mr. Herron stated that the city has an executed agreement for the $477,262 of Magnusen-Stevens disaster money. The Council Members were invited to attend competitive presentations by the two RFP responding banks, NBA and Key Bank, on Thursday, October 22. After the presentations, the administration and council members in attendance will make a recommendation to the full Council so the project can begin. The Magnusen-Stevens money will be used to hire displaced fishermen to help with the renovation.

He reported that he is in negotiations to trade land for the new armory. The City Lobbyist, Paul Richards, contacted Senator Stevens who is very excited about the project.

Mr. Herron noted that the seawall will be surveyed for storm damage the following week.

He stated that a draft sales tax ordinance was due from the attorney the following day and would be introduced on October 27.

He has been talking to LKSD about getting the Council meetings shown on the local cable TV. A report of tests and one-time costs will be brought back to Council at a later date.

The city purchased four small used pick-up trucks from Bethel Utilities for $32,500. These are needed to replace aging and worn-out trucks used by Public Works. Funds budgeted for equipment replacement were used for the purchase.

Regarding recent comments and instruction from Council regarding the new cemetery, the City Manager presented Council with a drawing of his proposal to extend the use of the Ridgecrest Cemetery. Without objection, the Council concurred with the proposal.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Works Committee
Council Member O'Brien stated there had been no meeting since the last Council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20.

Port Commission
Council Member Rodgers stated the Commission is also scheduled to meet on October 20.

Senior Citizens' Advisory Board
Public Safety Commission
Council Member Anvil was not present to give reports.

Finance Committee
Mayor Phillips stated the Committee reviewed the sales tax ordinance on October 5.

Planning Commission
Council Member Notti was not present to give a report.

Transportation Commission
Council Member Berger was not present to give a report.

Parks & Recreation Committee
Council Member Sanchez-Pobrislo stated the Committee was due to meet earlier that evening but had no quorum. The Committee will hold a work session on October 17 and their next regular meeting will be November 10.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #98-22: Amending BMC 16.05.010 By Adding A Transportation Element To The Comprehensive Plan (City Manager Herron)

City Manager Herron noted that this Transportation Element to the Comprehensive Plan was prepared by HDR Alaska, Inc. and has been approved by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing. With no one coming forth to speak, public hearing was closed.

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To enact Ordinance #98-22.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried unanimously.

ANVIL Absent	BERGER Absent	NOTTI Absent	O'BRIEN Yes
PHILLIPS Yes	RODGERS Yes	SANCHEZ-POBRISLO Yes	4 YES 0 NO

Information on Q-1 Lease (City Manager/City Attorney)

City Manager Herron presented Council with information supplied by the City Attorney regarding the lease with Omni Corporation. Fire Chief Young and representatives from Dept. of Environmental Conservation were present to answer questions.

Council Member O'Brien stated he had heard a representative from Omni on the news speaking about a city tank located at the well site. He noted that the tank in question has not been at that site for two years. He added that there had been a spill associated with the tank, it was remediated and the tank was replaced.

In reply to questions, Mr. Herron stated that Omni will be required to fix the deficiencies prior to reopening.

Council Member Rodgers said they were open for business the day following being closed by the Bethel Fire Dept.

The City Manager noted that there had been a misunderstanding and that it is closed now.

Report on Water/Sewer Code Enforcement (City Manager)

City Manager Herron reported that there are 135 violators to the requirement of all households no longer being on a honeybucket sewer system. Many of those are close to being in compliance. As of the meeting date, four citations had been issued.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Alcohol Delivery Site (City Manager)

The City Manager pointed out the discussion draft of the ordinance was provided for the Council Members. He recommended that this draft be given to the Public Safety Commission for their review prior to introduction by the Council.

Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Council Members

City Clerk Vaughan administered the oath of office to reelected Council Members Agnes Phillips and Mike O'Brien. Newly elected Council Member Joerene Hout was not able to be at the meeting and will be sworn in at the October 27, 1998, meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Pobrislo asked the Bethel cab drivers to slow down. She wished everyone a good evening.

Mayor Phillips thanked the City Manager and city employees for doing a good job. She thanked everyone for voting and supporting her in her reelection.

Council Member Rodgers thanked the City Manager and the Fire Dept. for their speedy work on the QC spill. He also cautioned drivers to watch their speed especially on icy roads.

Council Member O'Brien also thanked the voters who voted especially when there was nothing controversial on the ballot. He hoped everyone would work toward making this fall a safe one.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To adjourn the meeting
SECONDED BY:	Pobrislo	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous consent.

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:10.p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER. 1998.

ATTEST:

Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk