

Introduced by: Mayor Klejka
Date: April 13, 2010
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 10-28

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING \$150,000 IN FUNDING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EVALUATE AND PLAN FOR THE POTENTIAL FOR A PUBLICLY OWNED CITY ELECTRIC UTILITY

WHEREAS, significant local citizen concern has been expressed over the possibility of new ownership and management of Bethel's privately owned electric utility,

WHEREAS, publicly owned power utilities provide citizens local control and incentives to ensure stability, reliability, and responsiveness to customer needs;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study would allow for the examination of the City's electricity load growth, project the cost of service from alternative power suppliers, and estimate the capital and operating costs of a publicly owned utility;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that having local control over decisions regarding electricity generation use of waste heat, electricity prices, and service policies has the potential to positively impact bulk fuel purchases, and the economic health of Bethel;

WHEREAS, currently Bethel's cost of a kWh is approximately 40 cents, it has been as high as 61 cents; much greater than Alaska's average of 16.35 cents;

WHEREAS, lowering the average kWh cost of electricity in Bethel would significantly decrease Power Cost Equalization costs to the State of Alaska;

WHEREAS, a privately owned electrical utility is motivated to increase profitability for investors rather than to decrease electrical costs to users;

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of this project is to determine the benefits and costs of a public electric utility, and to explore possible alternatives to achieve public ownership of an electric utility for the City of Bethel;

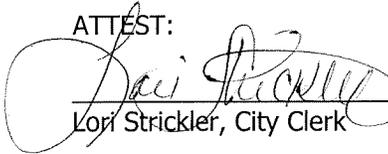
Introduced by: Mayor Klejka
Date: April 13, 2010
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Bethel requests \$150,000 from the State of Alaska to pay for a feasibility study to evaluate and plan for the potential for a publicly owned electric utility.

ENACTED THIS 6 DAY OF APRIL 2010 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Introduced by: Mayor Klejka
Date: April 13, 2010
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 10-28

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING \$150,000 IN FUNDING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EVALUATE AND PLAN FOR THE POTENTIAL FOR A PUBLICLY OWNED CITY ELECTRIC UTILITY

WHEREAS, significant local citizen concern has been expressed over the possibility of new ownership and management of Bethel's privately owned electric utility,

WHEREAS, publicly owned power utilities provide citizens local control and incentives to ensure stability, reliability, and responsiveness to customer needs;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study would allow for the examination of the City's electricity load growth, project the cost of service from alternative power suppliers, and estimate the capital and operating costs of a publicly owned utility;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that having local control over decisions regarding electricity generation use of waste heat, electricity prices, and service policies has the potential to positively impact bulk fuel purchases, and the economic health of Bethel;

WHEREAS, currently Bethel's cost of a kWh is approximately 40 cents, it has been as high as 61 cents; much greater than Alaska's average of 16.35 cents;

WHEREAS, lowering the average kWh cost of electricity in Bethel would significantly decrease Power Cost Equalization costs to the State of Alaska;

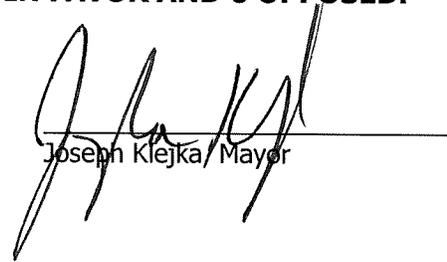
WHEREAS, a privately owned electrical utility is motivated to increase profitability for investors rather than to decrease electrical costs to users;

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of this project is to determine the benefits and costs of a public electric utility, and to explore possible alternatives to achieve public ownership of an electric utility for the City of Bethel;

Introduced by: Mayor Klejka
Date: April 13, 2010
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

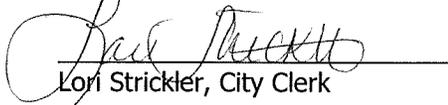
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Bethel requests \$150,000 from the State of Alaska to pay for a feasibility study to evaluate and plan for the potential for a publicly owned electric utility.

ENACTED THIS 6 DAY OF APRIL 2010 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk