
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 9, 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 of the Council, the following were present:

Members present:

Mayor Leinberger Dan
Council Member Mary Kenick
Council Member Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Dave Trantham
Council Member Andrew McGowan

Members absent:

Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen
Vice-Mayor Tundy Rodgers

Others present:

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

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

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| MOVED: | Middlebrook | To approve the Regular and Consent Agenda for the January 9, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as amended removing resolution 07-01 from the consent agenda. |
| SECONDED: | Kenick | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance #06-28: An Ordinance Revising The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.05-Responsibilities Of City Council Members, Municipal Officers, Appointed Officials, And Employees; Conflict Of Interest To Include Section 2.05.070-Representation Of The City Of Bethel

Public Hearing:

None

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| MOVED: | Middlebrook | To adopt Ordinance 06-28: An Ordinance Revising The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.05-Responsibilities Of City Council Members, Municipal Officers, Appointed Officials, And Employees; Conflict Of Interest To Include Section 2.05.070-Representation Of The City Of Bethel. |
| SECONDED: | Kenick | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | | |
| Carried 4-1 (No: McGowan) | | |

Item B- Introduction Of Ordinance #06-29: An Ordinance Modifying The City Planner Position Classification And Eliminating Unused Personnel Titles Within Title 3 Of The Bethel Municipal Code

Public Hearing:

None

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| MOVED: | Trantham | To adopt Ordinance 06-29: An Ordinance Modifying The City Planner Position Classification And Eliminating Unused Personnel Titles Within Title 3 Of The Bethel Municipal Code. |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | | |
| Carried 4-1 (No: McGowan) | | |

Item C- Cemetery Committee Member Make-up

Council requested that the City Clerk call all previous Administrative Cemetery Committee Members to inquire as to whether or not they are interested in participating as a member of the new Council Cemetery Committee and report back to Council at the 1/23/07 Council meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction of Ordinance 07-01: An Ordinance Of The City Of Bethel, Alaska, Readopting The Bethel Municipal Code

Ordinance 07-01 was introduced on the consent agenda and set for public hearing on January 23, 2007.

Item B- Resolution 07-01: A Resolution Requesting Assistance From The State Of Alaska For Funding To Replace The Bethel Fire Station Roof And To Conduct The Preliminary Ground Work For A Joint Law Enforcement Center

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| MOVED: | Middlebrook | To adopt Resolution 07-01: A Resolution Requesting Assistance From The State Of Alaska For Funding To Replace The Bethel Fire Station Roof And To Conduct The Preliminary Ground Work For A Joint Law Enforcement Center |
| SECONDED: | Kenick | |
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| MOVED: | Trantham | To table the resolution to split the two items into two separate resolutions to be brought to Council at the 1/23/07 Council meeting. |
| SECONDED: | McGowan | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | <i>Tabled until 1/23/07</i> | |

Item C- Resolution 07-02: A Resolution Approving Electric Power Systems, Inc. As The Contractor To Conduct A Preliminary Engineering Study For A Progressive Wind Power System In Bethel

Resolution 07-02 was passed on the consent agenda.

Item C-City Attorney Annual Increase

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| MOVED: | Trantham | To approve a 5% pay increase for the City Attorney Sharon Sigmon. |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
| MOVED: | McGowan | To amend the motion to include a retro active effective date of November 28, 2006. |
| SECONDED: | Kenick | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |
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Item D- Discussion/Action-City Council Members Travel For The Alaska Municipal League

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| MOVED: | McGowan | To approve travel for Council Member Trantham & Council Member Kenick to attend the AML meeting at the end of January. |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
| MOVED: | Kenick | To amend the motion to include approval travel for the Mayor to attend the Mayor Conference. |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |
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Item D- Lobbying: 1. Revenue Sharing 2. PERS-Employer Cost Contribution Rate 3. Alaska Longevity Bonus

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| MOVED: | Middlebrook | To approve Revenue Sharing and PERS-Employer Cost Contribution Rate as City of |
| SECONDED: | McGowan | |

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| | | Bethel lobbying priorities |
| MOVED: | Kenick | To include the fire station roof repairs a lobbying priority |
| SECONDED: | | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | <i>Failed for lack of a second</i> | |
| MOVED: | McGowan | If both resolutions are passed by Council, include items on resolution 07-01 as legislative priorities |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |
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| MOVED: | Kenick | To recess for 10 minutes at 7:32p |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission (Council Member Kenick) advised Council that the Commission last met on 12/28 and discussed the following:

- Bank stabilization project
- New commission member Harry Faulkner
- Solutions to financial loss at small boat harbor

Public Works Committee (Council Member McGowan) advised Council that the committee has met since the last Council meeting however, Council Member McGowan was not in attendance. Council Member McGowan advised Council that the Chair of the committee will be in attendance at the 1/23/07 Council meeting for an update.

Alternative Energy Committee (Mayor Leinberger) advised Council that the Committee last met on 1/8/07 and discussed the following:

- EPS contract
- Discussion with the AEA representative
- Aveck pros & cons at the 2/5 upcoming meeting

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Middlebrook) advised Council that the Commission last met on January 8th and discussed the following:

- Safety of the cab drivers
- Taxi cab fare increases
- Police Department understaffed

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| MOVED: | McGowan | To direct Administration to draft moving/housing/longevity compensation plan for potential new hires for public safety and to provide this draft to Council for approval. |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | | |
| Carried unanimously | | |

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| MOVED: | McGowan | To direct Administration to draft a vehicle lease plan for the police department. |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | | |
| Carried unanimously | | |

Finance Committee (Council Member Trantham) advised Council that the committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Leinberger appointed Sam Shields to the Cemetery Committee

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| MOVED: | Middlebrook | To confirm the appointment of Sam Shields to the Cemetery Committee |
| SECONDED: | Trantham | |

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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously |

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Village safe water audit in Anchorage
- 2007 Proposed Capital Budget & Priorities
- Alternative Energy efforts to begin
- Finance Department staffing
- Police Department retention plan

X. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- Bethel Municipal Code
- 2006 Newsletter
- Laser Fiche
- Joint Task Force Meeting

Council directed the City Clerk to contact ONC to set up a Joint Task Meeting on February 15, 2007.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Trantham thanked the City Clerk for AML admin services provided. Council member Trantham stated that he has had many comments from the community regarding "taking back the night" and advised Council that the community would like to see Council address the safety of the community in the evening hours. Council Member Trantham stated that it's not always easy being a politician in Bethel and stated that he considered resigning but has decided that he has a couple commitments for the next 9 months that he will honor and pledges to do his best.

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| MOVED: | McGowan | To direct Administration to correspond with ONC to schedule a town meeting regarding the disorderly conduct in the evening hours. |
| SECONDED: | Kenick | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |

Council Member Middlebrook advised all travelers to be careful during this brutal weather.

Council Member McGowan thanked the water and sewer truck drivers, the pipe guys. Council Member McGowan also requested unanimous consent from Council to recognize Robert Lecander, who has been working for the City in the Public Works Department for the past 30yrs and would like to thank him for his efforts.

Council concurred to present Robert LeCander with an appreciation award.

Council Member Kenick thanked Council Member Trantham for addressing the conduct at night and thinks that it's a good idea to hold a meeting on the matter, Happy Slavic.

Mayor Leinberger stated that he is ecstatic that the meeting is completed before 9p.

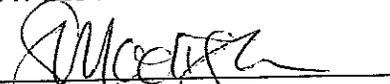
XII. ADJOURNMENT

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| MOVED: | Kenick | To adjourn the meeting at 8:34p. |
| SECONDED: | Middlebrook | |
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| VOTE ON MAIN MOTION | Carried unanimously | |

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:34p.m.

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2007.

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor