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# City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

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March 8, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 8, 2011 at 6:30p, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

## **II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Eric Middlebrook  
Council Member Heather Pike  
Council Member Richard Robb  
Vice-Mayor Thor Williams  
Council Member Terry Perry  
Council Member Tundy Rodgers

**Absent:** Council Member Jennifer Schiedler

**Also Present:** City Manager Lee Foley  
City Clerk Lori Strickler

## **III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Mike Burley and Jamie Kassman, representing the Bethel Sportsman Club. Requested the Council consider development of a community shooting range.

Mark Springer- Praised the public works department for their hard work maintaining the roads.

Encouraged the council to speak with the Department of Correction to help readdress the possibilities for regional expansion for the Bethel jail.

Suggested to the council to allow the City Manger to sign a non-disclosure with Donlin Creek so that he can be aware of any discussion of the use of a port.

As a member of the home owners association of Kassaili Subdivision and disappointed in the action of the city planner who allowed for the transfer of a building to the subdivision which didn't follow the

subdivision covenance. The action sets a president for other actions within the city.

Greg Roczicka-

Encouraged the council to review the conflict of interest section of the Bethel Municipal Code with regard to the Port Commission and the non-reappointment of a port commissioner.

Barb Mosier-

Parks and Recreation committee Report

Received committee training from the city clerk.

Baby sitting class in May.

First youth council will be holding their first meeting.

Leader training will be held in March.

The youth are not favorable to tuna so that has been removed from the menu.

652 children attended the afterschool meal program in February.

Teens have been doing skits on bullying, lying and other items.

Dave Trantham Jr.-

Has been utilizing many VA medical services. There are a large number of veterans in the Bethel region who are not registered for VA benefits.

Encouraged those qualified to register to receive the benefits they are entitled.

Senate Bill 65 has sunset, there is no money remaining. The State asked communities to fund jail expansions however there is no money remaining to move forward with those projects.

The council is faced with hard decisions they will have to make some people angry while they make others happy. Thanked the council for making the hard decisions.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to amend, to remove Substitute Resolution 10-47 and the Introduction of Budget Ordinance 10-22 (f) from the consent agenda.
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

## **I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

**Item A-** 2/15/2011 Special Meeting Minutes

**Item B-** 2/21/2011 Special Meeting Minutes

**Item C-** 2/22/2011 Special Meeting Minutes

**Item D-** 2/22/2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

## **II. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Item A-** Finance Committee

No meeting held due to a lack of a quorum.

**Item B-** Parks and Recreation Committee

Update provided under People to be Heard

**Item C** -Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Mark Springer-

Pleased to have Paul Gregory on the Commission who provides a lifelong prospective on the community.

Loose dog ordinance discussion.

Bootlegging is an ongoing issue for the commission.

Commission training provided by the city clerk.

Thanked Shari Salyers for her assistance to the commission.

Reminded the council of their approval of the Public Safety and

Transportation Commission recommendation to obtain the building on Salmonberry for the new Bethel Police Department.

**Item D-** Planning Commission

No meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

**Item E-**Port Commission

No meeting was held due to a lack of a quorum.

Public Works Committee-

No meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Item A – Approval Of Negotiated Contract Between The City Of Bethel And Prospective City Clerk**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to extend the city clerk's current contract until July 1, 2011 and to schedule the contract negotiation for the first meeting in June.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	3-3 Motion fails, Middlebrook, Pike and Perry opposed	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to approve the contract between the City of Bethel and prospective city clerk.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Perry	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to amend, to strike \$79,061.40 and insert \$75,468.
<b>SECONDED:</b>		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	4-2 Motion passes, Williams and Rodgers opposed	

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

**Item A – Resolution 10-47 Substitute: FY 2012 State Capital Requests Amended To Include Relocation Of Police Dispatch Center.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to approve Resolution 10-47 Substitute.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to amend, to move item four under the priorities to item two under the priorities.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	4-2 Motion passes, Perry and Robb opposed	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item B- Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 10-22 (f): Amending The FY 2011 Annual Budget With Mid-Year Modifications.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Motion to introduce Budget Ordinance 10-22 (f)
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Acting Finance Director, Bobby Sutton.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Perry	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	
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**Item C- AM 11-14: Appointment Of Kevin Kristof To The Finance Committee.**

*Mayor Middlebrook appointed Kevin Kristof to the Finance Committee and the council concurred.*

**Item D- AM 11-15: Approving The Preliminary Grant Application Submission Regarding The Liquefied Natural Gas Project.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to approve the Preliminary Grant Application for the Liquefied Natural Gas Project.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules to call Mike Moora to discuss the project.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	
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**Item E- AM 11-16: Appointment Of Clark Davis To The Finance Committee.**

*Mayor Middlebrook appointed Kevin Kristof to the Finance Committee and the council concurred.*

**I. MAYOR'S REPORT**  
**II. MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**III. CLERK'S REPORT**  
**IV. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Perry-

The youth center teens have been putting on skits portraying lying cheating and bullying to help encourage young children to do the writing thing.

It is important for people to look into the benefits they are entitled to under Veterans Affairs.

Council Member Robb-

Thanked all of the kids for their letters identifying concerns they have for the community of Bethel.

Bethel Region High School cheerleaders advanced to State, congratulations.

Pleased to learn the Police Department is fully staffed.

Wished good luck to local racers at the Iditarod.

Vice-Mayor Williams-8:52:10 PM

Appreciated the ice road so that he could visit his family.

Council Member Pike-

Everyone has an opportunity to give back.

Thanked the students for all of their letters.

Supported the statements of Dave Trantham Jr. and Council Member

Perry with regard to the Veterans Affairs informaton.

Thanked all of the veterans in the community.

Council Member Rodgers-

Go hug an elder.

Mayor Middlebrook-

Congratulated Jeremiah Klejka for winning the Jr. Iditarod.

Congratulated the Toksook Bay boys for advancing to State.

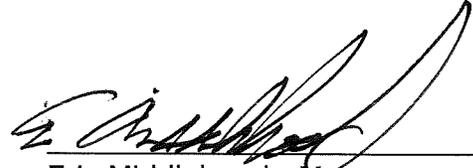
Contacted by a reporter from the Alaska Business Monthly who will be doing a story on the Liquefied Natural Gas.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Perry	

<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor
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*The council adjourned at 9:06p.*

  
Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk