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# City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

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March 25, 2008

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 25, 2008 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

## **II. ROLL CALL**

### **Members present:**

Mayor Eric Middlebrook  
Vice-Mayor R. Thor Williams  
Council Member Tundy Rodgers  
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen  
Council Member Tiffany Zulkosky  
Council Member Keppel

Council Member Dan Leinberger was gone on travel

### **Others present:**

City Manager Wally Baird  
City Clerk Lori Strickler

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

*Allen Hippler - YKCC Expansion, Bethel Chamber of Commerce is supportive of the expansion; the Finance Committee has been discussing outsourcing the online credit payment for water and sewer.*

*Lorin Bradbury – Spoke in favor of the expansion, the economic development is important to the city.*

*Pam Bumsted – Sees some problems with the city attorney working directly under the city manager. Proposed sleep off center, there are medical problems in trying to resolve the situation of being intoxicated, Bethel does not have a homeless shelter, many people do not have a place to stay.*

*Jody Malus – Not against the expansion of the jail however the city should not be funding it; suggesting council not pass Resolution 08-08 as it reads.*

*David Trantham – Read a statement from Oly Olson who is opposed to resolution 08-08 the Bethel Heights distribution upgrades; Concerns with endowment barrowing; Encouraged Council to have courage.*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Motion to break for ten minutes
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

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

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	To approve the Consent & Regular Agenda for the March 25, 2008 Regular Meeting
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Remove Resolution 08-08; Introduction to Ordinance 08-04 and 08-05 from the Consent Agenda
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

*The following minutes were approved on the consent agenda*

- a. 03/11/2008 Regular Meeting

**VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Item A - Proclamation Recognizing An Outstanding First Place Performance By Jessica Klejka During The 2008 Jr. Iditarod Sled Dog Race**

**Item B - Presentation By Dept. Of Corrections Deputy Commissioner**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Move to suspend the rules to allow members of the public to speak on this issue
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A – Update On Water Metering In City Subdivision**

**Item B – Re-Seating Of Council**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Move to break for ten minutes
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

**Item C – Request For Direction On Audit Services For FY08**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Move to suspend the rule to allow the city finance director speak on this issue
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	To use Altman and Rodgers for the FY 2008 audits and go out to RFP for the FY 2009 audit and following
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Have the Finance Committee take on the task of being the audit committee and amend the Bethel Municipal Code to include these issue
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Amend the motion to send this issue to the Finance Committee for their recommendation
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Suspend the rules to amend the agenda to move Item F and G up to Item A under New Business
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
		All in favor

**Item A – Business Plan For The Expansion Of The Yukon Kuskokwim Correctional Center**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Suspend the rule to allow the state representative speak with the city
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

**Item B – Consideration Of Draft Agreement With The State Of Alaska**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Continue to follow the Resolution 06-14 the city has already passed regarding the expansion of the YK Correctional Center
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Motion failed as the following motion is to table		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Keppel	Table the issue to the next regularly scheduled meeting
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Motion passes, Williams in opposition		

<b>MOVED:</b>	Keppel	Direct the City Manager to follow up on any possibility of financial benefit and any other points of clarification
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Keppel	Amendment to the motion to direct the City Manager follow up with a legal review of the MOA
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
All in favor		

**Item C - Resolution #08-07 – A Resolution Supporting The 2008 Camai Dance Festival By Providing A Donation In The Amount Of Sales Taxes Collected On Admissions Sold To Attend The Festival**

*Resolution 08-07 was approved by council on the consent agenda*

**Item D – Resolution #08-08 – A Resolution Approving Basic Services Contracted For The City Of Bethel Heights Piped Water Distribution Upgrades Funded By The State Of Alaska Village Safe Water Program**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Introduce Resolution #08-08 for discussion
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Move to suspend the rules to allow the Public Works director to speak on the issue
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passes, Keppel and Rodgers in opposition	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Motion to go past 10:00
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgenson	Table the resolution to the next regular scheduled council meeting to get feedback from the city administration on tonight's discussion
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Keppel	Amend the motion; Table the resolution to the next regular scheduled council meeting; to allow the city manager provided a complete packet from VSW as to the hiring of CRW and any alternative bid process the city may pursue
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Motion passes, Zulkosky opposed	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Motion to break for 10 minutes
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Motion to suspend the rule to move item D above item C on the Agenda
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item E -- Introduction Of Ordinance 08-05 -- Authorizing This Disposal Of Approximately 87,987 Square Feet Within The Northwest Quarter Of Section 8, Range 71 West, Township 8 North, Seward Meridian, To The Association Of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	To introduce Ordinance #08-05
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgenson	Motion to suspend the rule to allow for public comments from the planning director, Mr. Palacios and Steve Hutchens
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Motion to table the introduction to the Ordinance until appropriate notification has been met as well as the proper process has been conducted.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All opposed	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Motion to go past 11:00
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Keppel	Amendment to the motion satisfy the setback requirement sought by AVCP and further move that lots 7 and 4 be placed in no longer necessary for municipal purposes and be placed up for public auction as in 4.08.030
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion fails 3-3 Zulkosky, Middlebrook, Williams opposed	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Amend the motion to delete section 3 of the ordinance #08-05
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion is out of order	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	Move to postpone Ordinance 08-05 until the set back section is added to the Ordinance and the deletion of section 3 and the public notification period is done.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Amend the motion to introduce Ordinance 08-05 and follow BMC section 4.08.040
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Motion Passes Zulkosky and Jorgenson opposed	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgenson	Motion to move item h above item f under New Business
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item H – Memorandum Of Agreement Regarding The Initiation, Operation And Maintenance Of The Bethel Public Transit System**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Motion to suspend the rules to allow Mike Samuelson speak on this issue
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

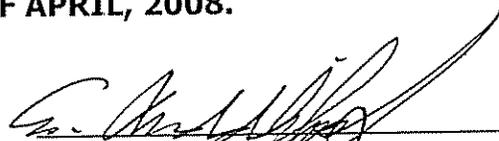
*Council member Rodgers declared a conflict of interest*

*Mayor Middlebrook ruled there is a conflict of interest*

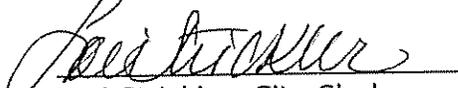
<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	Move to adopt the MOA regarding the initiation, operation and maintenance of the Bethel Public Transit System between the City of Bethel and ONC with a provision that all employees will be conditional employees
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Jorgenson	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to table the MOA until the next ONC and City of Bethel meeting
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed 2-3 Zulkosky, Jorgenson and Middlebrook Opposed; Rodgers abstained	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Amendment to the motion; receive clarification from the union that they don't take the employees under the city contract
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Keppel	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Fail Middlebrook, Zulkosky and Jorgensen opposed	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Motion passes Williams voting against and Rogers abstained	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Jorgensen	Motion to adjourn
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2008.**

  
Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk