
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

June 14, 2005

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 14, 2005, at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Dyment called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Andy McGowan	
R. Thor Williams	Hugh Dyment
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers	Yolonda Jorgensen
Dan Leinberger	

Excused Absence(s):
David E. Trantham

Also in attendance were the following:
John Malone, Acting City Manager
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Willie Keppel addressed Council to speak in opposition of Ordinance #05-08 related to the minimum water and sewer tank requirement. Mr. Keppel also stated that he believed the City of Bethel did not budget appropriately in the Proposed FY06 Budget relating to legal expenditures and suggested Council "go back to the table" to allocate more funds in that area. Mr. Keppel discussed the donut hole and stated that he's against expansion of the court house.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Williams	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda for the June 14, 2005 Meeting as amended removing Ordinance #04-09 E and moving Item E-Senior Center Transfer to Item A under New Business
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
	Passed	Council concurrence

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *5/24/05 Regular Meeting Minutes
- *5/25/05 Special Meeting Minutes
- *5/31/05 Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes approved under the consent agenda

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council member Jorgensen): Council Member Jorgensen reported the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting; the next scheduled meeting is June 21st. Council Member Jorgensen reported the report for proposal has been sent out for the recreation center to development the multiuse recreation plan.

Public Works Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Council Member Leinberger reported the Committee has not met since the last Council Meeting; next meeting is scheduled for June 21st.

Planning Commission (Council Member Rodgers): Council Member Rodgers reported the Commission last meet on June 9th. Council Member Rodgers reviewed the agenda items including the Commission looking to enforce the BMC in order to clean up Bethel/personal properties and vehicles in the right of way on 6th avenue.

Senior Advisory Board: Council Member Williams reported the Boards next meeting is scheduled for June 16th.

Port Commission (Council Member Williams): Council Member Williams reported the Port Commission was unable to conduct a meeting in the month of May due to a lack of a quorum; the next meeting is scheduled for June 20th.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Mayor Dymant): Mayor Dymant reported at their last Commission meeting they discussed euthanization of dogs and creating an ordinance to clarify the matter.

Finance Committee (Council Member McGowan): Council Member McGowan reported at the last Committee meeting they discussed revenue generating ideas for the city, the City Finance Department and the possibility of generating more revenue from alcohol.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation by Kit Duke with Alaska State Court System regarding the Bethel Court House Expansion Project. Kit Duke asked permission from Council to move forward with the Expansion Project since the funds have been allocated from the state.

MOVED:	Williams	Move that the City of Bethel and the State of Alaska continue with the expansion of the Court House Building and look at the funding of expansion and refinance the debt of the building.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
Council Member Rodgers spoke in opposition of the motion.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Roll call vote 5-1 (No: Rodgers)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A-Public Hearing of Ordinance #05-11: Establishing a City of Bethel Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, beginning date July 1, 2005 ending date June 30, 2006

Public Hearing: *None*

MOVED:	Leinberger	To adopt Ordinance #05-11: Establishing a City of Bethel Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, beginning date July 1, 2005 ending date June 30, 2006 as amended.
SECONDED:	Williams	
Council Members discussed Ordinance #05-11.		
MOVED:	Williams	To amend the FY06 Budget to include \$300,000 for seawall maintenance.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Council concurrence
Council discussed PERS and its effect on the budget.		

MOVED:	Williams	To amend Ordinance #05-11 by directing administration to decrease the FY06 Budget by \$200,000.
SECONDED:	McGowan	
Meeting recessed from 7:50p until 8:04p		
MOVED:	Rodgers	To amend the amendment to increase the amount to \$300,000.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON SECONDARY AMENDMENT	Failed	Roll call vote 2-4 (Yes: Rodgers & Williams)
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Roll call vote 4-2 (No: Dymont & Leinberger)
MOVED:	Leinberger	To allow Council Member Jorgensen to recast her vote.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MOTION	Failed	Roll call vote 3-3 (No: Williams, Rodgers, McGowan)
MOVED:	Williams	To direct administration to decrease the FY06 Budget in the amount of \$200,000 out of departmental material, supplies, and services.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Failed	Roll call vote 2-4 (Yes: Rodgers & Williams)
MOVED:	Jorgensen	To reconsider my vote on the \$200,000 amendment.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
Meeting recessed from 8:43p until 8:52p		
VOTE ON MOTION	Failed	Roll call vote 3-3 (Yes: Dymont, Jorgensen, and Leinberger)
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Roll call vote of 4-2 (No: Rodgers & Leinberger)

Item B-Vehicle Policy

Council and City Department Heads discussed the small vehicle fleet and vehicle take-home policies.

Council concurred to direct Administration to review the vehicle policy and the City owned small vehicles and report back to Council in order to save City funds. Administration is also to report uneconomically repairable and old vehicles.

Item C- Public Hearing of Ordinance 05-08: An Ordinance Amending Section 13.04.180 And Section 13.08.160 Of The Bethel Municipal Code Related To The Minimum Water And Sewer Holding Tank Sizes

Public Hearing: *None*

MOVED:	McGowan	To hold an additional public hearing at the next Council Meeting on June 28 th .
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Council concurrence

Mayor Dymont suggested Public Works Director Wayne Ogle provide Council pros and cons regarding Ordinance #05-08 at the next public hearing on June 28, 2005.

City Clerk directed to provide Public Works an updated copy of Ordinance #05-08.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A-Senior Center Transfer

Council and Grant Manager Sargent discussed the Memorandums of Agreement to be devised by a sub team (comprised of City Council/employees and the ONC Council/employees) to be provided to the Joint Task Force Committee at the June 20th meeting.

Flora Ulroun, ONC Director, addressed Council to discuss the Senior Center transfer date and the transfer of employees.

MOVED:	Williams	To send out layoff notices to the Senior Center employees effective July 1, 2005.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
MOVED:	McGowan	To amend the motion to add 30 days severance pay to the Senior Center employees.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	

MOVED:	Leinberger	To amend the amendment to add a two week severance pay to Senior Center employees.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON SECONDARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Roll call vote 4-2 (No: Williams & McGowan)
VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT	Passed	Secondary amendment over rules vote on primary amendment.
MOVED:	Williams	To proceed past 10p.
SECONDED:	Leinberger	
VOTE ON MOTION	Failed	Voice vote of 3-3 (No: McGowan, Williams, and Rodgers)
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed	Unanimous roll call vote

Council concurred to direct Administration to draft both the lease agreement changes and the amendment to the ONC lease agreement.

Council concurred to direct Administration to add \$10,000 for the relocation fees for the City Manager to Ordinance #04-09 (E).

Item B-*Resolution #05-23: A Resolution by the Bethel City Council to accept an award of \$71,283 from the FY 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program II

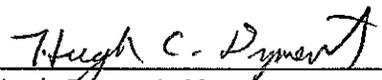
Item B-Resolution #05-23 passed on the consent agenda

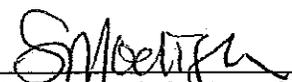
Adjournment

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10p.

APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF JUNE, 2005.

ATTEST:


 Hugh Dymont, Mayor


 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk