
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

January 28, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 28, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

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| Hugh Short, Jr. | Andrei Jacobs |
| David Trantham | Jerry Drake |
| Carl Berger | Joy Shantz |
| Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers | |

Excused absence(s): none

Unexcused absence(s): none

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

Council Member Rodgers apologized to members of council and the citizens of Bethel for his behavior at the previous council meeting.

Mayor Short apologized for his behavior as well.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by the Assisted Living Home Task Force
- The goal of the Task Force is to have the Assisted Living Home open in 2005
 - Asked that an appropriation of land be made for the Assisted Living Home
 - Cooperative agreement with the City of Bethel
 - Site control is necessary to gain control of the project

Council concurred to direct Administration to receive an appraisal on property south of the Lulu Herron building for the purpose of an assisted living home.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- A. Jim Valcarce: Legal Representative of Council Member Dave Trantham**
- Requested that the Executive Session be moved to the first order of business
- B. Oly Olson: STIP Plan**
- Voiced his concerns over the STIP plan

C. Tom Hildreth: Boy Scout Troop #557

- Presented the City of Bethel a certificate for it's support of the Boy Scout program
- Presented City Manager Herron a certificate for his support of the Boy Scout program and helping them to achieve their merit badges

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| MOVED BY: | Trantham | To suspend rules and move the Executive Session item to an agenda item under new business and conduct the matter in open session |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. |
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Mr. Valcarce requested further information regarding the notice received by Mr. Trantham and the matter to be discussed. Discussion ensued over the validity of the Executive Session notification and discussing the matter in Open Session.

Council consensus was to postpone the discussion until a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| MOVED BY: | Berger | To approve the amended minutes of the 01-13-03 special meeting and 01-14-03 regular meeting |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To approve the agenda as amended |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

To remove item C and item D from consent agenda

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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MAYOR'S REPORT

Items included in the Mayor's report:

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To appoint Martin Stephens to the Parks and Recreation Committee |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT

City Manager Herron's report included the following:

- Reported on personnel matters
- Report on travel status

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senior Advisory Board

Council Member Berger reported that the Senior Advisory Board is currently advertising for new members and is expected to hold a meeting in February.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Council Member Jacobs reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on January 28, 2003. He further reported that the Log Cabin is nearing completion.

Planning Commission

Council Member Shantz stated that the Planning Commission met on January 23, 2003 and highlighted the minutes of the meeting.

Port Commission

Council Member Rodgers reported that the Port Commission met on January 27, 2003 and went on to highlight the minutes of that meeting.

Public Works Committee

Council Member Trantham announced that the Public Works Committee met on January 21, 2003 and highlighted the minutes of the meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council Member Drake stated that the Public Safety and Transportation Commission had not met since the last council meeting and gave an update on the activities of the Alaska Municipal League.

Finance Committee

Mayor Short stated that the Finance Committee met on Thursday January 23, 2003 and highlighted the minutes of that meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing – Second Substitute Ordinance #02-33: An ordinance authorizing the disposal of a 10.3 acre parcel within the surface estate of the southwest quarter of section 8, range 71 west, township 8 north, seward meridian, to Yuut Elitnaurviat-People’s Learning Center, Inc.

Mayor Short opened public hearing.

- A. Janelle Vanasse voiced her support of the ordinance and reported that Senator Stevens has requested one million dollars for the Yuut Elitnaurviat project.

Mayor Short closed public hearing.

City Manager Herron stated that the plat has been completed and formal notification to the public has taken place and stated that the vote on the ordinance could take place on February 25, 2003.

Council Member Rodgers stated that he recently attended a BNC land committee meeting and reported that the land dedicated for the Yuut Elitnaurviat project may be under question by the Code of Regulations. Council concurrence was to direct the City Manager to research the matter further.

Council Member Trantham requested that a written statement be provided to him explaining section 2, the last sentence to him. Council Member also raised concerns over the in-kind requests from the City of Bethel.

Janelle Vanasse gave clarification over the expected in-kind. The matches that were listed are no longer expected from the City of Bethel.

Item B – Public Hearing – Ordinance #02-31: Amending sections of chapters 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, and 13.16 of the Bethel Municipal Code regarding water and sewer service

Mayor Short opened public hearing. With no one to speak to the ordinance, Mayor Short closed the public hearing.

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To adopt ordinance #02-31 |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

Discussion moved to the council.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by 6 – 1 roll call vote (Trantham). |
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Item C – Resolution #03-01: To the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities pertaining to locally owned and locally nominated State Transportation Improvement Project for the period 2004-2006

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To adopt resolution #03-01 |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

Discussion moved to council.

City Manager Herron gave an explanation of the resolution.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. |
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Item D – Memorandum of Agreement with Yuut Elitnaurviat and City of Bethel

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To approve the entry of the City of Bethel into the Memorandum of Agreement with Yuut Elitnaurviat |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

Janelle Vanasse, Executive Director of the Yuut Elitnaurviat gave an explanation of her letter and the Memorandum of Agreement.

Discussion moved to the council.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Discussion Item – Change of date for the first February City Council meeting

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To move the February 10, 2003 |
| SECONDED BY: | Jacobs | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. |
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Item B – Memorandum of Understanding re: Bethel Recycling Center Project

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| MOVED BY: | Berger | To approve the entering into the Memorandum of Understanding for Paper and Cardboard Recycling Project |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

Discussion moved to the council regarding the specifics of the memorandum.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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Item C – Resolution #03-02: Supporting efforts to hire local applicants seeking employment

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To adopt resolution #03-02 |
| SECONDED BY: | Berger | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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Item D – Introduction – Ordinance #03-01: FY03 Mid Year Budget Modification

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To introduce and set for public hearing on February 10, 2003 ordinance #03-01 |
| SECONDED BY: | Shantz | |

Discussion moved to council.

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. |
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COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Berger explained a flyer regarding the Rotary Club and stated that a meeting of the Rotary Club has been set for February 5, 2003. Council Member Berger stated his feeling the importance of being civil to one another.

Council Member Shantz voiced her commitment to finding a suitable location for a new police department. Council Member Shantz thanked the Girl Scouts for attending.

Mayor Short reported on the activities of the Mayor’s Conference held on Nome.

Council Member Jacobs reported on the Community Strategic Planning meeting on January 30, 2003 and invited all council members and members of the public.

Council Member Drake asked for council concurrence to ask the Public Works Committee to work on a list of proposed roads to be completed by the Public Works Department every January with the completion date of March for the new fiscal years budget. Council concurred.

Council Member Trantham highlighted the activities of the Mayor’s Conference held in Nome.

Council Member Rodgers wished Happy Birthday to the senior citizens of Bethel and stated his enthusiasm for the Assisted Living Program.

ADJOURNMENT

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To adjourn the meeting |
| SECONDED BY: | Rodgers | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. |
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

APPROVED THIS 28th day of January 2003.

ATTEST:

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

Janette Persinger, City Clerk