
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

January 23, 2001

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 23, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Vice Mayor Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo—*acting Mayor*
Jerry Drake
Mike O'Brien
Carl Berger
Agnes Phillips
Dario Notti

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Colleen Soberay, City Clerk
Louann Cutler, City Attorney

With no objection from Council, Vice Mayor Pobrislo called a special order of business by moving unfinished business item A up on the agenda.

Unfinished Business—Item A: Presentation of an Award of Appreciation to Brian Glasheen for his work with the Bethel Recycling Project

Vice Mayor Pobrislo asked Brian Glasheen to step forward to receive an award. Vice Mayor Pobrislo read the award to aloud and presented the award to Mr. Glasheen.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

James Libby, Bethel taxicab driver, requested Council enact an emergency cab-fare increase. He provided a letter outlining the increases he desired for all cab drivers. He said most industries connected with transportation and fuel use have had surcharges in effect for months. He said the taxi-cab industry is in great need of price increases. Mr. Libby explained the low income and high cost of operating a cab service. Mr. Libby proposed rates such as \$15 to

Kasayulie subdivision for 1 or 2 people, \$5 for each additional person; \$10 to the airport and \$5 from airport to airport.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo asked if this issue should be brought before the Public Safety and Transportation Commission. The city attorney replied that the PSTC should deal with this and she explained the two options. The city attorney said most importantly the increases must be just and reasonable and the public must be allowed to comment on cab-fare increases.

Council agreed that Council member O'Brien, PSTC representative, would add this to the next regular meeting agenda, February 5, for PSTC.

Oly Olson, Bethel resident, commented on the settlement with Faulkner Walsh. He said Council should treat all citizens of Bethel in an equal matter. He questioned the rate of interest charged on the settlement with Faulkner Walsh, in that it was not what it should have been according to ordinance.

Willy Keppel, Bethel resident, said there is controversy stirring around town about the gravel deal between the City and Faulkner Walsh. He said he'd be happy when it's all over. Mr. Keppel also said the last three years he has been dreaming of putting a campground near the Port on the river bank, once Faulkner Walsh removes their equipment. He explained the need for a campsite along the river in the Port area and said it would be a good area. He said visitors from the surrounding villages need a place to camp over night when coming in and out of Bethel. He said villagers come to Bethel and pay their 5 percent tax and the fishing season may not be good, again. He explained that he has talked to members of the community who are willing to help with this project. He gave some examples of what could be done to create a campsite. Mr. Keppel said he would volunteer his time and coordinate a proposal to do this project. Mr. Keppel also told Council the city clerk was doing a great job and he thanked the city clerk.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo said it is refreshing to hear positive ideas from the community and thanked Mr. Keppel. She also invited Mr. Keppel to attend the City's next Parks and Recreation meeting January 24 to present his idea of a campsite to the committee members.

Andre Achee, Bethel police officer, thanked the City Council for supporting the Police Department. He said he hopes Council had a chance to listen to the dispatch tape in regard to early New Year's Day issue with a council member. He said police officers are sworn to uphold local, State and Federal laws and to protect and serve. He said Council members are also required to take an oath to uphold State and local laws and protect the rights of the citizens they serve. He said when a council member calls the Police Department and harasses an employee of the City, it is something that should not be tolerated. He said he understands Council is investigating this matter and will deal with it appropriately. Mr. Achee also spoke to Council in regard to Police Department facilities and the volume of cases/calls the Bethel Police Department handles. He said there's a lack of money to support the needs of the Police Department. He explained the Bethel Police Department also serves 56 surrounding communities. He said the Bethel Police Department has a far-higher volume of calls than other areas of the State, but Bethel salaries are well below that of other areas. He asked that Council be aware of that point and also take into consideration the high cost of living in Bethel, such as rent, utilities and food. He said these expenses make it hard to live in Bethel. He also said every City facility is practically new except the Police Department and he explained the problems associated with the Police Department facility. He explained to Council that officers are hired without experience, trained in Bethel and once they get enough experience to be hired by other cities, they leave Bethel because they can earn more and work in better conditions than Bethel.

He said there is no incentive for officers to stay in Bethel long-term, the building is falling apart, Bethel officers are over-worked and under-paid. He said the Bethel Police Department is operating at less than 50 percent manpower and soon it will be a state of emergency.

Bob Pettit, Bethel Chief of Police, reiterated the comments and points made by Sgt. Ashee. He said the Police Department needs quality facilities, especially to maintain and retain officers in Bethel. Chief Pettit reviewed an audit report by a management company in regard to the Bethel Police Department. The main recommendation was to get a new facility. He said to-date the department has tried to implement some of the recommendations in that report, such as making an interview room. Chief Pettit also commented on a recent rumor around Bethel in regard to the Bethel Police Department's relationship with the State Troopers in Bethel. He said the rumor is that the relationship is strained. He said this is not true and explained the relationship and explained his philosophy in regard to law enforcement agencies working together. Chief Pettit also said the Troopers have always been available to help, assist and provide guidance to the Bethel Police Department and he thanked the Troopers. He said it is important to maintain good relationships among the various agencies. Chief Pettit addressed leadership in the Police Department. He said since he took over the Police Department in 1998, he has found deficiencies and reports from 1996 showing deficiencies. He said never before has the Police Department been under such scrutiny. He explained the three phases to incidents: pre, actual and post. He also explained the five pillars of success: people, policy, training, supervision and prompt, fair discipline. He said he is not afraid to fire officers, but will not rush into judgment, but will get all sides of a story before making any decisions.

MOVED BY:	Phillips	To suspend the rules and move unfinished business Item B up on the agenda to read the letter of support.
SECONDED BY:		

Vice Mayor Pobrislo asked if there were no objections from Council. There were no objections.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion was not voted on.
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Unfinished Business Item B — Support for the Bethel Police Department, the Police Chief and the men and women who serve.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo asked Chief Pettit and the other officers present to step forward for recognition. Vice Mayor Pobrislo read a letter of support to the Bethel Police Department from the City Council. Council presented the signed letter to Chief Pettit.

Bob Carlson, Bethel resident, asked to speak to Council under People to be Heard. He commented on the shooting-range and sport-shooting program to be discussed by the Parks and Recreation committee the following night. He said there is no legal place for residents to shoot in Bethel. He encouraged everyone to attend the meeting to add to the discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the minutes of the Jan. 9, 2001 regular meeting, with changes noted by the city clerk
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

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

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To approve the agenda with the addition of new business item D, water truck purchase options; and an executive session
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

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

The Mayor's Report included the following:

- Governor's Talking Points for the weeks of January 8, 11 and 15, 2001
- Letter to Alaska Army National Guard — *Re:* Walkway to be erected on leased property at the Bethel Armory Complex, along 4th Ave.
- Alaska Housing News Release — AHFC Awards \$11 million for Housing Development
- Public Notice — Alaska Rural Development Council annual meeting February 12, 2001 will be held in conjunction with Rural Small Business Conference in Anchorage.
- Public Notice — Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan for Alaska public hearing January 25, 2001 via teleconference
- Letter from the Native Culture Club — *Re:* Invitation to attend the sobriety potlatch at the YKCC facility.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo reviewed the Governor's Talking Points, a letter from the City Planner in regard to a walkway along 4th Avenue, Housing Development and the Alaska Rural Development Council annual meeting in February.

Council member O'Brien commented on the volunteerism award to be presented by the First Governor Lady and that nominations have been requested. He said looking at the Bethel community and the role that volunteerism plays in Bethel, it's important that we put our heads together and make sure nominations are made on behalf of Bethel volunteers.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Council concurred to make the following appointments:

- Amanda Russell and Larry Athanas to the Finance Committee.
- Don Poe to the Public Safety and Transportation Commission.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bob Herron noted the management reports included in council packets and reviewed the following items with council:

- Bethel Neighborhood Network—The dedication for this project was held last Friday at the Senior Center. Mayor Rodgers and Councilman Drake were in attendance. The city attorney will write an MOU for Council's final approval at a future council meeting.
- Vehicle Impoundment Services RFP—The City did not receive any proposals. Administration will research other communities in regard to vehicle impoundment services and operator fees.
- Tsikoyak (Larson) Subdivision Lights—MOA reviewed in regard to the installation of 17 high pressure sodium light fixtures at Tsikoyak Subdivision.

- Cost of heating fuel—Legislative research report prepared by Representative Mary Kapsner
- Senator Hoffman Newsletter

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senior Advisory Board

Council member Berger said the SAB met the morning of January 23. He said the Senior Center Director offered space at the Senior Center for the Camai Dancers to practice. He said the SAB discussed the SAB by-laws and the list of candidates. He said the SAB will forward the list of candidates to the Council for action.

Planning Commission

Council member Notti said the commission met January 11. He reviewed the City Planner's manager report. He said the commission is in the progress of reviewing the proposed ordinance in regard to BMC Title 15, 16, 17 and 18 and asked the public to submit their concerns and questions in writing to the commission. He also said the city clerk attended the meeting to review rules of procedures with the commission and the commission re-elected John Guinn as chairman and elected Mark Charlie as vice chairman.

Port Commission

Mayor Rodgers was not present.

Public Works Committee

Council member Drake said the committee met January 16. He pointed out the Public Works Director's report in the Council packets. He said the city clerk attended the meeting to provide rules of procedure training and the committee held its annual election. He said Paul Brian was re-elected as chairman.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council member O'Brien said the commission has not met since the last meeting, but will meet February 5. He said the meeting will include a workshop on the proposed vehicle for hire ordinance.

Finance Committee

Council member Phillips said she was unable to attend the last meeting. She also congratulated Mark Renner for being elected as the new chairman.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Council member Pobrislo said the Committee will meet January 24, 2001 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. She said there are agenda items for discussion that include a City shooting range for the community and a shooting-sports program, which the committee welcomes public input on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item C — Public Hearing on Ordinance #00-27: Amending sections of BMC 2.52 in regard to Boards, Committees and Commissions

Vice Mayor Pobrislo opened the public hearing.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt Ord. #00-27
SECONDED BY:	Phillips	

Seeing no one to speak, she closed the public hearing.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried with a unanimous roll-call vote
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Item D — Public Hearing on Ordinance #01-01: An ordinance exempting the City's acquisition of gravel in settlement of a legal claim against Faulkner Walsh Constructors, Inc., from the provisions of Chapter 4.20 of the BMC

Vice Mayor Pobrislo opened the public hearing.

Thor Williams, Bethel resident, said he understands why the Council did what they did, but his concern is the amount of money, \$100,000, owed to the City. He said there has to be a mechanism in place to make sure this doesn't happen again and he hastened the Council to ensure that something like this doesn't happen again by correcting the law not allowing people to get into so much debt with the City.

Oly Olson, Bethel resident, said he has no doubt the ordinance will be passed because Council has already made the deal. He said Council should follow the rules and he asked if Council would consider an amendment to ordinance 01-01 to include the City has been out maneuvered, City should learn something from this deal and that the City terminate the so-called land lease with Faulkner Walsh giving them 30 days to vacate the property.

Joerene Hout, Bethel Resident, said the ramifications of this ordinance extend far beyond this ordinance. She referred to a conversation with Council member Notti which she realized the problem was a matter of definition. She said last year Mr. Keppel gave a presentation on the differences in gravel. She gave an example of dogs to explain the various qualities of gravel. She said the gravel the City acquired in this deal is not good gravel. Ms. Hout also said the Port Commission had already determined they were going to budget \$100,000 for gravel and they were going to buy that gravel from Harry Faulkner. She said that type of money should go out for bid and everyone in town should have an equal opportunity to bid to the City. She said Council is not getting a good price for the gravel. She said the Port dock deserves better quality gravel. She also said she would like the City to define gravel and the different grades of gravel. She told Council not to tell her Council is doing the City a service and that Council is getting a good deal. Ms. Hout also said everyone should be treated fairly. She said the area of land along the river has been used illegally and the Council needs to follow its own ordinances. She said she knows Council needs to pass this ordinance to cover themselves because they have already made the deal and moved the gravel.

Bob Carlson, Bethel resident, said three things disturb him. He said the first is the exposé facto document, in that the deal has already been done. He said the second is the issue of fairness and the perception that there's a good-old-boy network in Bethel and that Council has an obligation to treat everyone fair. The third, he said, is that it is very disturbing that the City is not able to collect money owed to the City. He referred to the Council agenda and said obviously the City needs money because Council is proposing an increase in water and sewer

rates. He said this ordinance should be amended to at least admit to the residents of Bethel that the ordinance is to cover the actions already taken.

Seeing no one else to speak, Vice Mayor Pobrislo closed the public hearing.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt Ord. #01-01
SECONDED BY:	Phillips	

Council member Drake said this is a result of a legal agreement between the City of Bethel and Faulkner Walsh. He said he wants people to understand that all local, state and federal laws have been complied with when making this deal. He said he doesn't feel there is a good-old-boy network in Bethel. He said, as a council person, he acted on information provided to him and acted on what he felt was best for the City. He said he wants to make sure those debts do not occur again. He said in the near future he will propose ways in which to ensure debts don't occur. He said Council wasn't trying to circumvent ordinances or lose money for the City.

Council member Berger said although he wasn't party to what happened in the fall, he shares the same concerns with a lot of people in regard to how the situation came to be and how the City was forced into this legal agreement, which Council did ask the city attorney to do. He said he doesn't agree with the statement that there's not a good-old-boy network in Bethel. He said he wants to see everyone treated fairly in this community. He said he is going to do his best to see that nobody ever puts the City in this position again. He said this is not good for the City and the City tried to salvage the situation the best it could.

Council member Notti said whether there's a good-old-boy network in Bethel or not, there is less people in the gravel business today than two years ago. He said, including his summer employer, other gravel companies would love to see Faulkner Walsh go bankrupt, but that would leave fewer gravel companies in Bethel and less competition. He said at least with this deal we did get gravel for the Port, which the Port planned to ask for money for gravel. He said it is good gravel for what it will be used for and the City did get a decent price, much below market value, even for the quality of the gravel and he knows there are many grades of gravel. He said it may or may not have kept competition in the City, but competition is good for the City.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo said she voted no on the introduction of this ordinance because of her concern of the precedent it would set, which is very much the concern of the public. She said there is nothing set in stone in how we conduct business. She said her other concern is that there is nothing in the settlement that the City cannot do business with Faulkner Walsh again. She said that is also not written in stone, but there are ways for the City to protect itself. She said Council debated a lot of what has been said and objections made by the public. She said it wasn't a decision that was made lightly.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried with a unanimous roll-call vote
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Item E — Public Hearing on Ordinance #01-03: Amending chapter 5.04 of the BMC by providing that a decision of the finance director under 5.04.020 may be appealed

Vice Mayor Pobrislo opened the public hearing.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt Ord. #01-03
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

Seeing no one to speak, she closed the public hearing.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried with a roll-call vote of 5 yes; 1 no
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Item F — Public Hearing on Ordinance #01-04: An ordinance granting council members a stipend of \$50 per meeting

Vice Mayor Pobrislo opened the public hearing.

Robert Carlson, Bethel resident, said going from a volunteer council to a paid council is a significant step and said he's not sure if he supports it or not. He said the public should be more informed about this and be given more opportunity to debate or discuss this ordinance. He said another issue with ordinance 01-04 is if it is so Council can participate in a retirement program. He referred to a school board enrolled in a retirement program, where there were fossilized school board members. He said he doesn't think it is a healthy situation. He said he would like to see term limits introduced that long-term incumbency is not good for the City. He said change is good on all volunteer bodies, such as Council.

Thor Williams, Bethel resident, said he was once on Council and sat through many meetings as a volunteer and it was an honor to serve. He said \$50 is a small amount, but it adds up. He said there are a lot of needs in this community. He said if this ordinance is put in place so that Council can participate in a retirement program, Council should spell it out in the ordinance, so it is not misleading to the public. He said this small stipend opens a Pandora's Box, such as future members wanting to up the stipend or be paid for special meetings and workshops. He said it's an honor for Council members to represent the City and it is a lot of hard work and is tiring. He asked Council to reject the ordinance at this time. He said if it is more to do with PERS, write the ordinance accordingly and then bring it back for more public input.

MOVED BY:	Notti	To adopt Ord. #01-04
SECONDED BY:	Pobrislo	

Council member Drake said he will not vote for this ordinance the way it is written. He said this ordinance is an opportunity to join PERS. He said he would support an amendment that specifically states the reason for a stipend is to join PERS and the stipend amount be amended to \$10 per month. He said anything more than \$10 per month, he would not be in favor.

Council member Berger said Council did talk about the opportunity to join PERS and to vest in that program particularly for the medical benefits. He said Council requested to receive further information from the city manager on the specifics of the program such as the minimum amount of money needed to participate and the vesting period.

Council member O'Brien said it now takes 10 years to vest in PERS. Council member Berger said he feels Council needs to understand the requirements of this program to be eligible.

Council member O'Brien said he is against a stipend for Council. He said he shares Mr. Williams sentiments that Council should do this out of a sense of responsibility for this community and out of a sense of well-being for this community. He said he will not vote for this ordinance.

Manager Herron explained the requirements of the PERS program. Discussion ensued.

<i>Moved by: Notti</i>	<i>To amend Ord. #01-04 to state a \$10 per month stipend instead of a \$50 per meeting stipend</i>
<i>Seconded by: Phillips</i>	

Vice Mayor Pobrislo restated the motion to include the amendment of \$10 per month instead of \$50 per meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED	Motion failed with a roll-call vote of 2 yes; 4 no
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Item G — SAB Bylaws

Manager Herron said he spoke to Louise Charles, Senior Center Director, and she reported the SAB met and reviewed the proposed amended bylaws. He said the SAB agreed to the new bylaws and requested Council take action on their applicants to be on the SAB.

The city clerk said the SAB voted again at their meeting on January 23 in favor of the age of 55 and over to be the qualifying age for the senior age group to serve on the SAB and other than the age amendment, agreed to the bylaws. The city clerk also said she talked with Ms. Charles, who asked her to convey the thoughts of the SAB which is that the SAB is concerned Council will not allow those who are age 55 or older to make up the six-member membership of seniors on the SAB, which would reduce the number of candidates and disqualify very good candidates. The city clerk said the age of 55 does not mean those members who are age 55 to 59 would be able to use the services provided at the Senior Center, the age 55 and over is only for the purpose of serving on the SAB.

Council member O'Brien said another amendment that needs to be added is that all meetings be taped. Council member Drake agreed.

Manager Herron said he helped draft the new amended bylaws and if it is the wishes of the SAB to reduce the six-member membership age group to age 55 and over; change the two members of the non-senior membership group to 18 to 54 years of age; and to add that all meetings be taped, administration concurs with the amendments.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adopt the SAB by-laws as amended.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.
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Item H — Planning Commission training workshop February 16, 2001 in Anchorage

Manager Herron said this training workshop is available to the Council, but he thought it was appropriate that Council also extend this invitation to the Planning Commission, where one or two members would attend.

Council member Notti said there has been complaints that Planning Commissioners don't know the planning laws and this would be a good opportunity for the Commission to get training. He said he'd like to see three commissioners attend the meeting.

Council member Drake said he would not be opposed to the Planning Commission Council Representative and one member of the Commission attending.

Council discussed the cost and what funds would be used. Discussion ensued.

Manager Herron recommended Council direct administration to research if there is money available and if the City can afford to send one or two people, then it will. He said, if not, administration will seek out other available options.

The city attorney said this is an excellent workshop and Lee Sharp is speaking on almost every topic. The city attorney said if Council wants her to she will ask Lee Sharp to provide additional training on planning laws to the Commission when he is in Bethel next to work on Ordinance 01-05.

Item I — Resolution #01-02: Adopting the City of Bethel Strategic Plan for Computers and Networking

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To adopt Resolution #01-02
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item J — OJT for local hire at the Bethel Police Department

Council member Notti said in the past the Police Department had an on-the-job training program and said about 90 percent of those in the program are still in law enforcement and many are still working in the Delta. He also said it seems those who participate in an on-the-job training program stick with it. He said unlike non-local hires, local hires don't have a desire to leave the area as much. He said he'd like to see this program re-instituted. He said he would like Council to fund the cost of the training that would be needed and whatever the costs are would pay dividends.

Manager Herron said he talked to the Police Chief and he welcomes the idea. Manager Herron said Sgt. Dudley started out at 18 years-old as a community service officer. Manager Herron said Council member Notti's suggestion to bring back the community service officers program brings a responsibility that during the budget cycle Council recognize that to grow our own, the City has to pay them to work here. He said community service officers have to be at least 18 years of age.

Council member Drake said he would like to see something like this program happen, too. He said he's been working with the State on getting some type of program going with the schools that would work along the lines of JROTC which would tie into the community service officer program. He said at age 21, trained participants could be hired for our local Police Department.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo suggested this be referred to the PSTC for discussion with it and possibly put a task force together to study this issue and present information to Council. Council member O'Brien said he would bring this to the PSTC.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY:	Drake	To suspend the rules and move on to new business Item B and C of the agenda
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.
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Item B — Introduction of Ordinance #01-07: FY01 Mid-Year Budget Modifications

MOVED BY:	O'Brien	To introduce Ord. #01-07 and set the public hearing for Feb. 13, 2001 at the regular Council meeting
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item C — Introduction of Ordinance #01-08: Increase in City water and sewer rates

MOVED BY:	Drake	To introduce Ord. #01-08 and set a series of at least four public hearings with the first public hearing set for Feb. 13, 2001 at the regular Council meeting
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item A — BMC 4.16 Sales Tax work session

Stuart Robinson, City Finance Director, reviewed three recommended changes to the sales tax code with Council. He explained the change requested for: competition exemptions; timing of filings required; and sales to government agencies. He asked that these recommended changes be put into an ordinance and introduced at the next Council meeting.

Council and the City Manager discussed the changes requested by the finance department. Council directed Mr. Robinson to work with the city attorney to draft an ordinance for introduction to include the three recommended changes to the sales tax code.

Item D — Discussion Item: Water-utility Truck purchase options

Manager Herron said the City is one year away from looking at new water trucks. He explained the City has an opportunity to purchase a used truck—cab and chassis—that fits all of the specifications.

Manager Herron provided Council with a copy of a fax received in regard to the purchase of a used water truck for the City. He explained the Port Director was able to inspect the water truck for the City. Manager Herron said the truck can be held for three weeks with a \$1000 refundable deposit. He said it's a safe purchase to hold the truck for three weeks so Council can decide whether or not to purchase the truck.

Manager Herron asked Council to consider buying the truck and explained the price difference between a used and new water truck. He said it takes a minimum of \$150,000 to build a brand new water truck through the bidding process. He said if we buy a cab and chassis and then buy a new tank to put on it, the City will save \$30 to \$50,000 per unit. If Council doesn't make a

decision by the end of the month, we get our \$1000 back.

Council member Drake said he is concerned about going after something that wasn't budgeted for this year. He said he thinks the City should go after the sewer trucks that were budgeted for and budget a water truck into next year's regular budget cycle.

Council member O'Brien expressed concerns about complete maintenance records on the truck, in that are they available. Council briefly discussed the condition of the truck.

Manager Herron asked for direction from Council. Council discussed the water truck fleet and condition of the current trucks. Manager Herron explained the costs associated with maintenance on old water trucks.

Council member Berger asked the cost of shipping the truck to Bethel. Manager Herron said the truck would be driven to Seattle and put on a barge and to barge it to Bethel would cost about \$5,000 or \$6,000.

Vice Mayor Pobrislo asked the process to purchase the truck and deadline to decide whether or not to purchase the truck.

Manager Herron said the City would have to exempt itself from the competitive bidding process. He said all he is asking Council to do at this time is authorize him to continue talking to American Truck Sales.

With no objections from Council, Vice Mayor Pobrislo authorized Manager Herron to continue researching the purchase of the truck.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Berger commented on the K-300 fireworks and thanked the volunteers of the K-300 events.

Council Member Pobrislo thanked everyone for putting on the K-300 and said school should be out for K-300 race day.

Council Member Notti thanked the K-300 volunteers and specifically Bev Hoffman for her hard work.

Council Member O'Brien thanked Bev Hoffman and John McDonald for their work with the K-300. He said the K-300 brings notoriety to the Bethel community.

Council Member Drake—*no comment.*

Mayor Rodgers—*was not present.*

Council Member Phillips thanked the volunteers of the K-300 events.

Manager Herron commented on the K-300 Reception. He said the City was presented an autographed calendar and map. He said the K-300 committee thanked the City for its support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY:	Notti	Moved to go into executive session to discuss a matter that could prejudice the reputation or character of a person (s); pending legal matters; city attorney evaluation; a personnel matter
SECONDED BY:	Berger	

<i>Moved by: Drake</i>	<i>To suspend the rules and go past 10:00</i>	
<i>Seconded by: Phillips</i>		
<i>Vote on Motion</i>	<i>Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i>	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Council came out of executive session.

MOVED BY:	Drake	Moved to authorize the City Clerk, Colleen Soberay, to engage in outside employment.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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RECESS

MOVED BY:	Drake	To recess until 12:00 p.m. the following day, January 24.
SECONDED BY:	O'Brien	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting recessed at 11:00 p.m.

MOVED BY:	Phillips	To move out of recess.
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Mayor Rodgers called the meeting back to order at 12:20 p.m., January 24, 2001.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Tundy Rodgers	Karol Pobrislo
Jerry Drake	Mike O'Brien
Carl Berger	
Agnes Phillips	

Also in attendance were the following:

Colleen Soberay, City Clerk

MOVED BY:	Phillips	To go into executive session to discuss a matter that could prejudice the reputation or character of a person (s).
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Council came out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

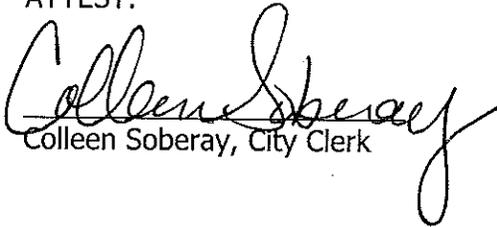
MOVED BY:	Phillips	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Berger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001.

ATTEST:


Colleen Soberay, City Clerk


Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor