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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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August 26, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 12, 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:

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

Excused absence(s):

Unexcused absence(s): Andrei Jacobs

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager  
Amanda Roudebush, City Clerk

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A.** Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation
1. Gary Keaster
  2. Rebecca Clark

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- A.** Burhan Memishovski requested that he be able to retake the driver's license test after failing it three times. He was then referred to City Clerk for application to appeal; at that time he is to give a \$100.00 bond on his behalf to the clerk for the process. Then take his request to the Transportation Committee on September 10, 2003.
- B.** Howard Elliot spoke in favor of the acquisition of the Crow Property Purchase. He also spoke on the importance of the property to the expansion of the port. He encouraged all Council members to vote for the purchase.
- C.** Jill Maynard spoke on behalf of the Fire Log Recycling Project. She has been working on the project for several years. Speaking to address the health concerns brought up by a concerned citizen, she states there would be no emissions from the logs. Trademark was another issue of concern. She reassured Council that there will be no infringement on trademark status. She addressed the concerns of the engineering company being used, and she also encouraged Council to approve the USDA Loan.

- D. John Dickens, Vice Chairman of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee, encouraged the approval of Resolution 03-27. He also commended the Bethel Police Department's great job to the City.
- E. Joan Hamilton spoke on behalf of the Fire Log Recycling Project. She spoke on the importance of project to our region, and how expensive it is to ship out our waste. She said more support of localized recycling is more beneficial to the City of Bethel, and will also save the City money.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the August 12,2003 council meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rogers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Carried by unanimous vote.
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**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To remove items A and B from consent agenda
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Included in the Mayor's report:

- Letter from the Tundra Women's Coalition about the trip taken with Teens Acting Against Violence
- Quarterly report from Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
- News release from the USDA - US Rural Development Department
- Announcement of new Public Works Director, Greg Sargent
- Letter from Aleutians East Borough – Mayor

**COMMENTS**

Council Member Rodgers commented on the Communities Award awarded to Upper Kalskag graveyard. He also asked about the status of the e-mail threat against the Bethel water supply.

Council Member Berger announced that he has a full copy of the Alaska Permanent Fund Report because some of the pages were missing in the packets. He also inquired about the status of the new Public Works Director, Gregg Sargent.

City Manager Herron replied that the FBI is involved and will contact the Bethel Police Department and the City Managers Office when they have any information about the e-mail threat. He also responded to Council Member Berger's concern about the missing pages in the council member packets.

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT**

City Manager Herron's report included the following:

- Apologized for the missing council packet pages.
- Crow Property Purchase – received new survey.
- Request Budget Modification for the Crow Property Purchase
- E-mail threat discussion
- Traveled to Anchorage to meet with Placer Dome General Manager
- Discussed future travel plans
- DOT Card – New draft of the STIP list, invited Mike Scott, DOT Central Region Director, to coffee with City Manager and City Council on Thursday September 11, 2003.
- Web Sit Launched please direct all questions and comments to Chris Roessel.
- Comments on the Finance Director's report from last meeting.

## **Comments**

### **Council Member Trantham**

He asked questions about the new assessment of the Crow Property. He wants an assessment of the type of contamination, not an assessment of the cost. He also wants a copy of the inventory of the locked van that was on the Crow Property site.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Senior Advisory Board**

Council member Berger stated that the senior advisory board has not met since the last Council meeting. The Board is planning a meeting in early September, will let Council know of date when set. He reminded to the public to please donate food such as salmon, berries, moose, and caribou.

### **Planning Commission**

Council Member Shantz states that there was a scheduled meeting for August 14, 2003. They discussed the site plans and the permits for the Learning Center. They also talked about the response from Crowley on the second site inspection. The new Army National Guard Readiness Center is now on the fast track, they plan to start construction by next summer or fall. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were in town and issued two citations. Department Of Transportation held a public hearing on the airport master plan. There was also a discussion on the preliminary plat review of Tundra Ridge Road right of way.

### **Port Commission**

Council Member Rodgers stated that the Port Commission held their meeting on August 18, 2003. They had a lengthy discussion on the acquisition of the Crow Property. They also discussed the maintenance on the City Dock that has been started. The Port has also started to impound trailers that do not have permits to be at the City dock.

### **Public Works Committee**

Council Member Trantham reported that the Public Works Committee met on August 19, 2003. They differed the discussion on the establishment of a Utilities Commission to a later date. He invited the community to get involved with this establishment. The next meeting will be September 16, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Public Safety and Transportation Commission**

Council Member Drake is reporting that there will be a meeting on September 3, 2003. There is no report at this time.

**Finance Committee**

Mayor Short reported that there has not been a meeting of the Finance Committee since the last Council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2003.

**COMMENTS**

**Council Member Trantham**

He is worried about electricity to the slough just to accommodate one sail boat. City Manager Herron addressed this concern.

**Council Member Rodgers**

He wanted to know why are all the surveyors around the city of Bethel? Again, City Manager Herron addressed this question as further definition of the property and alignment of the road rehabilitation.

*A break was taken from 7:25 p.m. until 7:35 p.m.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A – Ordinance #03-13: Amending the Bethel Municipal Code section 5.20.170 to restrict children under the age of twelve years old from riding in a regulated vehicle front seat that has a passenger air bag.**

John Dickens spoke on this ordinance. Talked about the class he took by the state on child car seat safety. He encouraged the Council to pass this Ordinance.

Council Member Drake spoke to Council and told them that this is a matter of safety, not politics.

Council Member Shantz spoke on this Ordinance saying that there is no reason not to adopt this ordinance. She announced her support of Ordinance #03-13.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt ordinance #03-13
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Passed 6-2 (Trantham, Rodgers)
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A – Resolution #03-26: Designating city owned land as the new site for the police facility.**

City Manager Herron tells where the land is, and also mentions that this land is the most central location of all the properties the City has considered for the new Police Department facility.

Council Member Trantham asked about rumors about this new facility being used as a police facility only or are there going to be rentals in this building as well. He also wants to know if there have been any grants applied for that may lead in the direction of rentals. He spoke about a meeting where the office space would be included with the new police facility.

Council Member Drake commented that we are only discussing the site, not the building. We are only identifying the site so as to move the project forward to the next step.

Mayor Short comments that there is no building design, therefore there is only rumor at this point.

Council Member Shantz commented that there is no mention of any rental in the plans for the new Police Department. She also announces her approval for this resolution.

Council Member Berger comments that the Resolution is only a site for the new facility. We cannot apply for monies until there is property for the new facility.

Council Member Rodgers is concerned about the size of the land when there is 381 acres that the City already owns that could be used.

Police Chief Morris announces the police departments' approval for this land because of the central location.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt Resolution #03-26
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Pass vote 4-2 (Trantham, Rodgers)
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**Item B – Resolution #03-27: Requesting capital funding though the state of Alaska Village Safe Water Program, FY 2005 Capital Construction Questionnaire.**

City Manager Herron talked about the August 8, 2003 letter from DUC announcing the deadline for this questionnaire. He described the process of how we are going to apply for monies and which projects would be appropriate. He requests the Council to approve Resolution #03-27, and move this questionnaire to the Village Safe Water. He talked about the deadlines moving closer and closer to August every year.

Council Member Trantham made comments to the City Clerk about the time the Resolution was handed out. He asked for a copy of the Master Sewer Plan. City Manager Herron responded by saying that Dames and Moore did both the water and sewer plans together.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adopt Resolution #03-27
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Berger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Passed unanimous voice vote
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**Item C – Introduction of Ordinance #03-08(a): Amending FY 2003-2004 Budget**

City Manager Herron discussed the 60 day window for the purchase of the Crow Property will be over on September 20, 2003. If the Council chooses to buy this property, then the City of Bethel will need to deliver a check at that time. This is the reason that the Ordinance was introduced at this meeting.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	Introduction of Ordinance #03-08(a), public hearing on September 23, 2003
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Rodgers	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Pass unanimous vote
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**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Council Member Berger** He wants to remind the citizens of Bethel that a representative of the Transportation and Security Agency will be at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday August 24, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. at the Pacifica Guest House. He invites the public to attend.

**Council Member Shantz** She talked about the reports she is getting about the Phase 1 Water and Sewer project. She wants to make sure the construction is being inspected for quality of work being done. She also talked about the anniversary of the right to vote for women.

**Council Member Trantham** He thanked BUC for removing two power poles on Ptarmigan Road. He talked about phone calls he received from citizens about the water and sewer project construction. He also commented about the start of the Phase 2 project. He is concerned about who is going to operate and maintain the new lift station. He talks about the lack of drainage in City Sub.

**Council Member Drake** He wants to extend his condolences to the Admiral family for their recent loss. He also talked about the Fire Log Project. He wants it on the next agenda. Comments to him from the City Manager were to wait until October when the new pool is available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Shantz	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote
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**APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_ 2003.**

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Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amanda Roudebush, City Clerk