City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2007 Regular Meeting Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 12, 2007 at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Leinberger called the meeting to order at 6:30p

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members present:

Mayor Dan Leinberger
Vice-Mayor Tundy Rodgers (departed at 10:48p)
Council Member David E. Trantham
Council Member Mary Kenick
Council Member Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen (arrived at 6:37p)

Members absent:

Council Member Andy McGowan (unexcused)

Others present:

City Manager Wally Baird
City Clerk Sandra Modigh
City Attorney Sharon Sigmon

Mayor Leinberger requested a moment of silence in honor of former Council Member Ben Dale and his family.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to limit public hearing to 10 minutes per person and the Barrick Gold presentation to 30 minutes.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Janet Athanas addressed Council and the community to provide an update on the 50th Anniversary of the City of Bethel.
2. Kristy Newell, Teen Activist for the TWC Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) and other community teens addressed Council on behalf of fundraising and requesting sponsorship for their 6th Annual Outdoor education trip.
3. Willy Keppel addressed Council to state that he is unaware who started the rumor regarding Wayne Ogle and stated that he and Mr. Ogle have discussed this issue. Mr. Keppel also spoke in favor of the cyanide ordinance and in opposition to the BUC matters.
4. Eddie Wang addressed Council to speak on behalf of the needs of the cab drivers and the reasons why the drivers are in need of a taxi fare increase. Mr. Wang spoke in opposition to gas prices, the cost of living, and inquired about drug testing and vehicle transfers under existing permits.
5. Lt. Andrea Achee, an employee of the Police Department addressed Council to state that the police department is in need of police officers and recommended a 20% across the board raise for police officers and a $500 per month housing allowance.
6. Anna Tinker, a cab driver, addressed Council to clarify discussion on the taxi cab driver drug testing and also spoke in favor of a fare increase.
7. Peter Jacobs Sr. addressed Council to state he would like to see taxi drivers help elders in and out of cabs & houses, and spoke in favor of Donlin Creek for community jobs.
8. Mr. Jo, a cab owner, addressed to advise Council and the community that he requires that his drivers help elders in and out of their cabs.
9. Mr. Chung, a cab driver, addressed Council to speak in regards to written, driving, and drug tests and how often cab drivers have to take such tests and spoke in favor of taxi rate increases.

MOVED:	Kenick	To direct the Public Safety & Transportation Commission to take a look at the test requirements for taxi permit renewal.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Rodgers	To recess for 10 minutes.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 1 - 5 Trantham voting for	

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Kenick	To approve the Regular Agenda for the June 12, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as amended.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	

MOVED:	Kenick	To address ordinance 07-14 1st, ordinance 07-12 2nd, ordinance 07-11 3rd, and ordinance 07-13 as the 4th agenda item under unfinished business.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously

MOVED:	Rodgers	To recess for 10 minutes
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

I. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A-Presentation By Barrick Gold Corporation Regarding The Donlin Creek Project

James Fueg and Nick Enos addressed Council to speak on behalf of Berrick Gold, and provided an update for the community and Council on the Donlin Creek Project and the cyanide concerns.

Barrick Gold Representatives, Mr. Fueg & Mr. Enos, answered inquires made by Council members.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- <u>Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-14:</u> An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Lease Revenue Bonds

<u>Public Hearing:</u>
None

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To approve ordinance 07-14: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Lease Revenue Bonds
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 5 - 1 Rodgers voting against	

Item B-<u>Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-12:</u> An Ordinance Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Beginning July 1, 2007

<u>Public Hearing:</u>
None

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To approve ordinance 07-12: An Ordinance Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Beginning July 1, 2007
SECONDED:	Kenick	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To amend the ordinance to reflect the changes made by council during the budget work sessions
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To amend the budget to eliminate the Police Capital budget in the amount of $360,000, to 0 fund 2 unfilled positions in the police department, cut City Safety in the amount of $39,000, cut code enforcement funds in the amount of $39,000, and to merge the code enforcement & City Safety in to one position.
SECONDED:	Trantham	

MOVED:	Jorgensen	To recess for 10 minutes
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously

MOVED:	Rodgers	To amend the budget to eliminate the Harbor Master and reduce the Port Director and Office Manager to 6 months per year and to forward the document provided to Council by Lt. Achee to the PS&T Commission for review
SECONDED:	Trantham	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p.
SECONDED:	Kenick	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 5 - 1 Rodgers voting against

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 2 - 4 Rodgers, Trantham voting for

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To amend the utility enterprise fund to eliminate one of the new utility maintenance positions.
SECONDED:	Trantham	

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to allow the Public Works Director to address Council.
SECONDED:	Kenick	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously

Wayne Ogle addressed Council to provide information regarding the amendment proposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 5 - 1 Kenick voting against

MOVED:	Rodgers	To forward the document provided to Council by Lt. Achee to the PS&T Commission for review.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed: 2 - 4 Leinberger, Rodgers voting for.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Kenick	To recess for 10 minutes
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Kenick	To table ordinance 07-11 & ordinance 07-13 to the next council meeting and to address Item B under New Business and to address the other requests prior to Item A.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Item C- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-11: An Ordinance Prohibiting Toxic Substances From Being Transported Through, Used, Discharged, Or generated Within The City Limits Of The City Of Bethel

Ordinance tabled until the June 26th City Council Meeting.

Item D-Public Hearing Of Ordinance 07-13: An Ordinance Prohibiting Payment Of Any Demand Which Does Not Have Proper Supporting Documentation

Ordinance tabled until the June 26th City Council Meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Approval Of Land And Water Conservation Fund Grant To Fund Pinky's Park Upgrade

MOVED:	Kenick	To approve the Land and Water Conservation Grant to Fund Pinky's Park Upgrade.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Rodgers	To grant annual leave for the City Attorney
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Mayor Leinberger appointed Jody Malus to Finance Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Mayor Leinberger appointed Yvonne Jackson to the Parks & Recreation Committee

MOVED:	Trantham	To confirm the appointment
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Kenick	To approve travel for the Mayor to meet with BUC on 6/13/07with the City Manager and Wayne Ogle
SECONDED:	Middlbrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 4 - 2 Rodger, Trantham voting against	

Vice-Mayor Rodgers departed the meeting at 10:48p

Item B-Discussion Of The Business Plan For The Backbone Water And Sewer Improvements, The Wastewater Treatment Evaluation Upgrade Plan Re-Evaluation, And The City's Master Water And Sewer Plan

Council Members discussed the plan provided to Council members.

MOVED:	Kenick	To suspend the rules to allow the Public Works Director to address Council.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Wayne Ogle addressed Council to provide Council Member inquiries regarding the Master Plan.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to proceed past 11p
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	*Failed for lack of a second*	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 11:00p.

APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2007.

ATTEST:

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor