
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 25, 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 Daniel C. Leinberger
Council Member David E. Trantham
Council Member Mary Kenick
Council Member Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen

Members absent: Vice-Mayor Tundy Rodgers
Council Member Andy McGowan

Others present: City Manager Wally Baird
City Clerk Sandra Modigh

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Kenick	To approve the Agenda for the September 25, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Passed 4-0	

Council Member Jorgensen rejoined meeting

I. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- To Proclaim October 7th-13th, 2007 National Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Leinberger read the proclamation into the record.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To proclaim October 7 th -13 th , 2007 National Fire Prevention Week.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

Item B- To Proclaim October 2007 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Leinberger read the proclamation into the record.

MOVED:	Middelbrook	To proclaim October 2007 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
SECONDED:	Kenick	
Mayor Leinberger requested that the "now therefore" language of the proclamation reflect the language on the Fire Prevention Proclamation.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

Item C- Council Member Absence

Mayor Leinberger stated that after receiving more information, Vice- Mayor Rodgers unexcused absence from the 9/11/07 Council Meeting is to be changed to an excused absence.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Item A- 8/28/07 Regular City Council Meeting**
- Item B- 9/11/07 Regular City Council Meeting**

Meeting Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 07-27: A Resolution Of The Bethel City Council Supporting The Transfer Of City Land On And Adjacent To The ONC Multipurpose Building

MOVED:	Middelbrook	To approve Resolution 07-27: A Resolution Of The Bethel City Council
SECONDED:	Kenick	

		Supporting The Transfer Of City Land On And Adjacent To The ONC Multipurpose Building
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City Manager Baird recommended City Council pass resolution 07-27

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously
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Henry Hunter addressed Council to speak in favor of resolution 07-27.

Mike Samuelson addressed Council to answer Council inquiries. Mike Samuelson stated the ONC would be willing to pay half of the surveying cost.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To direct the City Manager to survey a section of the 4.52 acre piece south of an east west line extended from the northern most point of the parcel the old bowling alley now sits on.
SECONDED:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried: 4 - 1 Kenick voting against.
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MOVED:	Trantham	To delete the lake portion from the 4.52 acres.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	

Henry Hunter stated that he was not in opposition to the amendments

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

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously
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Mike Samuelson addressed Council to state that the City would be giving the land

back to the Native Organization and advised Council that the City would be receiving money through grants to benefit the community.

MOVED:	Kenick	To direct administration to look into the purpose the City had when the parcel was selected for the corporation
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Item B- City Manager Annual Evaluation

MOVED:	Trantham	To have HR bring forward the City Managers 201-personnel file and the City Managers old and current contract.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed unanimously	

The City Manager provided Council his current and future goals and objectives.

Council Members discussed with the City Manger their evaluations.

City Council Member Trantham stated he felt that the Council was working backwards and shouldn't be doing so.

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

During the break Council Members were provided copies of the City Managers contract 2005-2007.

Council Member Trantham suggested revisions to the City Managers 2007 contract.

Item C- Approval of 7/24/07 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

MOVED:	Middelbrook	To approve the 7/24/07 Regular city Council meeting minutes.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
MOVED:	Trantham	To amend the meeting minutes, on page 80 to strike "there has been a breach of contract", and insert "he has been harmed by the Council action".
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Item D- MOA Approval Between The City of Bethel And Northern Lights Water Products Inc.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

Mario Gastbar addressed Council to answer inquiries.

MOVED:	Middelbrook	To discuss the MOA approve the MOA between the City of Bethel and Northern Lights Water Products. Inc.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Middelbrook	To approve the MOA between the City of Bethel and Northern Lights Water Products. Inc.
SECONDED:	Kenick	

MOVED:	Middelbrook	To change the rate from \$.0199 to \$.016 per gallon
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
MOVED:	Middelbrook	To change the language from "increase" to "adjust" in section 7.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	
MOVED:	Middelbrook	To reduce the insurance from \$1million to \$500,000
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Failed for lack of a second</i>	
Council Directed the City Manager to look in to the insurance requirements for the MOA.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously	

MOVED:	Trantham	To suspend the rules to allow public testimony
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Failed 3-2	

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Vision 2025

Council Member Trantham stated that he would like Council to remember that Vision 2025 affects the entire community and advised Council not to let the vision die.

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To suspend the rules to address the City Clerks leave request
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To approve the City Clerks travel request
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

MOVED:	Kenick	To reconsider the motion to proceed past 10p
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

MOVED:	Kenick	To suspend the rules to proceed past 10p
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously		

MOVED:	Trantham	To proceed to council member comments
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Failed 3-2		

V. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee (Council Member Trantham) no comment.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Council Member Middlebrook) advised Council that the commission has not met since the last Council meeting.

Cemetery Committee (Mayor Leinberger) advised Council the committee discussed the following at their last meeting:

- Naming the new cemetery

Port Commission (Council Member Kenick) no action items to report

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council Member Jorgensen) advised Council that the committee last met and discussed the following:

- New meeting date

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

- VPSO meeting

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Institute of the North Meeting
- Budget provisions

VIII. CLERK'S REPORT

- elections

MOVED:	Middlebrook	To approve the City Clerks request to participate in the KYUK talk show regarding Proposition #1.
SECONDED:	Kenick	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Carried unanimously.		

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Trantham stated that this will be his last meeting he will be attending. Council Member Trantham stated that it's time for him to take a rest and allow other to be seated as a council member. Council Member Trantham stated that he is grateful to the community for his 5 terms elected as a Council Member. Council Member Trantham thanked all of the city employees over the years for their efforts to keep the city afloat, the tax payers of the community for paying half of his travel costs to attend AML Conference, and the Council for their important roles.

Council Member Trantham advised council to pick the best leader for the upcoming year and advised the council to find new revenue streams to support the City and the community. Council Member Trantham challenged the Council not to forget Vision 2025. Council Member Trantham thanked all and stated that he would be back in 2 years.

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:15p

APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk



Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor