
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2006

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 16, 2006 at 6:00p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Pro Tempore Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:00p

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members present:

- Council Member Tundy Rodgers
- Council Member Leinberger Dan
- Council Member Andrew McGowan
- Council Member Dave Trantham
- Vice Mayor Mary Kenick (attending telephonically)
- Council Member Eric Middlebrook
- Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen

Others present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Leinberger	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda for the October 16, 2006 Special City Council Meeting as amended.
SECONDED:	Middlebrook	
MOVED:	McGowan	To postpone approval of all meeting minutes on this agenda to the next City Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

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IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- A Question And Answer Forum With The United States Senator Ted Stevens

United States Senator Ted Stevens addressed Council to advise them of the top priorities he and Congress are facing and to discuss plans and projects for Federal Funds.

Senator Stevens answered inquiries from Council Members related to issues concerning Bethel and possible action to be taken to see more funds in Bethel for education and recreation facilities.

Council thanked Senator Stevens for traveling to Bethel and for taking the time to meet with the Council.

Council concurred to recess from 6:32pm until 6:40p

V. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Election Of The Mayor and Vice Mayor

Mayor Rodgers opened the floor for nomination of the Mayor and stated that he will close the floor for nomination.

Vice-Mayor Kenick nominated Council Member Leinberger for Mayor.

Council Member McGowan nominated Council Member Rodgers for Mayor.

Mayor Rodgers closed the floor for nomination of the Mayor

Nominated Candidates for Mayor gave brief speeches in favor of their nomination and answered Council member inquiries.

Council Member Leinberger was elected Mayor by a vote of 4-3.

Mayor Leinberger opened the floor for nomination of the Vice-Mayor

Council Member Rodgers nominated Council Member Trantham for Vice-Mayor.

Council Member Leinberger nominated Council Member Kenick for Vice-Mayor.

Council Member Trantham nominated Council Member Rodgers for Vice-Mayor.

Council Member Trantham declined the nomination for Vice-Mayor

Mayor Leinberger closed the floor for nomination of the Vice-Mayor.

Nominated Candidates for Vice-Mayor gave brief speeches in favor of their nomination and answered Council member inquiries.

Council Member Rodgers was voted as Vice-Mayor by a vote of 4-3.

Item B- Appointment of Council Representatives to Committees & Commissions

Mayor Leinberger stated that he would allow Council Members to choose which Committee/Commission they would like to represent depending on seniority.

Vice-Mayor Rodgers chose to represent the Planning Commission.

Council Member Trantham chose to represent the Finance Committee.

Council Member McGowan chose to represent the Public Works Committee.

Council Member Leinberger deferred

Council Member Kenick chose to represent the Port Commission.

Council Member Middlebrook chose to represent the Public Safety & Transportation Commission.

Council Member Jorgensen chose to represent the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Mayor Leinberger chose to co-represent the Finance Committee

Council Member McGowan suggested that Council Member Middlebrook co-represent the Public Works Committee.

Mayor Leinberger stated that he would not make that appointment at this time although may consider it at a later time.

Council concurred to take a brief recess from 7:30p until 7:42p

Mayor Leinberger stated that the following are ADHOC/Administrative Committees and inquired as to which Council Member is interested in serving on each committee.

Mayor Leinberger advised City Manager Baird that Council Member Middlebrook, Vice-Mayor Member Rodgers, and himself are interested in the Alternative Energy Committee.

Mayor Leinberger advised the City Manger that Council Member Trantham is interested in the cemetery Committee.

Mayor Leinberger advised the City Manager that Council Member Kenick is interested in the Senior Advisory Board.

MOVED:	Trantham	The two appointments to the Finance Committee not be confirmed tonight and allow the City Attorney to do legal research on what took place four years ago in connection to the Finance Committee appointments and the removal of a Council Member from the Finance Committee by the vote of the Council.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
<p>Mayor Leinberger requested that all Council representatives stay as appointed until a legal opinion has been given</p> <p>Mayor Leinberger ruled the motion is out of order due to the BMC not requiring confirmation for the Mayor's appointment of a Council representative</p>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	<i>Motion declared out of order</i>	

MOVED:	Rodgers	To appoint Council Member Middlebrook to the Bethel Transit System Advisory Committee.
SECONDED:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Rodgers	To adjourn meeting at 8:12 p.m.
SECONDED:	Jorgensen	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006.

ATTEST:


 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk


 Dan Leinberger, Mayor