
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

April 12, 2005

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 12, 2005, at 6:30p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Dymont called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Andy McGowan	Dave Trantham
R. Thor Williams	Hugh Dymont
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers	Yolanda Jorgensen
Dan Leinberger	

Also in attendance were the following:

Laurie Walters, Acting City Manager
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

1. Dave Trantham addressed Council as a citizen of Bethel to inform Council that the former Valdez City Manager, Dave Dengel, is on the Interim City Manager list and is available for short term City Manager employment.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REGUALR AGENDA

MOVED BY:	McGowan	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council consent.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *3-22-05 Regular Meeting Minutes
- *4-5-05 Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes approved under the consent agenda

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Works Committee (Council Member Leinberger): Reported the Committee has not met since the last Regular City Council Meeting but have had 95% Water & Sewer Master Plan Meetings. Council Member Leinberger explained the Committees recommendation to the City Council regarding the disposal of asbestos.

Parks & Recreation Committee (Council member Jorgensen): Reported the last meeting was March 14th 2005, new addition to the Committee is Diana Moffett. Council Member Jorgensen explained the Parks & Recreation Committee Resolution#1-05: A Resolution by the Parks & Recreation Committee supporting the efforts of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation to seek funding for a new swimming pool.

Planning Commission (Council Member Rodgers): Reported next Commission meeting is April 14, 2005, 6:30 p.m. at the Planning Office. Council Member Rodgers discussed upcoming meeting agenda items.

Senior Advisory Board: Council Member Trantham advised City Council of his resignation from the Senior Advisory Board and stated his reasons. Mayor Dyment stated that he or Council Member Williams will attend the remaining meetings.

Port Commission (Council Member Williams): Reported the Commission last met on March 21, 2005, in chambers. Joann Gallart has been appointed as Acting Port Director as of April 3, 2005. The Commission is reviewing tariffs, permit holders insurance, and lease policies. The commissions' next meeting is April 18, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

Public Safety & Transportation Commission (Mayor Dyment): Reported the Commissions April meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Dyment discussed the upcoming meeting agenda items.

Finance Committee (Council Member McGowan): Reported the Committee has not met since the last Regular City Council Meeting. Committee will meet April 28, 2005.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Napakiak 5% Tax Exemption

Council Member Leinberger advised Council that a revision would need to be made to the Bethel Municipal Code in order to allow Napakiak a tax exemption.

Mayor Dyment ruled the motion on the floor from the previous City Council Meeting is out of order due to a revision of the BMC being necessary in order to accommodate the Napakiak Village.

With Council concurrence, Council directed Administration to draft an Ordinance revising the BMC in order to allow Napakiak a 5% tax exemption. Once drafted, the ordinance should be forwarded to Finance for review, then to City Council for approval.

Item B- Public Hearing of Ordinance #04-09 (C-amended): An Ordinance of the Bethel City Council amending the Adopted Annual FY 2004-2005 Budget for Capital and Project Expenditures.

Public Hearing:

1. Mike O'Brien addressed Council to remind Council they are making decisions with the community's money.

MOVED BY:	Rodgers	To adopt Ordinance #04-09 (C) as amended: An Ordinance of the Bethel City Council amending the Adopted Annual FY 2004-2005 Budget for Capital and Project Expenditures.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

Council debate regarding the motion on the floor.

Administration and Council discussed the price and purchase gravel.

Council sat at ease allowing Acting City Manager Walters referenced the 2000 gravel contract.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To amend Ordinance #04-09 (C) to decrease the gravel budget modification from \$250,000 to \$142,274.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

Council Member debate regarding the proposed decrease in the gravel budget modification.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 2-5 (yes-Williams & Trantham)
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Council Member debate continued regarding Ordinance #04-09 (C-amended).

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-2 (no-Williams & Trantham)
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Meeting recessed from 7:32 p.m. until 7:421 p.m.

MOVED BY:	Leinberger	To direct Administration to create two invitations to bid. One in the amount of \$250,000 of C1 gravel to be delivered to Bethel by June 30, 2005. The second invitation would be an open blanket purchase to run from July 1, 2005 until June 30, 2010.
SECONDED BY:	McGowan	

MOVED BY:	Williams	To amend the motion to include in the RFP the purchase of gravel in tons.
SECONDED BY:	Leinberger	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
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Council Member Trantham inquired about inflation and the dollar amount on the RFP/contract.

Council Member Williams spoke in opposition of the gravel RFP due to the current RFP.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a vote 6-1 (no-Williams)
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NEW BUSINESS

Item A- 95% Water & Sewer Master Plan Presentation by Mike Rabe

Mike Rabe addressed Council to present the 95% Water & Sewer Master Plan and then answered Council inquiries.

Council Member Trantham suggested CRW add water conservation to the 95% Master Plan.

Council Member Rodgers stated the water is being forced on residents that have not had to pay for water prior to the Master Plan.

Mike Rabe thanked the Finance Committee and the Public Works Committee for their invaluable input.

Jim Patterson (Village Safe Water Project Engineer) addressed Council stating Village Safe Water supports of the City of Bethels upcoming projects for the first year. Village Safe Water would like to discuss a CIP Program.

Jim Patterson reviewed current grants and answered Council inquiries.

Meeting recessed from 8:27 p.m. until 8:42 p.m.

Item B- *Resolution #05-11: A Resolution by The City Council concerning PERS Early Funding needed to avoid local tax increases.

Item B-Resolution #05-11 passed under the consent agenda.

Council directed City Clerk to forward Resolution #05-11 to House & Senate Finance Committee, Harris, and Myers, and Hoffman.

Council sat at ease to allow City Clerk to provide copies of Resolution #05-11.

Item C- Resolution #05-12: A Resolution to reallocate approximately one million dollars from the Village Safe Water FY2005 Water and Sewer Capital improvement Grant.

Public Hearing:

1. Mike O'Brien addressed Council to state his concern regarding the replacement of the funds for their original purpose.

Mayor Dymont requested Wayne Ogle, Public Works Director, respond in regards to Mr. O'Brien's statement.

Mike Rabe and Jim Patterson addressed Council inquiries.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To adopt Resolution #05-12: A Resolution to reallocate approximately one million dollars from the Village Safe Water FY 2005 Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Grant
SECONDED BY:	McGowan	

Council discussion regarding the reallocation of VSW funds.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-1 (no-Rodgers)
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Item D- *Resolution #05-13: A Resolution by The Bethel City Council to accept a \$1,986 grant award from the Alaska Food Coalition.

Item D- Resolution #05-13 passed under the consent agenda

Item E- *Resolution #05-14: A Resolution by The Bethel City Council supporting the preparation and submission of a grant application as part of the FY2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program II

Item E-Resolution #05-14 passed under the consent agenda

Council Member Williams requested to suspend the rules to address Resolution #05-14 passed under the consent agenda.

Item F- BNC & Lena Phillips property discussion concerning Donut Hole Development

Council Member Williams addressed Council to discuss Lena Phillips property.

Council Member Williams advised Council that written permission has been given from the Elliot family allowing us to use their land in developing the road through the donut hole.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To direct Administration to begin right of way discussions with Lena Phillips, The Elliot's, and BNC regarding a roadway through the donut hole.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by unanimous Council concurrence.
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Item G- Contracts to maintain City of Bethel Website

John Sargent (Grant Manager) addressed Council to report the status of the City of Bethel website RFP progress.

Council Member Williams stated he would like the City of Bethel Website to be updated and kept current.

Minnie Hightower (New Executive Assistant) addressed Council to report her upcoming training ideas as well as asking for Council patience in order to update the website internally.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Lyman Hoffman email**
- **IPP Letter**
- **Alaska Commercial Letter**
- **USDA**
- **Bethel Airport Near Term Improvements**
- **Letter from Mayor Mark Begich**
- **Dave Tranthams resignation from the Senior Advisory Board**
- **CSO Letters of Support**
- **TWC**

Council Member Trantham requested Administration to research the Group Home Land Lease; was the land lease was used for collateral or a loan.

Council Member Williams addressed the reintroduction of the CSO Program.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Napakiak Sales Tax**
- **Bethel Group Home**
- **Alaska Court System**
- **Senior Center Transfer**
- **H-Marker Subdivision**
- **Personnel Matters**
- **Travel Status**

Council Member Williams inquired progress/status of pending Request for Proposals.

MOVED BY:	Williams	To direct City Manager to create a to-do list of assignments to be completed.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion passed by Council concurrence.
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Council Member Williams suggested Council review the proposed department FY06 Budget as a whole instead of reviewing departments line by line.

City Council Budget Work Sessions were called for the 25th & 28th of April at 6:30 p.m.

CLERK’S REPORT

- **Newsletter**
- **FY06 Budget Work Sessions**
- **Projects**
- **Travel**

City Clerks travel approved by unanimous concurrence.

Council Member Williams reminded Council and Administration of Council Meeting agenda items/packet information deadlines.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Jorgensen- Council member Jorgensen requested to have an agenda item added to the next City Council Meeting agenda-Cabs during C-amai Festival.

Council Member Leinberger- Council Member Leinberger stated that he was happy to see a report done by the Assistant Finance Director (Laurie Walters) on revenue forecast and utility enterprises. Council Member Leinberger also stated that he expects all Council Members attend the Council Budget Work Sessions.

Mayor Dymant- Mayor Dymant stated "Good Meeting".

Council Member Williams- Council Member Williams reminded Council members that if their not at the Budget Work Session, they cannot add or delete.

Council Member Trantham-

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To appoint Laurie Walters as Acting City Manager effective April 29, 2005.
SECONDED BY:	Rodgers	

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. without request to suspend the rules to proceed after 10:00 p.m.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion
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Council Member McGowan-meeting adjourned.

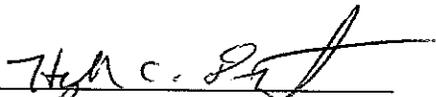
Council Member Rodgers- meeting adjourned.

Adjournment

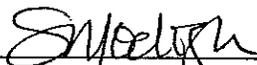
With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 2005.

ATTEST:



Hugh Dymont, Mayor



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk