
City of Bethel, Alaska

City Council Minutes

September 10, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 10, 2002, at 12:00 p.m. in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Mayor Notti called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Jerry Drake Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers – *via teleconference*
Dario Notti
Gary Vanasse
Hugh Short, Jr.
Carl Berger – *via teleconference*

Excused absence(s): none

Unexcused absence(s): Sue Trantham

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD.

There were no members of the public to be heard.

City Manager Herron stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Steve Jensen, president of Knik Construction. On behalf of Knik Construction, Mr. Jensen made a formal offer for to use the foam asphalt procedure on one of two roads in Bethel. The offer to use the procedure on Akakeek Road is at an approximate cost of \$80,000.00 – or Standard Oil Road at no cost to the City or State.

City Manager Herron explained that he has been researching the procedure of foam asphalt and provided for council an article by Technology for Alaska Transportation. City Manager explained the procedure and minimums stated in the article which must be met before the method can be completed.

City Manager Herron stated that in his conversation with Steve Jensen, it was Mr. Jensen's suggestion that the offer to use the procedure on- Standard Oil Road be taken. In City Manager Herron's conversation with L.J. Davis, Airport manager, Mr. Davis also recommended that the test strip should be done on Standard Oil Road. City Manager Herron contacted Snoot Bingham; Mr. Bingham is the overseer of the experimental road in Homer, Alaska. City Manager Herron explained the current situation in Bethel. Mr. Bingham added his recommendation that the Standard Oil Road be done as a test strip before Akakeek Rd. Additionally, City Manager Herron spoke with the City engineers regarding the subject. It was their recommendation that Standard Oil Road be tested

before applying the procedure to a heavy traveled, populated road. City Manager Herron also stated his concerns over starting the procedure this late in the year.

Council Member Drake offered his concurrence and suggested that the test strip on Standard Oil Road be done at no cost to the City.

Council Member Berger concurred with Mr. Drake and added that if the results of the test strip on Standard Oil Road are favorable then it would be applicable for Akakeek to be done during the warmer months.

Mayor Rodgers stated his support of City Manager Herron's decision to have the work done on Standard Oil Road Mayor Rodgers stated that the results of the work done on Standard Oil Road should be taken into consideration before work could begin on Akakeek. He also concurred that the work should be done on Akakeek during the warmer months.

Council Member Vanasse voiced his concerns over possible maintenance issues that may present themselves at a later date. He stated that if there are any maintenance issues that would present themselves on Standard Oil Road that those costs would be shared by the City and State of Alaska. He also stated that in order to do Akakeek that a budget modification would be necessary and that there would be an added time frame involved in doing so. He stated his concurrence with doing Standard Oil Road

Vice Mayor Notti questioned how the dust control money is currently being or is going to be spent. City Manager Herron stated that the money is a direct appropriation to the City and has five years in which to be spent. No money has been spent to date. The money can be used to pave the roads.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To proceed with the offer from Knik Construction to pave Standard Oil Road using foam asphalt at no cost to the City of Bethel
SECONDED BY:	Short	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6 – 0.
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ADJOURNMENT

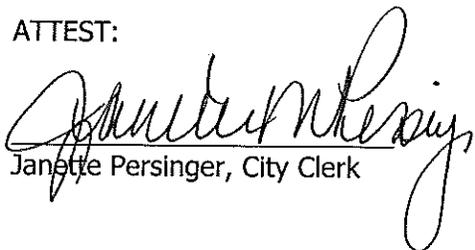
MOVED BY:	Drake	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Short	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

APPROVED THIS 24th day of September 2002.

ATTEST:


Janette Persinger, City Clerk


Stanley "Turdy" Rodgers, Mayor