
City of Bethel, Alaska

Energy Committee

January 31, 2011

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Energy Committee held on January 31, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Conference Room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair, Leif Albertson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Committee, the following members were present for roll call:

Present:

Leif Albertson

Leah Walsh

Shari Neth

Mary Weiss

Greg McIntyre arrived at 8:04pm

Absent:

Heather Pike

Martin Leonard

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Maggie Murray

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Leah Walsh	Motion to Approve the Agenda of January 31, 2011
SECONDED:	Mary Weiss	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in Favor	

MOVED:	Shari Neth	Motion to Allow Special Order of Business Dan Shea to Speak on City Ordinance pertaining to Construction of wind Turbines.
SECONDED:	Leah Walsh	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VII. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

MOVED:	Leah Walsh	Approval of meeting minutes from
SECONDED:	Shari Neth	Regular Meeting of December 6, 2010
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dan Shea, Planning Director will speak on city ordinance pertaining to construction of wind turbines (Leif)
-Spoke after Approval of Agenda

B. Business Plan for Recycle Center (Heather)

MOVED:	Shari Neth	Motion to Table Items B and D under Old Business and Item A under New Business
SECONDED:	Mary Weiss	Until next Regular Meeting on February 7, 2011
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

C. Ordinance 8-12: Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Containers (Leif)

MOVED:	Leah Walsh	Motion to continue Ordinance 8-12:
SECONDED:	Mary Weiss	Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Containers for Discussion at Next Regular Meeting February 7, 2011
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		

D. BUC tour for Energy Committee (Heather)
-Tabled

E. Evaluation of Energy Fair: Review comments and suggestions by Fair attendees, vendors. What we did well, what needs to be changed. Do we want to have an Energy Fair in 2011? Logo for Energy Fair by YKHC personnel. Creation of a master punch list for future fairs. (Mary and Jody)

F. Letters of appreciation to Energy Fair sponsors and volunteers. (Mary)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update from Council (Heather)
-Tabled

1. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Shari Neth – Would like to thank Leif for all your research you did.

Leah Walsh - Glad we are working on Ordinances, thanks Leif

Greg McIntyre – Apologize for being late. I brought my Wind Energy study from YKHC. I would like to update you on the Regional Committee. No one from the City attended and

would like to get someone from the City there to attend. One of the items discussed was they were going to Resurrect NewVista Power which is the old Calista Company. They signed a thing for the Alaska Energy Authority for Bethel Wind Based Power Feasibility Study. AVCP received funding from AEA for a Hydroelectric Feasibility Study. I would be able to provide the study; it is 3 xs as thick as the Wind Energy study. I hope we have not thrown out plastic bags. I did talk to some restaurant owners. One was Subway who mentioned that their biodegradable bags degrade in the box if you do not use them soon enough. Delta Western is expecting some kind of announcement for some fuel competition for the area.

Mary Weiss –

MOVED:	Mary Weiss	Motion to Encourage this Committee to Write a Letter to Lee Foley or another Representative from the City of Bethel to attend the Regional Energy Committee.
SECONDED:	Greg McIntyre	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
2 opposed/3 in favor, Motion Passes		

Leif Albertson – Thank you everyone for coming. It meant a lot to me to meet again and not lose an entire month. Greg, you did miss a long discussion on the plastic bag ordinance. I ask that we look at this before we meet next week. Bring questions, revisions or concerns.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Leah Walsh	Motion to Adjourn
SECONDED:	Shari Neth	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in Favor		

Next meeting on February 7, 2011

Leif Albertson, Chair

ATTEST:

Maggie Murray, Recorder