
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

February 2, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on February 2nd, 2016 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:10PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
 Chuck Herman *Council Representative*
 Julene Webber
 Eileen Henrikson

Absent: Deborah White
 Naim Shabani

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police* (via telephone conference)
 Bill Howell *Fire Chief*
 Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Webber	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Herman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Webber	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 19 th , 2016.
SECONDED:	Herman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Chief Bill Howell – *See Report in Commission Packet.*

Chief Andre Achee – *The Police Department did a location check for the liquor license applications and there were only 34 calls, essentially nothing that constitutes a high rate of calls. The recommendation is based on the number of calls and in this case, it is a small number.*

The department has hired one local police officer, Richard Ramos who will be attending the academy sponsored by APSC (Alaska Public Safety Commission) on February 28th. The other officer, if he passes everything, will also be attending the academy. He is from out of State, however his fiancée lives and works in Bethel. Our new CSP officer (Community Service Patrol) will be starting her position in mid February. We are still trying to maintain staffing; we have one officer and one dispatcher leaving later on this month.

We officially wrote to PERS (Alaska Public Employees' Retirement System) with a copy of the proposed 2 weeks on/2 weeks off schedule in hopes to attract more lateral offices that are experienced and trained. We will also be speaking with our Union representative about this since he will be in town as well as to discuss the police department's recommendation to City Council.

We had our first death of the year today. There appears to be no foul play and asphyxiation is possibly the cause of death. His remains have been released to his family.

Our CSP second quarterly report was completed yesterday. With the addition of our new CSP, we will be back up to full staff in our CSP program. Our last CSP lasted about 3 days. Our CSP program has been very good to us, they purchased a vehicle for us last year, but unfortunately it missed the last barge. This year the CSP program will be purchasing us another vehicle.

There are still staffing issues at the City's V&E (Vehicles and Equipment), however we have been authorized to take our vehicles to local private sectors.

Lieutenant Tracy with AST (Alaska State Troopers) retired last week, and there is new Lieutenant stepping in, Lieutenant Gonzalez.

Today we had a situation at ME school dealing with a potential kidnapping. We called the cab company and told them not to move and the cab was able to comply and locked the doors to prevent the individual from getting out. The cab companies have been really good about helping us out; they are the other eyes on the road.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Herman – *The cameras in cab was brought up at the last meeting, however the City Attorney stated that confidential information might be coming over from the court system that might be influencing our decision. The topic will be postponed until the next meeting and we will see what that information is*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Department's Recommendation to City Council

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to recommend.
SECONDED:	Webber	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Eileen Henrikson – *The City grant manager should look up community block grants to get more funding. I was also wondering about cameras in the cab, I read a few articles that the cameras were covered under FEMA grants and that was an interesting avenue to go down.*

Joan Dewey – *If we can think about potential candidates and promote ways for members to join this commission, that will be great because we are going to get low if anybody is traveling or needing to not be here, to have a quorum*

Chief Andre Achee – *Lieutenant Dave Tracey with Bethel's AST (Alaska State Troopers) will no longer be in Bethel, he is retired. There is a new lieutenant, Lieutenant Gonzalez that will be out here in Bethel.*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

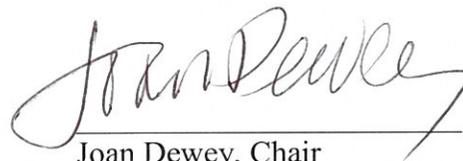
MOVED:	Herman	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Henrikson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair