City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 12, 2013 at 6:30pm, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:
Council Member Joseph Klejka
Council Member Mark Springer
Council Member Rick Robb
Council Member Eric Whitney

ABSENT:
Council Member Gene Jr. Peltola
Council Member Mary Sattler
Council Member Sharon Sigmon

STAFF:
City Manager Lee Foley
City Clerk Lori Strickler

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Tundy Rodgers-
Spoke in opposition to the States expansion plan for Tower Road. The State of Alaska 20 Year Expansion Plan intends to expand the runway for the airport right up against the Alaska Territorial Guard Fence. There are other measures that the State can take to expand the airport, invading on the people's land is not the best measure.

Jody Malus-
Read from an article in the Warriors Journal which recognized the efforts of men and women serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard as well as the soldiers currently serving.
Spoke in opposition to the expansion of Tower Road which is currently planned to cut through the Alaska Territorial Guard Memorial Park.

Fritz Grenfell -
Spoke in opposition to the States intent to expand Tower Road into the Alaska Territorial Guard Memorial. Over 600 people signed a petition to get the Alaska Territorial Guard Park established.

Shorty Salzbrun –
Spoke in opposition to the expansion of Tower Road which will impede onto the land of the Alaska Territorial Guard Memorial.

Eric Middlebrook –
Spoke in favor of Resolution 13-04 however encouraged the council to modify the document to include the environment impact of the genetically modified fish.

Buck Bukowski-
Spoke in opposition to the proposed Tower Road expansion. Read for an article in the Delta Discovery regarding the Alaska Territorial Guard Park.

Nancy Elliott-
Spoke on behalf the Bethel Friends of K9 and encouraged the Council to consider funding a full time animal control officer.

David Trantham –
Representing the Alaska Territorial Memorial Park Planning Group opposed the expansion of Tower Road which is expected to impede the Alaska Territorial Memorial Park.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Jody Malus a second time.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Jody Malus-
Spoke in favor of Resolution 13-04 and encouraged the council to provide more information opposing the Genetically Modified Salmon.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Whitney	

MOVED:	Robb	Remove Resolution 13-04 from the consent agenda.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 01-26-2012 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on consent agenda

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Port Commission –Port Director, Pete Williams –
Said the port harbor is going to be closed to vehicles and snow machines due to open water and construction.

Digging up Browns Slough which is also not safe for snow machines or pedestrians.

Snow machines need to slow down when traveling in the Browns Slough area, there are many pedestrians in the area.

Item B- Planning Commission
Rick Robb, Council Representative-
Planning Commission will be meeting this Thursday to discuss the new BNC Store.

Item C-Public Works Committee
Joseph Klejka, Committee Representative
Meeting will be held on February 27th.

Item D-Energy Committee
Eric Whitney, Committee Representative
A quorum of the body was not established, a meeting was not held.

Item E-Public Safety and Transportation Commission
No one available to provide a report.

Item F- Finance Committee,
David Trantham, Committee Member-
Held the election of new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Ordinance which failed by the committee.

Item G-Parks and Recreations Committee
No one available to provide a report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 13-02: Establishing Title 12 In The Bethel Municipal Code, Complete Streets.

Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to postpone until the next Regular City Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

I. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 13-04: If AquaBounty's Petition To The United States Food And Drug Administration To Produce Genetically Engineered Salmon Is Approved, That Its Product Be Clearly Labeled As "Genetically Modified."

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to adopt Resolution 13-04.
SECONDED:	Robb	

Council Member Robb informed the council that he has had an Alaskan Commercial Fishing License.
The Mayor ruled Council Member Robb does not have a conflict of interest.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend the Resolution to amend the language to include "the Bethel City Council opposes the United States Food and Drug Administration's preliminary finding relating to genetically engineered salmon; opposes AquaBounty Technology's petition to produce genetically
SECONDED:	Whitney	

		engineered salmon; and proposes, if AquaBouty Technology's petition is approved, that its products be labeled as "genetically modified."
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B- AM 13-06 Approval Of The Re-Appointment Of Greg McIntyre To The Energy Committee For A Term Of Three Years.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- AM 13-07 Approval Of The Appointment Of Donna Lindsey To The Public Works Committee For A Term Of Three Years.
Passed on the consent agenda.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Whitney-
Happy there is a lot of snow.
Glad that the Council will have an opportunity to bring up the homelessness issue with the Governor.

Council Member Springer-
Attending the Alaska Municipal League Legislative Conference.
Spent today with Paul Richard lobbying the City's State Priority Requests.

Council Member Robb-
Thanked everyone from the public that came to speak on the various subjects tonight.
Homelessness issue in Bethel; the Point in Time survey is complete and will be available tomorrow to provide to the Governor.
Happy Valentine's Day

Mayor Klejka-
Thankful for all of the snow.
RAVEN is up and running at the hospital.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Council adjourned at 7:53

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk