
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2013

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 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
Council Member Sharon Sigmon

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

STAFF: City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Manager Lee Foley

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

David Trantham -
Thanked Council Member Robb for Resolution 13-05 opposing the Airport Master Plan Update which suggests the airport will expand westward into the newly developed Memorial Cemetery, Alaska Territorial Guard Park as well as the Community Rifle Range.

Spoke in opposition to the revised Airport Master Plan which excludes the expansion into the Cemetery however still consumes much of the land that is currently owned by the City. If this stands, the City stands to lose much of the land designated to it on the western side of town which includes the sand pit.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.
SECONDED:	Robb	
MOVED:	Springer	Remove Ordinance 13-06 from the Consent Agenda.
MOVED:	Robb	Remove Ordinance 13-04, 13-05 and 13-07 from the Consent Agenda.
SECONDED:		
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend to move New Business Item L to follow Executive Session Item A.
SECONDED:	Sigmon	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to amend to move Item C under New Business to fall after Item A under Special Order of Business.
SECONDED:	Sigmon	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to amend to move Item E under Unfinished Business to fall after Item A under Special Order of Business.
SECONDED:	Sigmon	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Sigmon	Remove Resolution 13-05 from the Consent Agenda.
MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to move Resolution 13-05 to fallow New Business Item C.
SECONDED:	Sigmon	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A - 02-12-2013 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B - 02-26-2013 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Port Commission –
Port Director, Pete Williams –
A meeting is scheduled for March 18.

Item B- Planning Commission
Rick Robb, Council Representative-
Nuisance property update in the Bethel Municipal Code.
Update on the new grocery store from Ana Hoffman.

Item C-Public Works Committee
Joseph Klejka, Council Representative-
A few recommendations to the City Council, one to have someone call about the grants daily and to have someone report back to the Public Works Chair. The other is to add a third cell on to the City's sewage lagoon.
The Committee would like to review the Recycling Center's Proposal before it goes to Council.

Item D-Energy Committee
Eric Whitney, Council Representative –
Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Item E-Public Safety and Transportation Commission-
Sharon Sigmon, Council Representative-
Working on a rewrite of Title 9 and 10 of the Bethel Municipal Code.

Item F- Finance Committee,
David Trantham, Committee Member-
A meeting has not been held due to a lack of a quorum. Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2013.

Item G-Parks and Receptions Committee
No one available to provide the report.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Proclamation, Proclaiming May 25, 2013 As National Missing Children's Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Item C- Review Of Tundra Ridge Road Memorandum Of Agreement And Determination Of Requested Amendment From The Department Of Transportation.

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to approve the MOA with an amendment under "17. Berms of any kind that are created during the municipality's grading and snow removal operations that would impede egress and ingress of the private and public approaches along Tundra Ridge Drive and Uamuralria Dive will be cleared and removed to the greatest extent possible as time, circumstances, equipment, and personnel permit.
SECONDED:	Sigmon	

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Morgan Merritt, Department of Transportation Representative.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend the proposed Memorandum of Agreement to change proposed Item 9, Roadway Name Change to Item 8 and move current Item 8 to item 9. Insert at the end of roadway name change "upon completion of the project." Strike "to the greatest extent possible" and insert "as reasonable."
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to recess for five minutes.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4-1 Motion passes, Sigmon opposed	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item E- Resolution 13-05: Opposing The Bethel Airport Master Plan Update's Option Of Westward Expansion Of The Crosswind Runway Due To Its Interference With Historical Land.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve Resolution 13-05.
SECONDED:	Whitney	

Department of Transportation Representative Morgan Merritt addressed Council on the Proposed Airport Master Plan Update.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from David Trantham.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

David Trantham addressed the Council with concerns on the proposed westward runway.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend to insert whereas statement: "the most distant subdivision in Bethel is Kasayuli, currently requiring \$10.00 cab fair, which is already expensive for residents of Bethel who reside there, and westward expansion of the airport would require an additional half mile of travel." And "Whereas; Westward expansion will interfere with the use of the City sand pit, inhibiting needed services of future development; Whereas; the Memorial Cemetery, Alaska Territorial Guard Park, rifle range and City sand pit are on City property.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
4-1 Motion passes, Whitney in opposition		

IX. 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:	Sigmon	Motion to adopt Ordinance 13-02.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	3-2 Motion fails, Springer and Robb opposed	

Item B- Introduction Of Ordinance 13-04: Amending Bethel Municipal Code To Repeal BMC 2.05, Responsibilities Of City Council Members, Municipal Officers, Appointed Officials And Employees-Conflict Of Interest And Enacting Section 2.05 City Officers Generally And 2.06 Board Of Ethics.

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to introduce Ordinance 13-04.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend section 2.050.090 B. to insert "excluding the filer's dependent children."
SECONDED:	Springer	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend the amendment to "immediate family living in the household excluding dependent children."
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
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MOVED:	Robb	Under BMC 2.05.100 Modified requirements for professionals to strike "and" in front of psychologists and insert "or other professionals" following psychologists.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item C- Introduction Of Ordinance 13-05: Amending Terminal Tariff #004 And Providing For An Effective Date.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to introduce Ordinance 13-05.
SECONDED:	Robb	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the gallery.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
<i>Pete Williams summarized the amendments to the Tariff to the Council.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item D- Introduction Of Ordinance 13-06: Amending BMC 14.04.060, Fishing From City Cargo Dock And Petroleum Dock Prohibited.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to Introduce Ordinance 13-06.
SECONDED:	Sigmon	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed	

Item F- AM 13-08: Administrative Leave Request For City Clerk To Attend Professional Development Training June 9 Through 13, 2013.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item G- City Manager Administrative Leave Request For February 27 – March 2, To Travel To Juneau To Lobby On Behalf Of The City.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item H- Amending Leave Request For City Attorney From 2/11-2/15/2013 To 2/11 Through 2/12 And 2/28 Through 3/1/2013.

Passed on the consent agenda.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 13-06: Supporting The 2013 Cama-i Dance Festival By Providing A Donation In The Amount Of Sales Taxes Collected On The Admissions Sold To Attend The Festival.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B- Introduction To Ordinance 13-07: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 13.08.125, Service Line Charges To Include Repair And Replacement And To Modify The Time Frame From A Calendar Year To A 12 Month Period.

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to introduce Ordinance 13-07.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Whitney-
No comment.

Council Member Sigmon –
A new program at the jail that women who are being detained are learning how to crochet. They are looking for yarn donations.
Friends of the K9s received their 501C3, congratulations to them. They are doing great work in our community.

Council Member Springer-
Camai is coming up next weekend.
Condolences to all of the families that have lost loved ones.

Council Member Robb-
Last Friday, attended a meeting of the Homeless Coalition. In one night there were a total of 100 people within the community that were considered homeless.

Mayor Klejka-
No comment.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to go into executive session -To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Clerk As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Personnel Matters (Unless the Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public) Or Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person to include the City Council Members and City Clerk.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item A - Executive Session To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Clerk As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Personnel Matters (Unless the Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public) Or Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person.

Mayor Klejka departed the meeting at 10:10pm.

Back on the record at 10:20pm.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to nominate Council Member Robb as Mayor Pro tem.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item I -- Council's Approval Of Annual Increase For City Clerk, Pending A Satisfactory Annual Evaluation.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to award the City Clerk a 3% salary increase.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

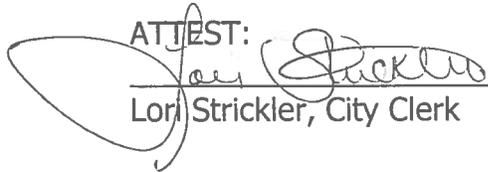
XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Council adjourned at 10:35pm.



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Lori Strickler, City Clerk