
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2013

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 9, 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 Mary Sattler
Council Member Rick Robb
Council Member Eric Whitney
Council Member Sharon Sigmon
Council Member Mark Springer

ABSENT: Council Member Gene Jr. Peltola

STAFF: City Manager Lee Foley
City Attorney Patty Burley
City Clerk Lori Strickler

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Buck Bukowski-
Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 13-08.

David Trantham Jr.-
Thanked the Council for their opposition to the Alaska Department of Transportation's Airport Expansion initial proposal which expanded westward into the Alaska Territorial Memorial Park as well as the rifle range. The second proposal still extends westward but will acquire the City's sand pit as well as the rifle range. The City must stand together in opposition of the acquisition of the City's land west of the airport; there is plenty of land to the east.

The Alaska Territorial Guard Planning Group is in the process of ordering new plaques for the Park. The group is also working on additional development of the Park for the summer.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.
SECONDED:	Springer	
MOVED:	Robb	Remove from the consent agenda the 3-26-2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to postpone the Meeting Minutes from 3-26-2013.
SECONDED:	Sigmon	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to remove from the consent agenda, the Introduction of Ordinances 13-10, 13-11 and 13-12.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 03-26-2013 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Postponed until the next city council meeting.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Port Commission – Pete Williams, Port Director –
 A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting. At the next meeting the Port Commission will be discussing the Crowley Facility Use Agreement, and the east timber wall.
 The dredging of Brown’s Slough is going well; they hope to be done in four to five days.

Item B- Planning Commission - Rick Robb, Council Representative-
 The Planning Commission will meet this Thursday and at that meeting be holding a public hearing on a road easement.

Item C-Public Works Committee
Joseph Klejka, Council Representative-
No report to provide.

Item D-Energy Committee
Eric Whitney, Council Representative –
A presentation from Kurt Kuenne was provided at the last meeting.

Item E-Public Safety and Transportation Commission-
Larry Elarton, Police Chief-
Variations of the Municipal Code were presented to the Commission by the City Attorney. The Police Department is down a few employees. Power and phones at the new Police Department should be installed and running by the end of next week.

Item F- Finance Committee,
Bobby Sutton, Finance Director
The Committee will be meeting next Monday.

Item G-Parks and Receptions Committee
Mary Sattler, Council Representative-
April 11th from 11:00a to 2:00p the Parks and Recreation Department and the 4 H Department will be holding a thirty year reunion for the Teen Center.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction Of Ordinance 13-08: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Title 9 Public Peace, Morals and Welfare.

Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.

No one wished to be heard.

Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to adopt Ordinance 13-08.
SECONDED:	Whitney	

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the gallery.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to strike Section A under 9.12.010 Public Drinking-Prohibited.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	3-3 Motion fails, Sigmon, Whitney and Klejka opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	1-5 Motion fails Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb and Sigmon opposed	
MOVED:	Sp[ri]nger	Motion to take a ten minute break.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

I. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 13-08: Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Funding From Department Of Commerce, Community And Economic Development.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B-Introduction Of Ordinance 13-10: Providing For The Acquisition Of Land Block 7, Lots 7 Through 17, Through Lease Termination With The State Of Alaska Department Of Military And Veterans Affairs.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to introduce Ordinance 13-10.
SECONDED:	Whitney	

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend the last whereas, to insert "or lease" following "separate sales agreement."
SECONDED:	Sigmon	
VOTE ON MOTION		
5-1 Motion passes, Whitney opposed		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item C- Introduction Of Ordinance 13-11: Providing For The Disposal Of Land, Block 7, Lots 7, 8, 16 and 17 To The Lower Kuskokwim School District.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to introduce Ordinance 13-11.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend to insert "gymnasium" under the second to last whereas, and to amend Section 2. Authorization, to strike "sale of lot" and to insert "lease for an amount not to exceed \$1 per year to the Lower Kuskokwim School District."
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item D- Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 13-12: An Ordinance Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Beginning July 1, 2013.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to introduce Ordinance 13-12.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item E- Consideration Of Contract Extension Of The City Manager’s Employment Contract With The City Of Bethel.

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to approve the City Manager contract extension to 2015.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item F - City Attorney Personal Leave Request For May 6th Through May 20th.

Passed on the consent agenda.

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK’S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Sigmon –
Summarized an e-mail from Joan Dewey, a Board Member of Bethel Friends of K9s. The Bethel Friends of K9s are extremely concerned at the number of random dog shootings and abuse from community members.

Council Member Springer-
It is good that the council members are able to work well together even through heated discussion. Hope for a gradual thaw.

Council Member Robb-
There may be an end in sight for the Armory issue.
Hope that people are being safe.
The annual Ducks Unlimited banquet was a big success. Thanked those individuals who volunteered their time to make that event happen.

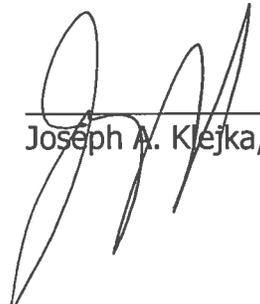
Council Member Sattler-
No comment.

Council Member Whitney-
Enjoy the sunlight and be safe.

Mayor Klejka-
Apologized for the heated discussion.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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



Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk