
City of Bethel, Alaska

Port Commission Minutes

Date 04/16/07

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Port Commission was held on 4/16/07 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Brandon Leary called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission did have a quorum, the following members were present:

Brandon Leary
Clair Grifka
Alan Murphy
Harry Faulkner
Mary Kenick

Also in attendance were the following:

Peter Williams
Kim Shelden

Absent: Allen DeSousa
Greg Roczicka

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Carolina Russell, Human Resources Manager was present. She wanted to address the port commission to let them know she was in the process of putting together a small package with the applications that have been received to date for the port director position. It was suggested by Wally to include the port commission in ranking the candidates for interviews. It was decided to have Carolina come back to distribute the packets under "Old Business".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the March 19, 2007 regular meeting

MOVED BY:	Clair Grifka	Approval of the March 19, 2007 minutes
SECONDED BY:	Alan Murphy	
VOTE ON MOTION	Passed unanimously	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Clair Grifka	To approve the agenda, as amended
SECONDED BY:	Harry Faulkner	
VOTE ON MOTION	Passed unanimously	

Special Order of Business

Sandra Modigh conducted her annual committee/commission training.

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The small boat harbor port attendant building was completed. Six more floats were built to replace floats at the small boat harbor. The cargo dock was prepared so that customers starting barge and boat work can safely use the dock and Shane has started welding the ladders for the seawall. There are currently three companies working on the dock and three more coming on to work mid-April.

The status of the cargo dock transfer was discussed. Peter said the last he heard was on the 30th of April it was sitting in Juneau and has not heard anything since. Kim said she will talk to the City Manager about it to confirm the status of the funds being transferred and when.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Brandon said he attended the city council meeting last week and spoke on behalf of the fuel thru put. He said that people are still confused about the whole thru put fee. People don't understand. It's the fuel companies getting charged not the people. It did not get passed at the meeting because of the way that City Council worded the resolution as "tax". The Port Commission had the recommendation written up correctly, but when it got to council it was changed. Mary said that for the next meeting just let Sandra Modigh know so that it is posted correctly on the agenda. Brandon said that Greg Roczicka was the one who actually caught it and he told Wally. It should be taken care of but it should be followed up.

COUNCIL REP'S COMMENTS

She said she missed the last council meeting because she was out of town traveling. She will be at the next one.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Clair said he wanted to know if right before flood, if there's any cars, junk lying around if it will be carted off. Peter said the crew has already started picking up trash. Clair said he noticed a lot of vehicles left around. Peter said they are going to start the clean up green up.

Harry asked if Peter had the paint for the seawall ladders ordered. Peter said not yet, but he has started looking into it. He said the fancy stuff everyone wanted is about \$139.00 per gallon. Peter said they will probably end up with a good regular safety international orange or yellow. Harry suggested some reflective tape also. Harry also said he had a couple of complaints about the boat in the slough. Peter said he did try to pull that out and he just snapped what he had. He said he could put a half inch cable on there but it would just pull the boat apart until it starts floating again. He said ordered some spectra line today to help drag it out. Harry also said that he before flood this year it seems like we lose a couple of cars in that wash out in the boat harbor every year when somebody tries to drive through there. He said that once that water gets to a point where its going to be going over that road, he would like to see that road completely closed off. Peter said he would look into it and that he has wanted to close it in the past, but the problem he is having right now is the school bus has been using that road.

Alan Murphy thanked Brandon and Greg for going before council.

OLD BUSINESS

A) List of Port Director Applicants

Carolina did not have the packets ready, but she will have them later this week. It was decided to call a special meeting for the Port Director applicant packets to review and recommend for interview, if any. The special port commission meeting was scheduled for next Monday, April 23rd at 7:00.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Discussion of Land Purchase

Furmin Iturbide, the owner of River Front Auto Body wishes to sell the property. The Port Commission all agreed that it was not in the best interest of the Port to purchase this property.

B) Discussion of Small Boat Harbor Rules and Regulations

A copy of the current small boat harbor rules and regulations and a copy of the BMC Chapter 14.10 Small Boat Harbor section was given to everyone to review and discuss. Only a couple of minor changes were agreed upon. Changes were as follows:

- #7. No trailer parking allowed.
- #8. No swimming or water sports allowed in the small boat harbor or entrance channel at any time.
- #9. Small Children are not allowed on the floats unless accompanied by their parents.
- #16. No logs or firewood shall be unloaded or placed on the beach of the small boat harbor. Log rafts shall not be allowed within the small boat harbor or entrance without a permit received from the port director.
- 18. No cleaning of fish allowed.

DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2007

Respectfully Submitted:


Brandon Leary, Chairman

APPROVED THIS 28 day of December 2007.

ATTEST: _____

From: "Wally Baird" <wbaird@cityofbethel.net>
To: "Kim Shelden" <kshelden@cityofbethel.net>
Cc: "Carolina Russell" <crussell@cityofbethel.net>,
Date: 05/21/2007 03:24 PM
Subject: Re: Port Director Position

Kim,

I made a conditional offer to Mr. Foley. He has accepted that offer. We are doing our due diligence to check on all references and previous employers. That is where we are right now. If everything works through as expected, he will be here sometime between June 4 and 8, 2007.

Wally

-----Original Message-----

From: "Kim Shelden" <kshelden@cityofbethel.net>
To: "Wally Baird" <wbaird@cityofbethel.net>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:35:42 -0800
Subject: Port Director Position

Hi Wally - I have received a few calls concerning the status of the new port director. There is a Port Commission meeting tonight so I thought this would be a good time to address this. Has Lee Foley accepted the position? And if so, is there an anticipated starting date?
Thanks Wally.

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