
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 26, 2011 at 6:30p, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 6:30p.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Eric Middlebrook
Council Member Heather Pike
Council Member Richard Robb
Vice-Mayor Thor Williams
Council Member Terry Perry
Council Member Tundy Rodgers

Absent: Council Member Jennifer Schiedler

Also Present: City Manager Lee Foley
City Clerk Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Casey Burke- Spoke in favor of the City moving forward with a pool project.

Ray Watson- Encouraged the council to actively work on correcting the issues at the Yukon Lodge.

Beverly Hoffman- Encouraged the council to actively work on continued funding and preparation of the development of the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center.

Vernon Kylook- Encouraged the council to actively work on correcting the issues at the Yukon Lodge.

George Young- Clarified a statement made at the last meeting. A restaurant in the community providing food delivery after the designated operating hours as listed in the Bethel Municipal Code is not in violation of the law because their doors were not open to the public during those hours.

Jerry Drake- Spoke in favor of the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center progressively moving forward.

Ronya Parker- Spoke in favor of the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center progressively moving forward.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Robb	
MOVED:	Williams	Remove Items B and C, from the consent agenda.
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to move Item E under New Business, to follow Item A under Special Order of Business.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Pike	Motion to amend, to move Item D, under New Business to Item C under Special Order of Business.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A- 4-12-2011 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Passed on the consent agenda.

II. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Planning Commission

- FY 2012 Budget
- Ptarmigan expansion and right of way issues particularly around Tim Meyers property.
- Pacific Cable Company's requested land usage for fiber optic cable placement.

Item B- Port Commission

- Representative Don Young is interested in the riverbank stabilization project for possible upcoming capital from the federal government.
- Jung/Active properties and possibly obtaining easements for the riverbank stabilization project.
- Received \$600,000 from the State for dock maintained fund with no attachments.
- Conflict of interest questions to the attorney, specifically pertaining to membership on the committee.
- FY 2012 Budget discussion
- High lift forklift purchased for the Port.
- Bethel city dock lease agreement between Crowley Marine Services and Northland Services.
- Obtaining an old water truck to help with dust reduction at the port.

Item C- Public Works Committee

- Training from the City Clerk.
- Planning Director provided an outline on honey bucket issues.
- Progressively working on the five year plan.
- Recommendation to the council which will be presented at the next meeting.

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- McDowell Group Representative Bob Koenitzer And Foraker Group Representative Chris Kowalczewski Present Findings On Bethel Aquatic Training Heath Center Review.

MOVED:	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules, to hear from members of the public.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Windy Easley questioned the presenters on how the pool would be cleaned.

Minnie Sallison Fritts questioned the presenters on data information.

Doug Boyer clarified the Nome pool listed in the presentation had a seasonal operation program.

Council Member Pike departed the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Beverly Hoffman explained, the drive of the community needs to be pursuing funds to build the building.

Michelle Dewitt expanded on a suggested funding source for the construction of the facility.

Barb Mosier questioned the presenters on data information.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to take a ten minute break.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion does not care due to a lack of a second.		

NEW BUSINESS

Item E- Corrective Action Possibilities For Disturbances At The Yukon Lodge.

MOVED:	Rodgers	Motion to suspend the rules, to allow members of the public to speak on the issue.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to take a ten minute break.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item D- Recommendation From The Planning Commission To Designate Beach #2 To Great Pacific Cable Company For Fiber Optic Project.

MOVED:	Rodgers	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Sam Blankenship, IT Manager.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction Of Ordinance 11-06: City Of Bethel Fee And Rate Schedule Amended.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to introduce Ordinance 11-06.
SECONDED:	Robb	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to strike \$150 and insert \$50 under Burial Permits.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed	
MOVED:	Perry	Motion to amend, to strike \$150 and insert \$350 under Weight Room, per year.
SECONDED:	Williams	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to suspend the rules, to hear from Ronda Sargent, Acting Parks and Recreation Director.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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MOVED:	Perry	Motion to amend, to strike \$4 and insert \$5 under Weight Room, per day and strike \$35 and insert \$50 under Weight Room, per month.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-1 Motion passes, Rodgers opposed	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to insert Youth

SECONDED:	Perry	<u>Fees can be waived by department policy</u> under Bethel Youth Center Fees.
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B- AM 11-25: Proposed Dates For FY 2012 Budget Review Meetings-To Include Additional Dates For Special Budget Meetings.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, AM 11-25 to include Tuesdays of which there are not regular city council meetings.
SECONDED:	Perry	
MOVED:	Williams	Motion to amend, to ask administration to come up with a schedule of budget meetings to include the budget items to be discussed at each meeting.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item C- IM 11-04: Donlin Creek Correspondence Regarding Bethel's Expression Of Interest In Working With Donlin Creek Through Use Of Bethel Port Facilities.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to suspend the rules, to hear from Donlin Creek Representative, Mary Sattler.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item D- IM 11-05: Energy Efficiency And Conservation Meeting In Bethel.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to suspend the rules, to move to Item G under Unfinished Business, Acceptance Of Negotiated Employment
SECONDED:	Rodgers	

		Contract Between The City Of Bethel And Lori Strickler, For The City Clerk's Position and then to Item C under New Business, Resolution 11-12: Grant Agreement AVCP TANF Position At The Bethel Youth Facility.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4-1 Motion passes, Williams opposed	

Item G- Acceptance Of Negotiated Employment Contract Between The City Of Bethel And Lori Strickler, For The City Clerk's Position.

Lori Strickler accepted the contract offered by the Council.

Item C- Resolution 11-12: Grant Agreement AVCP TANF Position At The Bethel Youth Facility.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adopt Resolution 11-12.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to extend the meeting past 10:00pm.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	3-2 Motion fails, Rodgers and Williams opposed	

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to extend the meeting to 10:30pm.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4-1 Motion passes, Rodgers opposed	

Item E- IM 11-06: Wind Energy Grant Updates.

Item F- IM 11-07:United States Department Of Agriculture Granting Obligations For The City Of Bethel.

MOVED:	Rodgers	Motion to suspend the rules, to hear from the Finance Director, Bobby
SECONDED:	Williams	

	Sutton.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor

**V. NEW BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

Item A - Resolution 11-10: Establishing Water Infrastructure Set-Aside Funding In The Army Corps Of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, Civil Works Program.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B- Resolution 11-11: Grant Application To Pay For The Re-Publication of "Bethel-The First 100 Years."

MOVED:	Perry	Motion to approve Resolution 11-11.
SECONDED:	Rodgers	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

- VI. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- VII. MANAGER'S REPORT**
- VIII. CLERK'S REPORT**
- IX. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Rodgers-
Hug an elder.

Vice-Mayor Williams-
Hoped the Q2 lift station had moved on with its life and hope the problems will not continue with the FAA lift station.
Encouraged people to stay away from the river.

Council Member Robb-
Happy birthday to his son Timmy.
American Foundation of Suicide Prevention Walk will be held on May 14th.

Council Member Perry-
Wanted to send condolences to Marv Hamilton's Family.
Glad to see the council moved through the agenda.

Mayor Middlebrook-
One year feast for Lucy Daniels this Sunday.

MOVED:	Rodgers	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Perry	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

X. ADJOURNMENT

The council adjourned at 10:29p.


Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk