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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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Date: May 7, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on May 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung came in at 7:10 pm

Pat Jennings

Joseph Klejka was excused

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Larry Elarton

Records Sharri Salyers

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

James Pak from Airport Limousine Service. advised that he was there for agenda item B under new business. He was hoping that the commission would consider the fees being decreased for the limousine services.

Rachel from Kusko Cab Co. advised that she was there for agenda item A under old business and C under new business. She wanted to make sure that the dispatch service was taken out of the fees section of 5.20.160 A. of the BMC.

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA OF MAY 7, 2009

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion: Moving VII Chief's Comments to VI Special Order of Business and moving X. New Business A. Aurora Data Project to be heard and discussed so Fire Chief Young could get to his next meeting. And move VI Special Order of Business to VII Chief's Comments*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE NEW AGENDA OF MAY 7, 2009

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2009**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Jennings	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Lefferts	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	
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**VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

**Fire Chief- A: H1N1 Flu** – We are having meetings on this subject and are making sure that everyone has masks, gloves and Tama flu vaccine. We are cautiously prepared.

**B: Flood** – Water will be coming up slowly so we should have plenty of notice. Things to get prepared filling up sewer tanks with water so they do not float away. Need to get all of the gas containers moved so there isn't any hazardous materials in the area.

**C: Building** – We are having the sixth group of engineers in to take a look at the building. The flooring the flooring in the garage area seems to be better since they came in and worked on it. All of the vehicles were able to be parked inside. We do not want to lose our building, we just want to make sure that it is safe for everyone.

**MOTION TO MOVE CHIEF OF POLICES COMMENTS AFTER SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Jennings	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Lefferts	

*Discussion: Chief Elarton had to leave for a emergency call.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	
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**X. New Business A. Aurora Data Project.**

State is requiring all ambulance services in the State of Alaska to have this program running by June 1, 2009. This program is web based on the internet and there is no cost to the City to access this program. This system also has a billing service that will assist in billing patients. The City can also attain stats on location of call, what types of calls, the ages of the patients. This system can be downloaded onto a laptop computer for easier availability to the ambulance for data entry. An average cost for the laptops are \$1,000.00. This program software also has training modules available.

**VII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Training for Committee and Commission Members.**

**A: Power point presentation and training-** Provided by City Clerk Lori Strickler.

**VI. Police Chief's Comments-**

**A: (CSP) Community Service Patrol-** We have hired two for the three positions that are open for our CSP's. The EMT position is still open at this time. We are still waiting for the two vehicles that have been ordered. We are trying to get the Police annex building up and running we have some issues with the plumbing and we are trying to find someone that can work on it.

**B: Staff-** We hired a new Officer Travis Wixom. He started Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, Mr. Wixom has a wife and four children and they will be coming up here the first of June. Mr. Wixom was an officer in Kansas before coming to Bethel. We also have a new public safety dispatcher Angel Forkiner she has replaced Christina Smith. Ms. Forkiner moved here from Maryland. Shanna Perry will be resigning in August 2009. She is going to college in Anchorage. We are looking to hire someone that can help us on a temporarily bases who can help with coverage for vacations.

**C: Animal Control Report-** We are trying to get our computer system working to get the reports more accurate. Chief handed out a report as to all animal calls that the department had received in a month's time there were 99 animal calls, combined with Complaints, adoptions, animal bites, cruelty to animals and impoundments.

**VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

- A:** 14 Inspections of vehicles
- B:** 2 Transfers
- C:** 2 Taxicabs change Dispatch Service's

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. BMC 5.20.160 A. Amending Ordinance** reviewing request to go to Council.

**MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 A.**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**MOTION TO AMEND ADOPTED AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 A.**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion: strike "fairs" and "a" in wording and add "each" to where "a" was in the wording.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**MOTION TO TABLE ADOPTED AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 A. to JUNE 4, 2009 MEETING**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion: need more information to add a fee on taxicab dispatch services. There also needs to be a effective date discussed for the ordinance.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**B: LIMOUSINE RATES- BMC 5.30.035 C.**

A. Request by the airport limousine services to decrease the minimum rates from \$100.00 dollars an hour to \$80.00 an hour.

B. Request by airport limousine services to allow limousines to flag from airport and take passengers to town and airport with a minimum of two passengers with rate of ten dollars (\$10.00). Flag from airport to Kasayuli minimum of two passengers with a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00)

**MOTION TO AMEND BMC ORDINANCE 5.30.035 C.**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion: strike one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and add Eighty dollars (\$80.00)*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**MOTION TO FORWARD AMENDED BMC ORDINANCE 5.30.035 C. TO CITY COUNCIL**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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no action was taken on the request for allowing flagging from the airport at this time.

**C: REVIEW BMC 5.20.160 FEES AND 5.50.010 DISPATCH SERVICES**

**MOTION TO TABLE BMC 5.20.160 FEES AND 5.50.010 DISPATCH SERVICES to JUNE 4, 2009 MEETING**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jennings	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

**A: Pat Jennings-** No comment.

**B: Charlie Chung-** No comment

**C: Brian Lefferts-** Thank you to the Fire Chief for coming to the meeting and would like to see him at the meetings more often.

**D: Mark Springer-** Maybe we can change the times and dates for the meetings. Please put that on the agenda for the next meeting. Check with the City Clerk as to what day and times would work best, maybe think of a noon meeting also.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Thursday June 4, 2009

  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Recorder