
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 8, 2012 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 Kent Harding
Council Member Gene Jr. Peltola
Council Member Joseph Klejka
Council Member Mary Sattler
Council Member Rick Robb
Council Member Eric Whitney
Council Member Mark Springer (arrived after roll call)

ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Manager Lee Foley

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Jennifer Dobson-

Presented information on the upcoming Walk for Life, taking place May 11th at 2:30pm. The goal of this walk for life is to raise awareness that suicide is 100% preventable.

Council Member Springer arrived at 6:36p.

Joan Dewey-

Bethel Friends of Canine Representative, encouraged the community to get involved in saving and protecting the many neglected dogs and puppies in Bethel.

Nancy Elliott –
Bethel Friends of Canine Representative, requested the Council consider budgeting for a full time animal control officer in the City of Bethel. Provided a list of community businesses that provide donations to Bethel Friends of Canines.

Alisha Coplin –
Spoke in favor of the Bethel Friends of Canines, and their efforts.

Sheila Silva-
Spoke in favor of a privately run animal shelter.

David Trantham-
Spoke in favor of Resolution 12-12.

Grant Fairbanks-
Praised the Council for working cohesively and professionally.
Spoke in favor of Resolution 12-12.

Alvin Jimmy Jr. –
Asked the Council to participate in a Cleanup Challenge May 15th with the student council.

Lauren Bradberry-
Praised the Council for working cohesively and professionally.
Spoke in opposition to any distribution of alcohol at any City events, including the Alaska Municipal League.

John Wallace-
Raise awareness regarding the City's air quality and the potential health hazards and suggested the City work on a dust control policy.

Ronda Vanover-
Spoke in favor of the Bethel Friends of Canines and their efforts.

Dan Hartman-
Spoke in favor of Resolution 12-12.

Stan Corp-
Raised awareness on Clean-Up Green-Up and hoped people will get out and clean up the trash around their homes and the community.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to remove Resolution 12-11, Resolution 12-12, and the Introduction of Budget Ordinance 12-06 from the consent agenda.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A- 4-10-2012 Regular City Council Meeting.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 4-10-2012, was made at the April 24 th Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B- 4-24-2012 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Public Safety and Transportation Commission
 Council Member Harding-
 A Commission meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Item B- Finance Committee
 Finance Director Bobby Sutton-
 The Committee is revising the local bidding preference, once the revisions are made and approved by the Committee they will present them to Council for consideration.

Item C- Energy Committee

Council Member Whitney-

A Committee meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Item D- Port Commission

Council Member Springer-

A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Item E- Parks & Recreation Committee

Barb Mosier, Committee Chair-

Beatify Bethel/Clean-Up Green-Up will be announced soon.

Campfire workers will begin working at the Youth Center, June 16th.

The Children's Fair went well.

The Tundra Ridge playground is being restored. There are many people working together to make that park updates possible.

The Bethel First 100 Years book is well on its way, the City is still looking for \$4,000 to help fund the printing.

The Log Cabin is able to be rented out to community members and organizations again.

The Parks and Recreation Department is working on a Robotic Program for 4H and the Teen Center.

The pool funding is still in the budget, it is important to contact the Governor's Office to show your support.

Item F- Planning Commission

Council Member Robb-

A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Item G- Public Works Committee

Mayor Klejka-

A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- Proclamation Recognizing Timmy Robb And Doug Corp For Their Outstanding Efforts In Obtaining Their Eagle Scout Designation.

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to take a five minute break.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B- Proclamation Declaring August 25, 2012 Berry, Very Clean Fish, Moose Harvest Festival Day In The City Of Bethel.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 11-13 Substitute: Repealing And Reenacting Title 7 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Elections.

*Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Klejka Closed the public hearing.*

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-13 Substitute was made at the April 24 th Regular City Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B- Alcohol Availability During The Alaska Municipal League Reception.

MOVED:	Springer	The City of Bethel will not solicit or provide alcohol at the Alaska Municipal League event August 15, 2012.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed	

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution 12-11: Establishing Guidelines For Alcohol Consumption During City Sponsored Events.

MOVED:	Harding	Motion to adopt Resolution 12-11.
SECONDED:	Springer	

MOVED:	Harding	Motion to amend to insert "require the service of alcoholic beverages be prohibited at City of Bethel sponsored public functions."
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion passes, Whitney and Robb opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	3-4 Motion fails, Whitney, Robb, Peltola and Klejka	

Item B- Resolution 12-12: Supporting A Mercury Risk Assessment Study, Mercury Transportation Accountability, And Mercury Monitoring As Conditions To Permitting The Proposed Donlin Gold Mine.

Council Member Sattler declared a conflict of interest.

Mayor Klejka ruled, Council Member Sattler does have a conflict of interest.

Vice-Mayor Peltola requested the Mayor rule on his potential conflict of interest.

Mayor Klejka ruled Vice-Mayor Peltola does not have a conflict of interest, and reminded the council they could overrule his decision. The Council unanimously determined Vice-Mayor Peltola did not have a conflict of interest in this matter.

Council Member Sattler stepped down from the Council bench.

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to adopt Resolution 12-12.
SECONDED:	Springer	

MOVED:	Peltola	Motion to amend, to strike "and arsenic" under the first whereas.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MOTION	6-0, All in favor, Sattler abstained	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend, to strike the second whereas statement.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion passes, Klejka and Whitney opposed, Sattler abstained	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend, to insert "river watershed" after "Kuskokwim" in the third whereas.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend, to insert in the fourth whereas "methyl" prior to "mercury."
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion passes, Robb and Whitney opposed, Sattler abstained	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to strike the fourth whereas.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	1-5 Motion fails, Robb in favor, Sattler abstained	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend, to strike the fifth whereas.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MOTION	5-1 Motion passes, Whitney opposed, Sattler abstained	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend, to insert "public access to" prior to "air and water monitoring, or" in the sixth whereas.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	3-3 Motion fails, Robb, Peltola and Klejka opposed, Sattler abstained	

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend, to strike the sixth whereas.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION	5-1 Motion passes, Whitney opposed, Sattler abstained	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to strike the seventh whereas.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	3-3 Motion fails, Peltola, Springer and Peltola opposed, Sattler abstained.	
MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to postpone.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-0 All in favor, Sattler abstained	
<i>Resolution 12-12 is postponed until the May 22nd City Council Meeting.</i>		

Council Member Sattler returned to the council bench.

Item C- Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 12-06: An Ordinance Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Beginning July 1, 2012.

MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to introduce Budget Ordinance 12-06.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
<i>Council Member Sattler departed the meeting.</i>		
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Bobby Sutton.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
<i>Council Member Sattler returned to the meeting.</i>		

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor
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Item D- Options Of Hiring An Engineer For The City Of Bethel.

Item E- City Of Bethel/ONC Transit System Operations Update

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Sattler-

The amount of trash around Bethel is appalling.

Supported the comments made by John Wallace regarding dust control.

Thanked Parks and Recreation for their Clean-Up Green-Up efforts.

Council Member Robb-

Enjoyed this meeting, and all of the involvement from the public.

A warning was announced by search and rescue, to stay off the river.

May 18th is the High School Graduation, congratulated the students.

Council Member Springer-

Will be attending a board meeting in Anchorage at the end of the week for AML.

Thanked the young men at McCann for their ongoing Clean-up Green-Up efforts, as well as their ongoing contributions to the community.

Council Member Whitney –

Thanked the Bethel Bike Path Group and their bike path clean up.

Please get out there and clean up the community.

Council Member Harding-

Thanked the council members for defeating his resolution, and their ability to agree to disagree.

Bethel Sportsman's Club is working on rang rules and rang plans. Meetings for the club will be held every Monday night.

Vice-Mayor Peltola-

Requested City Administration look into the liability faced by the City if volunteers work at the dog pound.

Supported the comments expressed by John Wallace regarding the dust control issues in Bethel.

The Fish and Wildlife Office adopted a portion of the highway; the office is going to conduct their won clean-up green-up in their portion of the road.

Be safe when traveling.

Mayor Klejka-

Look forward to the break up party, which should be occurring soon.

This was a really exciting meeting with all of the public participation.

Believes it is important to enforce our plastic bag ordinance, the bags around the community are extensive.

Budget meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:30p.

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 9:24p.



Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk