
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Works Committee Minutes

May 16, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Works Committee Meeting was held on May 16, 2012 at 6:35p.m. in the City Shop Conference Room, Bethel, Alaska was called to order by Committee Member Chair, Frank Neitz.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frank Neitz, Jennifer Dobson, Joseph Klejka, Bill Schreiner, Jeff Sanders, Scott Guinn, Bill Arnold, John Sargent, Lee Foley

Excused absence(s): None

Unexcused absence(s): None

Also in attendance were the following:

Chuck Willert, Public Works Director

Cheryl Roberts, Public Works Admin, Recorder of Minutes

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	J. Klejka	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of (last meeting date) April 18, 2012.
SECONDED BY:	J. Sanders	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	J. Klejka	Motioned carried.
SECONDED BY:	S. Guinn	

VOTE ON MOTION	Carried as amended.
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To Move Lee Foley

MOVED BY:	J. Klejka	To move Lee Foley to the top of the list
SECONDED BY:	S. Guinn	

VOTE ON MOTION	Carried as amended.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A - Update - Closeout of 2 Outstanding Grants

Larson Construction committed to a closeout date of September 30, 2012, and there is about \$140,000 left in the grant. The City needs the Easements before we close out the two grants.

Item B - Update - Sewer Lagoon

The city needs prove that there is a "dyer need" to get the Sewer Lagoon Project to the USDA, and needs to show, based on "design and capacity" for a "dyer sanitation need". The Lagoon P.E.R.E.R. is the piece that is unfinished.

Item C - Update - 5 Year Plan

This needs to be updated before we can move forward.

Item D - Update - Armory

The out buildings and the lots they sit on will be ready to come back to the city around the end of June to July, The buildings are also contaminated with Asbestos and it would take around half a million dollars to abate it. We are also getting the land back on Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway.

Item E - Update - Recycle Center

Eddie Collins withdrew his proposal for this. Put in a recommendation for a 2nd RFP in a way for someone to make a profit. A discussion ensued on recycling cans, plastic and taking cars for the yearly Clean Up, Green Up.

Item F - Neptune - Update Rate Study - Meter Housing

There was a discussion on a cost analysis of the water and sewer service, number of connections for ASHA Housing, break down of gallons, and per mile to the different subdivisions, to figure out the total cost and prorate it for everyone. To also include a study on the Institutional Corridor.

Item G - Institutional Corridor

Has a closeout date of September 30, 2012 from Larson Construction. The reasoning for putting this in was to gauge what the entire 14.5 million dollars project would benefit for the city.

Item H - Log Cabin

The Log Cabin is up and running with no problems.

NEW BUSINESS**Item A – Road Maintenance & Snow Removal Policy for Winter Conditions**

A discussion ensued about burms being too high and too many which caused cars to park on the road. And to which subdivisions have the most problems with this issue.

Item B – Proposed Resolution for Council Consideration

There was a discussion on the flat rate of \$135.00 per month and is this for water only or water and sewer service together.

Item C – Ordinance #09-12 – Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Ware

A discussion ensued on plastic bags verses paper bags and whether or not polystyrene or bamboo containers should be used, and was this Ordinance put into place to control the litter problem or have the vendors switch to biodegradable products.

Item D – RFP - Cost Analysis of the City of Bethel's Water & Sewer Utilities

Discussions ensued about having the rate study included in the cost analysis and break it all down for the cost per gallon and mile/distance.

Item E – RFP – Water & Sewer Master Plan Update

We had one (1) company put a bid in, Larson Consulting Group, Inc, who came in at over \$12,000 more than what the city had expected. Everyone at the meeting agreed to setting up, in the near future, a public meeting and conference call with Larson Consulting, Tasha with D.E.C., Public Works Committee, City Council, Lee Foley, John Sargent.

Item F – Dust Control

Lee Foley is in the process of writing up a formal policy on this for the city.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Jennifer – No comment.

Bill – No comment.

Scott - No comment.

Jeff – Likes reading the Nome Nugget. He said Nome is getting their Low Sulfur Diesel for their power plant at half the price Bethel Utility will pay for their Diesel.

Frank – Thanks everyone for coming.

Joseph – Great meeting. Sorry for being a few minutes late. Talked about how the city is doing everything they can and then went to A.V.E.C. about the prices and they would love to get on board with the city as well as the Bethel City Council. T.D.X. also has a contract in place to buy B.U.C.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	F. Neitz	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	J. Klejka	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2011.


Cheryl Roberts
Recorder of Minutes


Frank Neitz, Chair