
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: June 4, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on June 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Pat Jennings came in at 7:09 pm

Joseph Klejka

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Police Chief Larry Elarton

Fire Chief George Young

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF June 4, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	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 May 7, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion: Item VIII Spelling of Transportation to be fixed

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Fire Chief- A: Flood – We had very little damage no search and rescue was called out.

There was a few houses that did have some damage and they have requested some assistance from the government on the damage that they received.

B: Building – We have posted contractor bids to work on the building we have received one bid to date from a local contractor the bid closes on the 8th of June, 2009.

C: Aurora Data Project – The City of Bethel Finance Department is going to be assisting us in entering the data and we are also looking into the billing software so the Finance department can work on the billing too.

D: Grants – There are grants available for the building as well. We have talked to a lot of different people that have made suggestions and also are very supportive of the grants. The grants that we have been looking into are for Fire department buildings only we have not been able to find any that would assist in the combined Fire and Police department.

E: Calls – We have had eight or nine Tundra fires so far this year, most of them are being started by kids ranging from four in half years old and up. We have tried the fire prevention lecture at the schools and at the fire department and ended up having copy cats fires. With the tundra being as dry as it is we do not need any more fires. We are looking into talking on the Friday morning talk show to try and inform the parents and the adults in the community and see if that might help.

Police Chief- A: 9-1-1 Cell phones- We are receiving the 9-1-1 calls from cell phones through out the delta region. There is a 9-1-1 surcharge that we are receiving from all cell phones and the local landlines here in Bethel. GCI is working on getting their GPS up and working so we will be able to have a better location as to where the call is coming from. We do not have a definite date as to when GCI will have the GPS unit up and running.

B: CSO Position- Our CSO officer Cory Taylor has resigned. We have hired a certified officer; Keith Hood from Montana. He will be starting on June 15, 2009.

C: CSP Program – All positions are filled, we do not have a EMT at the present time. We are hosting a training for Red Cross CPR and First Aid instructors course that will be held the end of this month.

D: Restitution- We have been granted \$7,000.00 in restitution from the courts on a case where one of our new vehicles was damaged.

E: Sex Assaults – There are still a lot of sex assaults that we are dealing with. We received a bill today from the hospital for over \$4,000.00 for SART exams. The anonymous reporting are the ones that the AST will be paying for once the program is up and running.

F: Grants- we have two grants that we have applied for one is \$64,000.00 we will be using for the 9-1-1 recorder and the second is for personnel Evidence Custodian, Evidence Technician and Investigator. The CSP grant; we are spending the monies and getting the building up and running.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

A: 14 Inspections of vehicles

B: 2 Transfers

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. BMC 5.20.160 (A.)(K.) Amending Ordinance reviewing request to go to Council.

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 (A.)(K.)

MOVED BY:	Klejka	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO AMEND ADOPTED AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 (A.)(K.)

MOVED BY:	Klejka	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion: add 5.20.160 (G.) and add (K.) to the wording.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO FORWARD AMENDED BMC ORDINANCE 5.20.160 (A.)(G.)(K.) TO CITY COUNCIL

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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B. LIMOUSINE RATES – Wording checked**C. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BMC 5.20.160 (FEES)**

Brian Lefferts suspends rules to allow Rachel to speak her concerns as to Section C. in BMC. 5.20.160 Rachel stated that there had not been fees prior to 2007 for the initial and renewal of vehicle permits. She stated that there was some kind of a mistake made in the BMC and that she didn't think that we were supposed to be charging that fee. A document provided showed that this was passed my council on August 14, 2007. The discussion ended with no new changes.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BMC 5.50 (DISPATCH)**MOTION TO AMEND BMC 5.50.020 (A)(B)**

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Motion to amend BMC 5.50.020 (A)(B) to two (2)
SECONDED BY:		calendar years and strike annual.

Discussion: There is a need to have the ordinance stay an annual permit, due to the review of records that the business is in compliance with City taxes. Along with a list of the name and address and telephone number of every person that has a financial, proprietary, security or other interest in the license.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed lack of second.
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IX. NEW BUSINESS**A. DISCUSSION TO CHANGE DATE AND TIME OF MEETING****MOTION TO CHANGE DATE OF MEETING**

MOVED BY:	Klejka	Change Date to First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion: Thursday nights are a hardship for Council Representative Joseph Klejka, it would be better to have the meetings earlier in the week.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Charlie Chung- We discussed good things tonight. I am not too sure if the Kusko people will concur.

B: Brian Lefferts- Good discussion all around. Was glad to see the Fire Chief here at the Meeting and hope that he will be here more often. Good information on the 9-1-1 cell phones calls.

C: Joseph Klejka- Best meeting so far.

D: Pat Jennings- No Comment

E: Mark Springer- No Comment

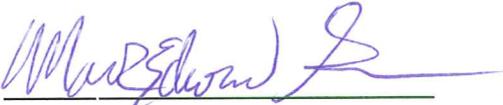
**XI. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Jennings	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday July 7, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder