
City of Bethel, Alaska

Port Commission Minutes

Date 08/20/07

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Port Commission was held on 08/20/07 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Brandon Leary called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission did have a quorum, the following members were present:

Brandon Leary
Allen DeSousa
Alan Murphy
Lee Foley
Harry Faulkner, Jr.

Absent:

Mary Kenick
Clair Grifka
Greg Roczicka

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Brandon Leary as a representative of Crowley voiced concerns regarding recent storage charges. Brandon said they all should have been given warning, and should have been given a letter before they began receiving the storage bills prior to June 1st. Brandon said that a lot of people were also getting hit with huge storage fees and nobody has a problem paying if they have some notice or they have some options ahead of time.

Harry Faulkner also spoke about the high storage fee charges regarding his boats.

Coastal Village Seafoods spoke about the increase in storage charges for the 15 containers that they have stacked up on the city dock. He also agreed with Brandon that something should have been said before these bills went out.

Hector Lopez was also there to speak about the increase in charges for the storage of his boat. Lee reminded Hector that he told him that he would work with him once he gave him a firm date to get off the dock.

Making changes to the tariff was discussed, Lee said he would correct it however the Port Commission deemed appropriate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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| MOVED BY: | Alan Murphy | To approve the agenda, as amended |
| SECONDED BY: | Harry Faulkner | |
| VOTE ON MOTION | Passed unanimously | |

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lee read directly from the report that was in front of them.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL REP'S COMMENTS

Not present

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Alan Murphy said that the port attendants responded right away when his son called about a finger in the small boat harbor.

Harry Faulkner, Jr. said he noticed that there was some damage to the fence poles and wires and stuff when they did the backhoe loading down at the BNC property. He was also upset about the rocks in the water in the beach.

Allen DeSousa no comments

OLD BUSINESS

A) Thru-Put Issue – Talk Show Spokesperson Needed

Mary Kenick came to Lee at the last port commission meeting suggesting pushing this in front of city council again. She wanted someone to sit on the talk show on the radio and answer questions and put a positive spin on the thru-put. Brandon suggested putting it on hold until after the elections.

Table Thru-Put Issue Until After The Elections

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| MOVED BY: | Allen DeSousa | To table the thru put issue until after city council elections |
| SECONDED BY: | Alan Murphy | |
| VOTE ON MOTION | Passed unanimously | |

B) Brown's Slough Stabilization Project Update

Lee said that Phase 1 was complete and all the rock was placed in ok. Next year the ACOE is going to replace the tiebacks, that is the second phase of this project, this will be open to bid.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Fees/Charges for East Addition & Seawall Storage

It was discussed to table the fees and charges for the east addition & seawall storage until winter.

Table Fees/Charges for East Addition & Seawall Storage

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| MOVED BY: | Allen DeSousa | To table east addition & seawall storage fees/charges until winter |
| SECONDED BY: | Harry Faulkner, Jr | |
| VOTE ON MOTION | Passed unanimously | |

B) Letter to the Port Customers Re Terminal Tariff

This topic was already discussed at length under people to be heard. Lee said he drafted the letter to try and let the people know about the tariff. Lee is not going to send the letter out to customers yet.

C) Small Boat Harbor Permit Fee Increase

Lee said he just wanted the port commission to think about the increase for right now. This will be something to look at in the winter.

Table Small Boat Harbor Permit Fee Increase Until Winter

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| MOVED BY: | Allen DeSousa | To table small boat harbor permit fee increase until winter |
| SECONDED BY: | Alan Murphy | |
| VOTE ON MOTION | Passed unanimously | |

D) Float Space Renewal Fee Increase

Lee just wanted the port commission to think about the increase for right now. This is also something that they will look at in the winter.

Table Float Space Renewal Fee Increase Fee Increase Until Winter

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| MOVED BY: | Allen DeSousa | To table float space renewal fee increase until winter |
| SECONDED BY: | Alan Murphy | |
| VOTE ON MOTION | Passed unanimously | |

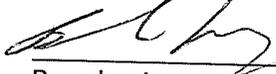
DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2007

Respectfully Submitted:



Brandon Leary, Chairman

APPROVED THIS 28 day of December 2007.

ATTEST: _____