
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: September 6, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on September 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall, Meeting Room and moved to Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska. Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

- Mark Springer- present
- Brian Lefferts- present
- Charley Chung- absent
- Paul Gregory- absent
- Carol (Annette) Sutton- present
- Council Member Richard Robb- present
- Ex-Officio members present were the following:
- Chief of Fire George Young- present
- Chief of Police Larry Elarton- present
- Recorder Amy Peterson- present

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF September 6, 2011

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Robb	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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IV. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF June 7, 2011

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Sutton	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. FIRE CHIEFS' COMMENTS – Fire Chief George Young

VI. A: Programs/Divisions- All vehicles are up and running with the exception of Engine-2 which is having problems with its diesel engine. The Fire Department is currently working with the State Fire Marshal's Office and the State Division of Family Services with regards to a Bethel establishment that has been working outside the laws of the City and the State where minor children are involved.

B: Personnel - Currently recruiting for three positions a conditional offer was made and waiting to hear back from the possible candidate.

C: Building-The building is being wrapped up and making winter preparations. Pleased with the final outcome and looking forward to being in a leak free building for the next thirty years.

- VII. **E: Training** –An EMT meeting was held on August 16th, training was performed on vehicle extraction equipment in small and large vehicles. On August 2nd a Critical Findings Exam was exercised, it consisted of patient assessment and to determine the treatment and transport speed. An Fire meeting was held on August 11th, training involved using 2 ½ hose lines as the primary attack line for two structures more than 100 feet away from the attack fire truck On August 25th a review of recent calls was conducted followed by training in fire ground attack and principles and procedures.
- D: Budgets/Financial**- The Department is operating within the allocated budget.
- E: Questions**- Springer asked if had heard about the Alaska Shield Exercise of 2012, Chief Young stated no. Robb asked if they are able to maintain coverage with only ½ a crew, Young states the crew is getting burnt out and hard to allow vacation time, states they have a great crew of volunteers, and free training classes are being offered.

Police Chief Larry Elarton

- A: Personnel**- Kristen Hirsch has completed her FTO training and has been assigned to a rotation shift. Amy Peterson has begun her role as the Administrative Assistant.
- B: Training**- The CSP units have attended an ETT course at YKHC. The course was completed the first week in September. Officer Lee and Officer Turner attended an active shooter course in Cordova.
- C: Building**- The Police building construction has moved to the RFP stage and we have begun working on the submission of the paperwork. Currently we are pending an engineer visit with Procom prior to submission of the RFP.
- D: Equipment**-The Command Trailer is in the process of being built, 24 foot long with work stations, storage and a dry bathroom. Also included are a generator, awning, 56k heater, supplemental electric baseboard heat, with observation deck and ladder. Final plans have been approved.
- E: Dispatch**- 1593 CFS were handled last month, 153 AST 85 BFD 1351 BPD 4 OCS 0 Probation. The final dispatch policy is pending review by administration.
- D: Stats for August**- Officers responded to 1351 calls this month, 101 resulted in cases which resulted is 41 adult arrests and 6 juveniles arrests, out of the 101 cases 88 cases were cleared by arrest or in another manner. CSP: 62 total intakes 39 residents 25 non residents, out of those 18 were taken to YKCC, 38 to Sobering Center 7 to YKHC and 1 to a private residence 0 ATCFS. Animal control: Impounded 28 dogs, 0 cats of those 7 were returned to the owner, 15 were adopted out 2 euthanized, 4 dogs still impounded.
- E: Cases**- 15 assault calls, 5 DUI arrests, 2 stolen vehicles, 8 burglaries and 5 total accidents. *Case of interest*- Officers Turner and Simonds contacted a male who they had observed harassing a female when officers intervened the man who was intoxicated became nervous, during a pat down the Officers removed a bottle of alcohol and a pipe with drug residue, the subject then started to reach for his waistband, there a pistol was observed, Officers were able to disarm the man with no further issues. The subject was found to have a criminal history making him a twice convicted felon. He was remanded on the weapon and drug violations. Officer Turner conducted a sexual assault investigation which resulted in the arrest of a suspect, with prior convictions for sexual assault in the 1st and incest. This month we had two accidents which resulted in serious injury or death, both are still under investigation. Our thoughts are with the friends and families. Several burglaries took place this month a correlation between the burglaries was discovered by Sgt. Salyers and Officer Symmes. A juvenile was arrested for the series of burglaries.
- F: Questions**- Springer asks how soon the RFP will be out, Chief states next week as long as there are no more impediments.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT- Amy Peterson
A: Vehicle Inspections- 4

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT- Councilman Robb-

A: Ordinance- 11.14 was passed at counsel, mandating closing hours for places of public assembly between 2:00 am and 6:00 am

B: Comments- Chief Elarton states he is glad to see the animal ordinance complete, thanks Councilman Robb for his work. Chief Young states he was Councilman Robb's son whom is an eagle scout built some bus stops around town and did an amazing job would like to say thanks to him as well.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

A: Strategies at combating bootlegging- Requested by Councilman Robb, Nothing new at this time.

B: 9.36 Public Nuisance Abatement- A draft was reviewed by council however it has not yet been introduced. Springer would like to move forward with this and continue to have The Planning Department work on it. Springer also stated that alcohol sales could be part of the nuisance. Sutton states if the ordinance could pertain to private residences as well it could make the landlords more aware of problematic homes/tenants. Robb states he would like to see the draft e-mailed to all members for next month's discussion.

NEW BUSINESS-

A: Location for the Oct. 4th meeting- Discussions were held as to where the meeting should be held due to elections going on in the Chambers.

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

Brian Lefferts- No Comment

Carol (Annette) Sutton- Congratulations to the Chief on his marriage

Rick Robb-

Mark Springer-

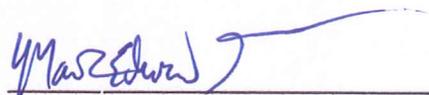
XII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY:	Sutton	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – October 4th, 2011



Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:


_____, Recorder