
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 11, 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

ABSENT: Council Member Mark Springer

STAFF: City Clerk Lori Strickler
Acting City Manager, Fire Chief, George Young

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Jennifer Dobson –
Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City of Bethel for the 2011
Community Fluoridation Reaffirmation Award.

Willy Keppel-
Spoke on concerns regarding the loose dog population within the City.
Spoke with concerns regarding the council's consideration of increasing the size
of the pool from four lanes to six lanes because of the financial responsibility
associated with the modifications.
Thanked Dave Trantham Jr. for his work on the Alaska Territorial Guard project.
Sorry to see so many homes on the market without people interested in
purchasing. The City should strongly consider options to lower costs to the City
so that people can afford to live here.

Spoke in opposition to the manner the council spoke to the Department of Transportation regarding the Tundra Ridge Road project. The Council should have been addressing their concerns with BIA.

Legal contract with the St. Sophia’s Church is in place, the City should not be responsible for building a bridge access to the area.

Thanked Council Member Harding for all of his efforts as a council member.

Barbra Mosier-

Spoke in favor of the council’s decision to increase the size of the swimming pool from a four lane pool to a six lane pool.

David Trantham –

Thanked Kent Harding as well as City Staff and the rest of Council for their assistance in their support to the Alaska Territorial Memorial Park.

Asked for clarification on the AM 12-30 State Priority Requests specifically the project request for the Moravian Church Access which should have been listed as the Russian Orthodox Church Access.

Supported AM 12-32 and the design of a four lane pool and urged the Council to not move forward with a six lane pool.

Does not feel a million dollar water slide will improve any child or person’s health.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A -8-28-2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B -9-04-2012 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Public Safety & Transportation Committee
Council Member Harding-
Nothing to report at this time.

Item B- Port Commission
 Pete Williams, Port Director-
 A meeting was not held but there have been two proposals made for the dredging of the boat harbor both under budget.

Item C- Planning Commission
 Will be meeting this Thursday at 6:30p in the council chambers.

Item D- Parks and Recreation Committee
 Council Member Sattler – Next meeting will be Monday the 17th of September which is the first meeting they have had since the summer break.

Item E- Finance Committee
 Discussed the modification of the Code for local bid preference. Ordinance proposal from the Public Safety and Transportation Commission for additional taxation on sugar sweetened beverages.

Item F- Public Works Committee
 A meeting will be held next Wednesday.

Item G- Energy Committee
 RFP for the Recycling Center was discussed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A - AM 12-30: Approval Of The State Priorities Requests for Inclusion In The Annual Resolution.

MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to adopt AM 12-30.
SECONDED:	Harding	
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to move into a Committee of the Whole.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN	All in favor	

MOTION		
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to amend AM 12-30 to include budget information, Sewer Lagoon upgrade, Armory assistance, doughnut hole access road.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor		
MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to postpone until the next regular City Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Peltola	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item postponed until the next regular meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A -Resolution 12-17: Supporting The Timely Completion Of The Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B-Resolution 12-18: Requesting Assistance In The Tundra Ridge Road Improvement From Federal Delegation.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- AM 12-32 Approval Of The Four Lane Pool Concept As Currently Provided In The Bethel Aquatic Training And Health Center 65% Plan As Well As Increasing The Exercise Area To Accommodate More Than 14 Occupants.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve AM 12-32.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.		

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to reconsider the motion to approve AM 12-32.
SECONDED:	Sattler	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Motion passes, 5-1 Harding opposed
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MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve AM 12-32.
SECONDED:	Peltola	

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to amend AM 12-32 to change the four lane pool design to a six lane pool design and increase the exercise areas to 2,000 square feet.
SECONDED:	Sattler	

MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to take a five minute break
SECONDED:	Robb	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor
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VOTE ON MOTION	4-2 Motion passes, Robb and Harding opposed
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VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-1 Motion passes, Harding in opposition
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Item D- PTO For The City Clerk September 10, 2012.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item E- PTO For The City Attorney September 28, 2012.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item F - Approval For Mayor Klejka To Attend The Valdez Liquefied Natural Gas Conference As A Panelist As Requested By The Alaska Municipal League.

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to approve travel for Mayor Klejka.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

XI. MANAGERS REPORT

XII. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Robb

Glad the Council can make the difficult decisions regarding the pool project and then still move forward respectfully to insure completion of the project.

Good luck to the hunters still out there.

This week is suicide prevention week; we can all help by listening to those in need.

Council Member Sattler

Thanked everyone for their patience during the last city council meeting while she was calling in.

Thanked Janet Athanas for all of her hard work over the years, her work is commendable. She has done a great job at improving the quality of life for the Bethel residents.

It has been great serving with Council Member Harding and am sorry to learn that he is not running again.

Council Member Whitney

Happy September.

Council Member Harding

Thanked everyone for their support while he has been on Council.

Dust control is an ongoing issue here in Bethel and should be closely monitored by administration.

Vice Mayor Peltola

Fish and Wildlife completed the registration moose hunt and congratulations to all of the successful harvesters.

Fish and Wildlife service has and is continuing access to the BIA site. People are stealing materials from the site, making the area even more hazardous than it was already. Cameras have been installed.

Pleased that there is a lot of discussion on the pool project.

Mayor Klejka

Concurred with Vice-Mayor Peltola, the weather was great for hunting and being outside, it was great to see the successful hunters coming back.
Agrees with Mr. Keppel's statements regarding the number of loose dogs in this community.

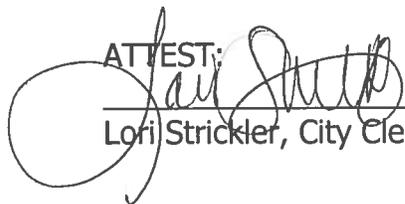
XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Council adjourned at 8:29p.



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk