
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

October 4, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 4th, 2016 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
Mary Weiss *Council Representative*
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*
Daniel Maczynski

Absent: Bill Howell *Fire Chief*
Naim Shabani
Julene Webber

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police* (telephonically)
Daron Solesbee *Fire Captain*
Amy Davis *Investigations Sergeant*
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Ray Watson – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws, would like a recommendation that advocates for citizens who use ATV's and who are obeying the laws.

Loni Upshaw - Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Leif Albertson – Clarifying City Council's objectives with the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Rick Robb – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws, however would like to work towards a solution, favors a shared-road system and is proposing an ordinance that will allow ATVs and four-wheelers on the road.

Samuel Hare - Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Gary Hanson - Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Ira S. Flowers III – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Brian Hughes - Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws, would like a compromise for those who are responsible and obeying the laws on ATVs and four-wheelers.

Fedosia Hughes – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Vernon Blevins – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Bridget Hughes Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws, would like a compromise for those who are responsible and obeying the laws on ATVs and four-wheelers.

Jennifer Fiess – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Scott Greydanus – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Chief Achee – Clarified the stance of the BPD’s active enforcement of the ATV and four wheeler laws per the Action Memorandum from City Council. The action memorandum asked BPD to strictly enforce ATV/off-road laws and removes all discretion from police officers.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Maczynksi	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Maczynski	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 6 th , 2016.
SECONDED:	Henrikson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Captain Daron Solesbee - *See report in commission packet.*
 Chief Andre Achee – *No comments, see report in commission packet.*

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Weiss – *As we are very much aware, the City Council did task a resolution that the ATV rule should be enforced and encouraged the Alaska State Troopers to enforce it and then it all turned into the Bethel Police Department as well. There was a pretty active discussion, a lot of it was generated because there are people that are on ATV's and they are reckless and dangerous. There was a lot of back and forth. There was obviously a whole bunch of discussion on basically discretion and what exactly does enforcement mean since it was maintained and they were already enforcing it. We have another City Council meeting coming up. We will be speaking about it a little more down on the agenda.*

MOVED:	Weiss	Motion to relax the formality of the meeting and allow Gary Hanson to ask a question.
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Gary Hanson – *Inquired on statistical report provided by BPD on how many citations were issued to ATV drivers that were actually driving recklessly or whether they were just driving on the streets.*

Investigations Sergeant Amy Davis – *Citations in our system is tracked by the Statute, so it doesn't actually break down what each person was doing, but on each citation there is a probable cause segment and the officer writes down on the citation usually what the reason for their stop is. It is written on the citation, as far as tracking goes, it is really difficult to track, because it's tracked by statute number.*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Statewide Task Force Update on Heroin (*Byron Maczynski, Council Member*)

Not Discussed, Byron Maczynski was unable to attend.

B. Clarification of Roadway Use for ATVs (*Mary Weiss, Council Member*)

See Report in Commission Packet

i. Proposition of Ordinance: Operation of Snow Machines and ATV's on Bethel Roads (*Rick Robb, Mayor*)

MOVED:	Maczynski	Motion to relax the formality of meeting to allow Mayor Rick Robb to speak about proposed ordinance: "Operation of Snow Machines and ATV's on Bethel Roads."
SECONDED:	Henrikson	
MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to recommend suspending Action Memorandum 16-30, pending the outcome of proposed ordinance of "Operation of Snow Machines and ATV's on Bethel Roads."
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to recommend proposed ordinance: "Operation of Snow Machines and ATV's on Bethel Roads."
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to amend the proposed ordinance to include that all passengers or operators under the age of 18 be required to wear helmets
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
VOTE ON AMENDMENT	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

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XI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Eileen Henrikson – *If you guys know anyone that needs a job, there's a recruitment event next week at the Job Center for Westward Seafood on Wednesday morning at 9am.*

Daniel Maczynski – *I would like to put the "Neighborhood Watch" back on the Agenda for the next meeting. That's been getting a lot of attention.*

Mary Weiss – *I think this was really an excellent meeting, I think it really served the idea of good governance, I think we got a lot of public input which was what was needed. And I think it was wonderful that Robb was here because we were able to really sit down and talk about what needed to happen. I just want to congratulate everyone; it was nice to see a lot of people come out.*

Joan Dewey - *Chief, this is the second time you're on your vacation and thank you so much for all that you're doing for the community, but also helping us with giving us input to help with how we go about considering these issues, appreciate that.*

Chief Achee – *No comment.*

Chief Howell – *Not present to be heard.*

Captain Daron Solesbee – *No comment.*

Sgt. Amy Davis – *No Comment.*

Julene Webber – *Not present to be heard.*

Naim Shabani – *Not present to be heard.*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

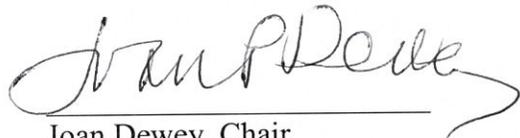
MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF February, 2017.



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair