
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Works Committee Minutes

October 17, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Works Committee Meeting was held on __ October 17__, 2012 at 6:40p.m. in the City Shop Conference Room, Bethel, Alaska was called to order by Committee Member Chair Frank Neitz.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frank Neitz, Jennifer Dobson, Jeff Sanders, Scott Guinn

Excused absence(s): None

Unexcused absence(s): Joseph Klejka, Bill Schreiner

Also in attendance were the following:

Chuck Willert, Public Works Director

Cheryl Roberts, Public Works Admin, Recorder of Minutes

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	S. Guinn	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2012.
SECONDED BY:	J. Dobson	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	S. Guinn	Motioned carried to approve the agenda.
SECONDED BY:	J. Dobson	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works has a New Backhoe. We also Inherited the Old AFHC Office @ 122 Atsaq for the City's Utility Maintenance crew. Building Maintenance fixed helped with some plumbing issues at the Fire Dept. The road by the New Police Station was graded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A - Closeout of 2 Outstanding Grants

The Construction Grant is closed. For the Planning Grant, we feel we gave Larson Construction adequate information to close it out & are stilling looking into the funding of the ABC Loops.

Item B - Update - Sewer Lagoon

This is about 3 feet deep now, which is good.

Item C - Update - 5 Year Plan/RFP - Water & Sewer Master Plan

Chuck met with John Mosley. The City is looking at getting a West Satellite System for Kasayuli, Larson, the Airport area and as far as Blueberry Subdivision. Jeff Sanders would like a copy of the "Revised 5 Year Plan"; Chuck said he can get a copy to everyone.

Item D - Update - Recycle Center

Chuck mentioned that Lee Foley is looking at funding it and opening it back up, but to what degree is unknown. Jennifer's questions from the last meeting are still unanswered and was hoping that John Sargent would be here, she has no new comments at this time.

Item E - Neptune - Update Rate Study - Meter Housing

We are still using the meters and the meter reader is working.

Item F - Institutional Corridor

Frank wants to do a Recommendation to City Council to get as many people as possible it on it. For the city to get a person or committee to draft a form letter that they can change, give it to all Entities that are doing it to get them to put some political heat on the Governor to get it on the Governors' Capitol Budget to fund the Institutional Corridor.

To Fund the Institutional Corridor on the Governors' Capitol Budget

MOVED BY:	J. Dobson	To get a person or committee to draft a form letter to fund the Institutional Corridor on the Governors' Capitol Budget.
SECONDED BY:	J. Sanders	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item G - RFP - Cost Analysis of the City of Bethel's Water & Sewer Utilities

Chuck had a meeting in Lee Foley's office with Tom Wolfe, and other Engineers with CH2MHILL. Their goal is to come up with a cost to at least break even. The deadline has been extended to January 2013.

Item H - Alaska Logistics - Vehicle Removal

We are making progress, we've moved 100 cars so far and it's looking good.

Item I - Complete Streets Ordinance

Jennifer re-wrote the Ordinance due to a misunderstanding from City Council. She would like to get some comments then re-submit to Council. The Ordinance has been shortened extensively. Jennifer would like a draft by our next meeting and then submit it Council.

To make the Complete Streets an Ordinance

MOVED BY:	J. Sanders	Move to recognize the new direction of this and the changes and reiterate our recommendation to council and to create and make this an Ordinance.
SECONDED BY:	S. Guinn	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item J - Parks & Recreation - Softball Field - Update

Scott Guinn tried to go to their last meeting and had found out it had come and gone. The next meeting for Parks & Recreation is on Nov.6th, and Scott will be out of town that day. Chuck would like to know where the Softball Team wants to put their Concession Stand that was built for them.

Item K - City Shop Floor

Chuck, we're getting closer to getting an RFP out for it. He's thinking just the middle part of the floor needs replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A - New BNC/Swansons Complex Road Access

Is there a way everyone can use the back access (BNC) ground? Also, possibly open up 1st Ave/Standard Oil Road.

Planning for Road Access on the New BNC/Swansons Complex

MOVED BY:	J. Dobson	To open up more roads to access the BNC/Swansons Complex for safety issues, alternate access & mitigate congestion.
SECONDED BY:	S. Guinn	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item B - Wind Generation 100kw per Public Building

It's an agreement between BUC and is on a first come first serve basis. Chuck would like to get one on our two Pump Houses and one for Public Works Building. Jeff was wondering why it's limited to a 100kw unit? Could a 200kw or 300kw be put up? Chuck referred Jeff's questions to Lenny.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Frank - He thanks everyone for coming. Still no luck on getting new members.

Scott - He will be out of town from Nov. 1st - Nov. 13th, 2012.

Jennifer - No comments.

Jeff - Talked about the house that had sewage back splashed into their house. The tenant is concerned about the timeframe that it's taking to get the repairs done.

ADJOURNMENT

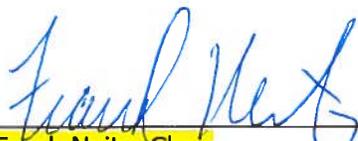
MOVED BY:	J. Sanders	Motion to adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	J. Dobson	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 28 DAY OF November, 2012.


 Cheryl Roberts
 Recorder of Minutes


 Frank Neitz, Chair
 Nov. 28, 2012