
City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 13, 2011 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 Mark Springer
- Council Member Rick Robb
- Council Member Eric Whitney

ABSENT: None

STAFF:

- City Clerk Lori Strickler
- City Manager Lee Foley

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Donna Bach –

- December 18th is the 40th Anniversary of Alaska Native Settlement Act. A forum will be held in its honor, December 18th at the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation Board Room.
- Healing from the Heart December 15th from 7-8p, One family's account of drug and alcohol addiction and the message of hope to recover.
- Spirit of Youth Board, December 31st marks the deadline for the nomination period. Nomination of teens or youth for their positive things in the community.

Willy Keppel-

- Support the City Manager in the renewal of his employment contract.
- Support the gun range and everyone working to make the gun range come to fruition.
- Bethel Utilities Corporation should be purchased as a cooperative. The City should look at discussions with AVEC.
- Water and Sewer- Bring in the Alaska Regulatory Commission because of the outrageous rates. The City should consider water districts.
- Armory is a prized piece of land and is a good location for a possible recreation facility for the children of this community.

Mike Burley and Jaimie Kassman –

- Spoke in favor of the Ordinance up for Public Hearing regarding the community shooting range.

Michael Calvetti-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Wyatt Rogers-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Craig Rogers-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Merrie Mendenhall-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Martin Smith-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Tom Doolittle-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Eli Jacobson-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Lonny Glover-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Jerry White-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Willy Keppel-
Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

David Trantham-

- Spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-22 and 11-23.

Greg Roczicka-

- Spoke in favor of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game survey.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda
SECONDED:	Peltola	
MOVED:	Robb	Remove the Introduction of Ordinance 11-24, from the consent agenda.
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to move Ordinance 11-22 and Ordinance 11-23 to follow the Reports of Standing Committees.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A - 11-22-2011 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B -11-22-2011 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Council Member Sattler departed the meeting at 6:55p.

Item A- Port Commission
A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Item B- Planning Commission
No one available to provide the report.

Item C-Public Works Committee
A meeting will be held next week.

Item D-Energy Committee
Putting the recycling center up for RFP.
Priorities for the Energy Committee.
Thanked Leah Walsh for her dedication to the committee.

Item E-Public Safety and Transportation Commission
A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 11-22: Amending Section 18.40 of The Bethel Municipal code Regarding "Uses Permitted In The "I-District" Also Known As Industrial District.

Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-22.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Item B- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 11-23: Dedication Of City Land For A Community Gun Range Through Lease Agreement With An Expiration Of June 30, 2041.

Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-23.
SECONDED:	Harding	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to suspend the rules, to hear from Bethel Sportsman's Club Representatives.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
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VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Subsistence Lower Kuskokwim Big Game survey project in Bethel.

David Runfola provided a summary of the survey to the Council.

Council Member Sattler returned to the meeting at 7:33p.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item C- City Manager, Lee Foley's Employment Contract, Current Contract Expires December 17, 2011.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the Lee Foley, City Manager's Employment Contract was made at the November 25 th council meeting.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend the Employment Contract between the City of Bethel and Lee Foley as provided in the council packet.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend the contract, under Section 10: Compensated Leave to have PTO accrual of 20 hours a month
SECONDED:		

	for a maximum accrual of 400 hours.
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed

I. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction of Ordinance 11-24: Amending Section 13.60 of the Bethel Municipal code, Utility Rates For Water And Sewer Subscriptions To Add Five Dollars to Each Subscription To Recover The Cost Of Water System Capital Improvements.

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to introduce Ordinance 11-24.
SECONDED:	Robb	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to suspend the rules, to hear from our Finance Director, Bobby Sutton.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to amend, to insert <u>and depreciation</u> to follow "capital improvements" under sections 13.16.020 A and 13.16.030 B.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B- AM 11-50: Establishing Council Meeting Dates For Calendar Year 2012.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve AM 11-50.
SECONDED:	Whitney	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor
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Item C- AM 11-51: Approval of Council Member Cell Phones.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve AM 11-51.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to accept option one as the phones for the council.
SECONDED:	Peltola	
VOTE ON MOTION	3-4 Motion fails, Sattler, Peltola and Robb in favor	
MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to amend, to accept option two as the phones for council, provided the council would have the option to decline the issuance of a cell phone.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION	6-1 Motion passes, Harding opposed	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-2 Motion passes, Springer and Harding opposed	

Item D- AM 11-52: Action Plan For The Bethel Armory Land And Building.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to adopt AM 11-52.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item E – Selection Of the Council’s Federal Priorities For Fiscal Year 2012.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to move into a committee of the whole to discuss the federal priorities.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
VOTE ON MAIN	6-1 Motion passes, Klejka opposed	

MOTION		
MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to move out of committee of the whole.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to direct the City Manager to draft a resolution including the five federal priority requests, to include a statement requesting possible funding for the BATH Center.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item F – Concerns And Remedies Regarding Mandatory Subscriptions To Sewer Services, Bethel Municipal Code 13.08.025.

MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to direct the city manager to create a plan to follow enforcement of BMC 13.08.025 as well as to create a mechanism for administration to determine the "assistance" programs.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Robb-
 Congratulated the Bethel wrestling team for winning first place at the State finals for the second year in a row.
 Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Council Member Whitney
Wished everyone happy and safe holidays.

Council Member Harding-
Wished everyone happy and safe holidays.

Council Member Springer-
Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Council Member Sattler-
Sorry she had to excuse herself from the meeting; there was a winter concert at the high school.
The river is not safe to travel on at this point due to the warm weather, be safe.
Merry Christmas.

Council Member Peltola-
Wished everyone happy and safe holidays.

Mayor Klejka-
Recognized Mr. Carlson for his amazing job as the High School band instructor.
Transportation Committee will be meeting at 6:00p on the 15th of December.
Happy holidays.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to move into Executive Session regarding Confidential Attorney Client Communication – White Papers On The Purchase of BUC by TDX to include the City Manager and City Clerk.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Council Member Sattler departed the meeting at 9:35p.

Council entered into executive session at 9:35p.

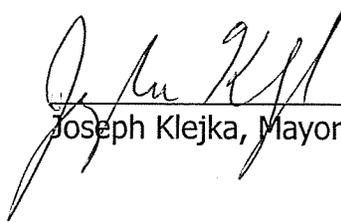
Council exited executive session at 9:44p.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to release to the public, the Confidential memo from representing
SECONDED:	Whitney	

		attorney Dean Thompson.
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	
MOVED:	Harding	Motion to adjourn
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 9:46p.



 Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Lori Strickler, City Clerk