

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 27, 2014 at 6:30pm, in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Klejka called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present: Council Member Joseph Klejka, Council Member Mark Springer, Council Member Rick Robb, Council Member Eric Whitney, Council Member Leif Albertson, Council Member Heather Pike and Council Member Sharon Sigmon (arrived after roll call).

Also in attendance were the following:

City Clerk Lori Strickler, Acting City Manager Pete Williams, City Attorney Patty Burley

**IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Beverly Hoffman- Spoke in opposition to the firing of former City Manager, Lee Foley. Believe water is a very basic need, the cost of living is very high in Bethel. Hate to see the water rates increase to the point people are not able to afford the service. Suggested, the Council consider metering the water to encourage people to conserve. Believes the tobacco tax could be used to help offset the costs associated with the water and sewer rate deficiencies.

*Council Member Sigmon arrived at 6:35p.*

Gary Vanasse-Supported the increase to the water and sewer rates as proposed. There are factors that are concerning, what are the costs per gallon for the delivered water. The city employees receive a discounted water utility as part of their employment; it seems many city employees are misusing this benefit. Suggested the Council do an estimate on what the costs are associated with the utility benefit to the employees. Ultimately, the public is subsidizing the water and sewer fund for city employees.

Lorin Bradbery- Supported the water and sewer increase however would support a flat rate increase as opposed to the proposed rates as provided in the ordinance.

Agatha Erickson- Came to introduce herself as the Rural Director for Mark Begich. The Office will be opening a full time campaign office here in the delta. There will be a grand office opening this Friday at the old pre-maternal home.

Cezary Maczynski- Spoke in opposition to the continued increases to the people. Would support the concept of a liquor store in the community which would help increase revenues.

David Trantham – As a representative of the Bethel Alaska Territorial Memorial Guard Park Committee, informed the Council of a grant for \$140,000 was submitted to the Committee through the City of Bethel. The Committee was provided a contract for the distribution of the funds; since, the Committee was informed that they are required to follow the City’s procurement processes. If the City is requiring this, the City would need to renegotiate the contract. It is important to the Committee that they follow the rules.

Ted Simmons – There have been three different filtration systems installed in his home since 1981 and they are still not able to keep up with the amount of debris coming from the piped system. Want to make sure the rate increases are fare and across the board, does not believe any one person should pay more based off of the location they live.

## V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

**Main Motion:** To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried by a vote of 6-1
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Pike and Albertson
Opposed:	None

**Removal from the Consent:** Resolution 14-10.

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Moved by: Springer

**Removal from the Consent:** Introduction of Ordinance 14-15.

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Moved by: Robb

**Main Motion:** Move AM 14-41 to follow Special Order of Business.

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Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried by a vote of 6-1
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon and Albertson
Opposed:	Pike

## **VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

**Item A** - 5-8-2014 Special City Council Meeting  
*Pass on the consent agenda.*

**Item B** - 5-12-2014 Special City Council Meeting  
*Pass on the consent agenda.*

**Item C** - 5-13-2014 Regular City Council Meeting  
*Pass on the consent agenda.*

**Item D** - 5-15-2014 Special City Council Meeting  
*Pass on the consent agenda.*

**Item E** - 5-19-2014 Special City Council Meeting  
*Pass on the consent agenda.*

## **VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Item A** - Port Commission –  
Pete Williams, Port Director-  
Received bids on the Request for Proposals for the Boat Harbor.  
The Port cameras are down for a short time due to technical difficulties.

**Item B** - Planning Commission –  
Heather Pike, Council Representative-  
A meeting has not been held due to a lack of a quorum. The next special meeting will be a June 2, 2014.

**Item C** - Public Safety and Transportation Commission-  
Sharon Sigmon, Council Representative-  
A meeting has not been held. The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2014.

**Item D** - Energy Committee –  
Richard Robb, Committee Representative-

A quorum of the body was not established at their last meeting.

**Item E - Public Works Committee-**

Joseph Klejka, Council Representative-

The Committee took a tour of the Pool facility.

Discussing the lagoon issues and looking for funding options to correct the issues.

**Item F - Finance Committee-**

Hansel Mathlaw, Finance Director –

No information to provide.

**Item G - Parks and Recreations Committee-**

Ronda Sargent, Parks and Recreation Director-

The Committee will be holding a special meeting to determine the winner of the Clean up Green up Challenge.

**VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

**Item A-** Review Of The Water And Sewer Rate Study From April 2013, Kurt Playstead, CH2MHILL.

**Main Motion:** Move into Committee of the Whole

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**Main Motion:** Move out of Committee of the Whole

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**Main Motion:** Take a five minute break.

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Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Sigmon
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**Item B-** Appeal Hearing: KYUK Radio, Daysha Eaton, news Director, and Ben Matheson, Reporter; Alaska Public Radio Network, Lori Townsend, News Director; Tundra Drums, Zachariah Bryan, Editor; Delta Discovery, Greg Lincoln, Editor; The Associated Press, Mark Thiessen, Alaska News Editor; The Centraillia Chronical, Stephanie Schendel, Appealing The Decision Of The City Clerk In The Denial Of A Public Request For Information Release Of "Legal review/investigation established 2/11/2014, delivered to City of Bethel 5/2/2014."

*Daysha Eaton and John McKay were the selected spokes person for the Appellants.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item E-** AM 14-41: Approval of The Hiring Of Relative Of The Acting City Manager.

**Main Motion:** Approval of AM 14-41.

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion failed by a vote of 4-3 (required a super majority)
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Whitney and Pike
Opposed:	Robb, Sigmon and Albertson

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A –** Public Hearing Of Ordinance 14-12: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 13.16 Utility Rates.

*Mayor Klejka opened the Public Hearing of Ordinance 14-12.*

*Dave Trantham- Suggested the Council consider metering the system. Requested the Council find a solution that will be the best for everyone.*

*Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing of Ordinance 14-12.*

**Main Motion:** Adopt Ordinance 14-12.

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Postponed.

**Subsidiary Motion:** Move into a committee of the whole.

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**Main Motion:** Move out of committee of the whole.

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Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**Main Motion:** Postpone.

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Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**Item B – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 13-12 (g): Budget Modification.**

*Mayor Klejka opened the Public Hearing of Ordinance 13-12 (g).*

*No one wished to be heard.*

*Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing of Ordinance 13-12 (g).*

**Main Motion:** Adopt Ordinance 13-12 (g).

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried by a vote of 5-2
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Whitney, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	Robb and Sigmon

**Item C – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 14-14: City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.**

**Main Motion:** Adopt Ordinance 14-14.

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Moved by:	Sigmon
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

*Council Member Springer declared a conflict of interest due to his position with ONC as the Director of the Senior Center.*

*Mayor Klejka ruled, Council Member Springer does not have a conflict of interest.*

*Council Member Pike declared a conflict of interest due to her relationship with an employee with the City of Bethel Port.*

*Mayor Klejka ruled, Council Member Pike does not have a conflict of interest.*

**Main Motion:** Suspend the rules to hear from Department Heads.

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

Line item 18401, 4H Program Reimbursement –City’s contribution to Director’s salary/benefits to strike \$54,266 and insert \$54,622 and increase the inner fund transfer line 490 by \$356.

**Main Motion:**

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A – Resolution 14-10: Endorsing Proposed Projects At The Bethel Airport Through The Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities.**

**Main Motion:** Adopt Resolution 14-10.

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Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**Item B – Introduction Of Ordinance 14-15: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 3.04.010 Personnel Rules And Regulations, Definitions, And 3.64.050, Special Provisions, Employment Of Relatives.**

**Main Motion:** Introduce Ordinance 14-15.

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Moved by: Robb  
Seconded by: Pike  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike  
Opposed: None

**Item C – AM 14-39:** Appointing Carol Ann Willard To The Finance Committee For A Term Of Three Years.

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item D – AM 14-40:** Directing Administration To Draft A Policies and Procedures Manual

**Main Motion:** To approve AM 14-40.

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Moved by: Robb  
Seconded by: Springer  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike  
Opposed: None

**Main Motion:** Amend to insert "within 45 days of hiring a human resource manager."

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Moved by: Robb  
Seconded by: Pike  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike  
Opposed: None

**Main Motion:** Motion to go past 11:00pm.

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Moved by: Robb  
Seconded by: Pike  
Action: Motion carried by a vote of 4-3  
In favor: Klejka, Robb, Whitney and Pike  
Opposed: Springer, Sigmon and Albertson

**Item F - Action Plan For Parks And Recreation - Utilization Of The \$60,000 Provided In The Parks Development Capital Project Fund, Bike/Walking Paths**

**Item G - Action Plan For Parks And Recreation Park Maintenance**

## **XII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**XIII. MANAGERS REPORT**

**XIV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Springer-  
Thanked the boys from the McCann Treatment Center for their hard work cleaning up this spring.  
Glad to hear there is a new Dental Clinic opening here in Bethel.  
Welcomed the attendees of the VPO VPSO Academy.  
Cautioned parents; there have been needles found in the community parks.

Council Member Sigmon-  
No comment.

Council Member Albertson-  
No comment.

Council Member Pike-  
The City Attorney has determined there is not a nepotism issue with her being seated on Council while her significant other is employed at the Port.

Mayor Klejka-  
Excited about Begich is coming to Bethel this Friday.  
The first barge has arrived, signs of summer.  
Thanked Pete for all of his hard work.

Council Member Whitney-  
People have been working hard to clean up the City Cemetery, appreciate their efforts.

Vice-Mayor Robb-  
Wished everyone a happy summer, and safe boating.

**Main Motion:** Adjourn

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Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion failed by a vote of 3-4
In favor:	Springer, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	Klejka, Robb, Albertson and Pike

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item A - AS 44.62.310 (C) 1: Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity/Potential Litigation Regarding The Investigation Of Administrative and Personnel Matters As Authorized By The City Council, February 11, 2014**

To move into executive session AS 44.62.310 (C) 1: Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity/Potential Litigation Regarding The Investigation Of Administrative and Personnel Matters As Authorized By The City Council, February 11, 2014

**Main Motion:**

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Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

*Council went back on the record at 11:33p.*

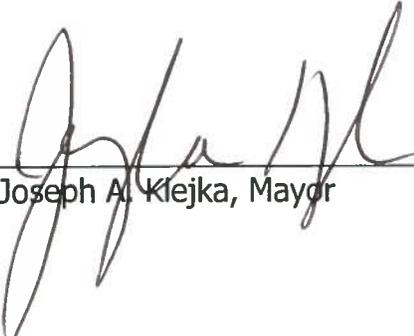
**Main Motion:**

Adjourn

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Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Klejka, Springer, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**



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Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk