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# City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

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August 23, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 23, 2011 at 6:30p, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 6:30p.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Council Member Mike Shantz  
Council Member Terry Perry  
Council Member Rick Robb  
Vice-Mayor R. Thor Williams  
Council Member Heather Pike  
Mayor Eric Middlebrook

**ABSENT:** Council Member Tundy Rodgers

**STAFF:** City Clerk Lori Strickler  
City Manager Lee Foley

## **III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Bea Kristovich-  
Spoke in favor of a recreation facility to include a public swimming pool to include the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation from Kuimarvik-A Place To Swim Incorporated.

Ella Kinogach and Beverly Hoffman-  
Spoke in favor of a recreation facility to include a public swimming pool to include the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation from Kuimarvik-A Place To Swim Incorporated. Beverly Hoffman encouraged the council to place the swimming pool as the number one priority request for the upcoming legislative session.

Janet Athanas, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Bethel-  
Bethel Community Fair begins this weekend. There will be many categories for people to enter exhibits in which will be judged as well as many other events.

Eric Whitney-  
Spoke in favor of a recreation facility to include a public swimming pool to include the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation from Kuimarvik-A Place To Swim Incorporated.

Patricia Blake-  
Spoke in favor of a recreation facility to include a public swimming pool.

Joseph Klejka-  
Spoke in favor of a recreation facility to include a public swimming pool to include the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation from Kuimarvik-A Place To Swim Incorporated.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Perry	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Remove from the consent agenda, meeting minutes from 8-09-2011, 8-11-2011 and Ordinance 11-15.
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Remove from the consent agenda, Resolution 11-23: Supporting The Preparation Of A Tribal Transit Program Grant Application By The City of Bethel And ONC And Its Submission By ONC and Resolution 11-24: Supporting The Tundra Ridge Park Development.
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to amend the agenda, to move Resolution 11-21 to the first item under Unfinished Business.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

**Item A-** 8-09-2011 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Shantz	Motion to approve the meeting
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<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	minutes from 8-09-2011.
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to postpone until the next regular city council meeting to review the audio to confirm Council Action.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<i>Item postponed until the September 13<sup>th</sup> city council meeting.</i>		

**Item B-** 8-11-2011 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to postpone the meeting minutes from the 8-11-2011.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**I. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Item A-** Public Safety and Transportation Commission  
 Council Member Robb-  
 The commission has not held a meeting since the last city council meeting.

**Item B-** Finance Committee  
 Bobby Sutton, Finance Director-  
 A quorum was not established, no meeting was held.

**Item C-** Parks and Recreation Committee  
 Council Member Perry-  
 A quorum was not established, no meeting was held.

**Item D-** Port Commission  
 Vice-Mayor Williams-  
 A quorum was not established, no meeting was held.

**Item E-** Public Works Committee  
 No one available to provide the meeting update.

**II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Item A-** Award To Bill Arnold For Employee Of The Second Quarter.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A - Resolution 11-21:** Approving The Kuimarvik-A Place To Swim Inc. Bylaws Dated July, 2011 And Providing Support To The Creation Of The Corporation, And Committing To The City's Involvement.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to adopt Resolution 11-21 was made at the August 9 <sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Perry	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to postpone to the next regular meeting to send the bylaws and the articles of incorporation to the City Attorney for modification and suggestions to insure the city's best interest is considered.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Shantz	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to amend, the motion to in addition, call a special meeting for August 29 <sup>th</sup> at 12:00 to discuss the concerns and direction of Kuimarvik-A Place To Swim Inc.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to amend the amendment, to hold the meeting at 6:00 pm.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	4-2 Motion passes, Robb and Perry opposed	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	4-2 Motion passes, Robb and Perry opposed	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	4-2 Motion passes, Robb and Perry opposed	

*Item postponed until the next regular meeting.*

**Item B- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 11-12:** Amending The Bethel Municipal Code Title 6 Sections 6.04.020, 6.04.030, 6.04.085 and 6.04.100 Regarding Animal Control.

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

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-12 was made at the August 9 <sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Perry	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to break for ten minutes.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item C- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 11-13:** Amending BMC Title 7 Elections.

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

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-13.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Shantz	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to postpone until the review from the attorney is available.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<p><i>Item postponed until such time the city attorney has reviewed the document to include council's concerns.</i></p>		

**Item D- Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 11-10 (a): Amending The FY 2012 Budget For ONC Streets And Roads Contract Money.**

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

<b>MOVED:</b>	Perry	Motion to adopt Budget Ordinance 11-10 (a)
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Shantz	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to amend, to insert an increase to account number 10-55-691 Server (IT Services Dept) in the amount of \$7,500 and a decrease to account number 10-55-590 Server fir IP Phones (IT Services Dept) (\$7,500) which has no impact to the bottom line of the budget.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A -Resolution 11-22: Supporting The Preparation And Submission Of An FFY 2011 Assistance To Firefighters Grant Program Application**

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item B- Resolution 11-23: Supporting The Preparation Of A Tribal Transit Program Grant Application By The City of Bethel And ONC And Its Submission By ONC.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to adopt Resolution 11-23.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Perry	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item C- Resolution 11-24: Supporting The Tundra Ridge Park Development.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Perry	Motion to adopt Resolution 11-24.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item D- Resolution 11-25: Accept and Approve Alaska State Designated Legislative Grant In the Amount Of \$350,000 To Fund The Purchase And Installation Of LED Street Lights In Bethel.**

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item E- Resolution 11-26: Accept and Approve Alaska State Designated Legislative Grant In The Amount Of \$328,000 To Fund The Purchase Of Goods And Services Associated With Relocating The Police Dispatch System From Its Current Location To the New Police Station Site.**

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item F- Resolution 11-27: Accept And Approve Alaska State Designated Legislative Grant In The Amount Of \$246,000 To Fund The Purchase And Installation Of One Emergency Power Generator.**

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item G- Introduction Of Ordinance 11-15: Adopting A New 2035 Comprehensive Plan For The City Of Bethel.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to introduce Ordinance 11-15.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Perry	
<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the City Planner and the Agnew Beck representative.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**Item H- State Of Alaska Capital Priorities Discussion**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to move into committee of the whole.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Robb	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to move out of committee of the whole.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**V. MAYOR'S REPORT**

AML Meeting update-

PERs Termination Study was a hot topic at the meeting and the impacts it is having on municipalities around the state.

Federal concerns with PILT money for the communities.

Attorney General addressed AML Natural Resource development as much as possible. Many people were concerned the government should be blind justice.

Mayor Dan Sullivan proposed to have senior property tax fully funded by the state in exchange of revenue sharing.

Mike Moora communication- found funds to provide liquefied natural gas to rural communities.

**VI. MANAGERS REPORT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Pike	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the City Planner, Dan Shea.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Robb	Motion to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Williams	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

## **VII. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

## **VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Robb-

Thanked Terry Perry for his service to the community, sad it is cut short.  
Glad to see many individuals have applied for the Regular City Council Election.  
Glad to see the animal control ordinance pass.  
Start of the hunting season, be careful and good luck.  
Community service projects, Boy Scout Eagle Projects Timmy Robb and others they are close to completing their projects.

Council Member Perry-

Many members of the community have approached him in support of the pool.  
Apologized to the citizens of Bethel for his resignation however, it is something he must do for his family. He has fallen in love with the community and is incredibly saddened to leave.

Vice-Mayor Williams-

Communication from a member of the community, Gerald Sherman he asked the governor why he did not picnic rural Alaska as he did with other communities on the road system. Concerning that he is not receiving the perspective of rural Alaska.

Concerning this evening to see people who are running for council come to speak under people to be heard however leave after people to be heard or after the one issue they spoke on.

Originally the capital budget did not fund the assisted living or the pre-maternal home but there is now. The City of Bethel had no idea that there was that kind of money available.

Council Member Pike-

Sad to see Council Member Perry resign from the City Council  
Thanked Ms. Kinagak for bringing by the pennies she collected for the swimming pool.  
Goodnight to all, sweet dreams and be safe.

Council Member Shantz-

No comment.

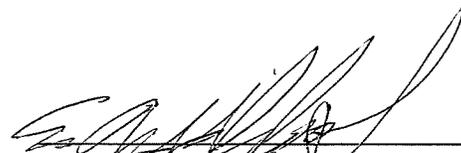
Mayor Middlebrook-

Pleasure serving with Council Member Terry Perry.  
Happy Birthday to Council Member Mike Shantz.

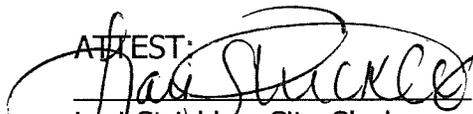
<b>MOVED:</b>	Williams	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Pike	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	5-1 Motion passes, Perry opposed	

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourned at 10:06pm*



Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
 Lori Strickler, City Clerk