

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 24, 2013 at 6:30pm, in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

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 Sharon Sigmon, Council Member Sattler (arrived after roll call).

Members Absent were:
Council Member Gene Jr. Peltola,

Also in attendance were the following:
City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Manager Lee Foley, City Attorney Patty Burley

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Ana Hoffman- Spoke in opposition to the Council's amendment of Ordinance 13-22, removing the .5% on top of the \$600 for each \$100,000 of the construction permit cost. Commercial businesses within Bethel provide the City with millions of dollars of sales tax revenue. The cost of operating business within the community is expensive; the City should support the flat rate of \$600 to benefit the business owners.

Ross Boring- Spoke to the Council about gun safety and the current issue with access to the Community Gun Range.

Traci Fredericks – Addressed the Council regarding the letters submitted by her father in the packet and the request of a free service line connecting her home to the main city line.

Jennifer Dobson – Spoke in opposition to the tobacco tax being used towards the dog park and indicated that the money’s intent was to focus on the youth of our community. Spoke on behalf of Brian Lefferts, who would like the Administration to consider a walking path from Pinky’s Park to the Tundra Ridge Subdivision. Additionally Brian Lefferts indicated the City Council may want to consider other methods for road maintenance to help keep the dust down which may be less expensive options to current methods which may be assisted by grant funding such as chip seal.

Leif Albertson – Informed the Council that the status of the softball field is still not adequate for the communities use.

Alissa Joseph, Department of Fish and Game-Provided notice to the Council of the filing deadline for comments on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game proposed changes.

Dan Leinberger- Spoke in opposition to the amendments made by the council on Ordinance 13-22, specifically addressing the permit changes to the Site Plan Application Commercial. Suggested the Council leave the fee structure at a flat \$600.

Dave Trantham Jr. – Informed the Council that DOT Plan B is still being considered. They would like to acquire 150 acres of the people land and do not plan on modifying the expansion from West to East.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Sattler
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	None

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A- September 10, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
Passed on the Consent Agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Port Commission –

Pete Williams, Port Director- The port will be putting in the boat harbor ramps at the boat harbor.

Item B- Planning Commission

Rick Robb, Council Member – A conditional use permit was granted to GCI/Unicom. The communications tower will be located behind Gunderson Court.

Item C-Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Sharon Sigmon, Council Representative – The next meeting will be held on the 1st of October.

Item D-Energy Committee –

Leif Albertson, Chair of the Committee- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Item E-Public Works Committee-

Jennifer Dobson, Vice-Chair- The Council should be receiving a recommendation from the committee to review and replace the contract for cars being removed from the City dump.

Item F- Finance Committee-

City Manager, Lee Foley- A quorum of the Finance Committee was not established.

Item G-Parks and Recreations Committee-

Mary Sattler, Council Representative- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 13-21: Amending BMC Title 13.20 Cemeteries.

Mayor Klejka opened the public hearing.

No one wished to be heard.

Mayor Klejka closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 13-21.	
Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Sigmon
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	None
Primary Amendment #4:	Amend by inserting under 13.20.040 K. "A veteran may reserve an adjoining plot for a spouse or other immediate family member. " <i>(stricken language amended at the September 10th Council Meeting)</i>
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	None
Primary Amendment #5:	Amend by inserting under 13.20.040 K. "In this section "eligible person's" include the guidelines established by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration.
Moved by:	Sigmon
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	None
Incidental Motion:	Suspend the rules to hear from the Public Works Director, Chuck Willert.
Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	None
Primary Amendment #6:	Amend Section C under 13.20.040 to strike "but only" and insert "preferably."
Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	None

Primary Amendment #7: Amend to move 13.20.040 K from that section to Section H of 13.20.080.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Robb
Action: Motion failed by a vote of 1-5
In Favor: Springer
Opposed: Klejka, Sattler, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon

Primary Amendment #8: Amend to move 13.20.040 K to Section D of 13.20.020.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Whitney
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor: Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed: None

Main Motion: Take a ten minute break.

Moved by: Robb
Seconded by: Springer
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor: Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed: None

Item B- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 13-22: City Of Bethel Fee And Rate Schedule.

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

Main Motion Adopt Ordinance 13-22.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Whitney
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor: Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed: None

Subsidiary Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from any City Department heads who would like to make proposals for changes to the document.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Whitney
Action: Motion withdrawn by the maker.

Primary Amendment #:	Amend to strike "for the first \$100,000 of the total construction cost, plus an additional fee of one half of one percent for the portion over \$100,000 of the total construction costs.
Moved by:	Sattler
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried by a vote of 5-1
In Favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb and Sigmon
Opposed:	Whitney
Subsidiary Motion:	To suspend the rules to hear from the administration.
Moved by:	Sattler
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried by a vote of 5-1
In Favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb and Sigmon
Opposed:	Whitney

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- AM 13-19: Training And Travel Request For City Clerk To Attend The AML Conference in November And The Laserfiche Records Training In January.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B- IM 13-01: Proposed Project Submission For State Capital Budget For Council's Consideration.

Subsidiary Motion:	Suspend the rules to hear from the public on capital priority request.
Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Sattler
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In Favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	None

Item C- Presentation From Parks And Recreation Director, Ronda Sargent On Proposed Use Of City Funds Dedicated For Parks And Activities.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Springer-

In a short time, we are going to be faced with a federal mandate. When the time changes, watch out for the kids and the pedestrians on the road. Reiterated the statements made by council member Robb. Enjoyed working with Mary and Buzzy; will miss both of them on council.

Council Member Robb-

Tonight will be the last time this seven member council will be together. It has been an honor and privilege to work for the member of this community. It has additionally been an honor to work with the other council member. Remember to vote.

Council Member Sigmon-

Thanks the outgoing council members for their services and wished Council Member Springer and Council Member Robb the best in the election. This Council works so well together and truly works together for the best interest of the City.

Council Member Whitney-

No Comment.

Council Member Sattler-

It has been a different kind of public service; it has been a pleasure serving this community. Hopes to see a strong voter turnout. Please wear reflective tape when walking, riding and put some on your children.

Mayor Klejka-

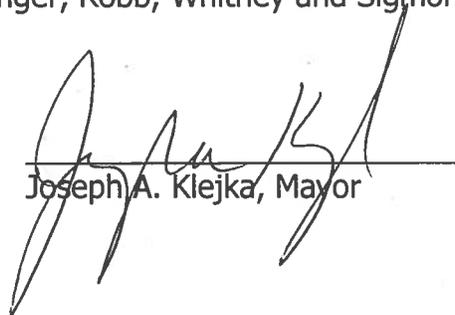
This has been a great council, has really enjoyed working with all of the members. Thanked all of the members for their services. Remember, absentee voting is available at the City Clerk's Office. Point of interest, there are good maps and pictures of access points in the area.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment

Moved by: | Springer

Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Klejka, Sattler, Springer, Robb, Whitney and Sigmon
Opposed:	None



Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk