

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm, in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:

Mayor Joseph Klejka, Vice-Mayor Rick Robb, Council Member Leif Albertson, Council Member Sharon Sigmon, Council Member Heather Pike, Council Member Eric Whitney, and Council Member Mark Springer

Also in attendance were the following:

City Clerk Lori Strickler, Interim City Manager Greg Moyer

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Gloria Simeon-

Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 14-12; stating the Ordinance is not fair and equitable to the entire community. The 68% increase to costs for piped water is too substantial for many households. There are long range impacts on the rate increase, health is the main concern.

Dick Hall-

Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 14-12; stated the community needs to be on metered water for the piped and hauled system. The two zone map should be redrawn to show four districts.

If the City is having a difficult time making ends meet, the City should close things that are not profitable.

Jim Valcarce-

The City of Bethel is about to impose the highest water rates within the United States. The City should consider other avenues rather than to raise the water and sewer rates.

David Trantham Jr. –

The City Council has a lack of transparency and a lack of communication between the public; with a lack of communication, everything falls apart.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Primary Amendment: Remove from the agenda Unfinished Business Item B and New Business Item H.

Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Action was divided

Incidental Motion: Divide the question.

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

Primary Amendment: Remove from the agenda Unfinished Business Item B.

Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Item postponed

Main Motion: Postpone until the next city council meeting.

Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Whitney

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

Primary Amendment: Remove from the agenda New Business Item H.

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

Removal from Consent Agenda: Ordinances 14-23, 14-24, 14-25 and Resolution 14-12.

Moved by: Robb

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A - 8-18-2014 Special City Council Meeting.
Pass on the consent agenda.

Item B - 8-26-2014 Regular City Council Meeting.
Pass on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A - Port Commission –
Mark Springer, Council Representative
The boat harbor is looking really nice.

Item B - Planning Commission –
Heather Pike, Council Representative-
The Final Plat Hearing for the AVCP Subdivision will be discussed at the next meeting.
The Commission will also be discussing amendments to BMC Titles 14-18.

Item C - Public Safety and Transportation Commission-
Sharon Sigmon, Council Representative-
The Commission has one vacancy.

Item D - Energy Committee –
Richard Robb, Committee Representative-
A recommendation was made to the Administration to take a look at a solid waste gasification plan.

Item E - Public Works Committee-
Joseph Klejka, Council Representative-
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Item F - Finance Committee-
Leif Albertson, Council Representative –
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Item G - Parks and Receptions Committee-
Eric Whitney, Council Representative-
A Trails Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:00p.

Vice-Mayor Robb provided an update on the Kuimavik Board. Tentative opening date of the Pool will be November 1, 2014. The Board spent a lot of time discussing the Operations Plan and tentative fees.

VIII. 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.

David Trantham- As a resident falling in Zone 2, concerned, he will be paying more for his water delivery for the same amount of water that is delivered to a resident on Zone 1 whose home is further away from the pump house than his home.

Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Motion to Adopt Ordinance 14-12 was made at the May 27, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting.

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

Primary Amendment: Under 13.16.020 (F) to strike "\$210.24" and insert "\$166.00" and under 13.16.040 (D) (1) to strike "\$55.32" and insert "\$47.00."

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

Item B – Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 14-14 (d): Transferring Funds To Provide For The Potential Extension Of The Interim City Manager’s Contract.

Item postponed.

Main Motion: Take a ten minute break.

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

Council Member Springer departed the meeting.

Item C – Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 14-14 (e): Transferring Funds To Provide For The General Maintenance Of The Senior Center Building Upon The Transfer Of The Building From ONC On September 30, 2014.

Mayor Klejka opened the Public Hearing.

No one wished to be heard.

Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 14-14 (e).

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

Subsidiary Motion: Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Public Works Director.

Moved by: Robb
Seconded by: Pike
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Klejka, Robb, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike

Opposed: | None

Item D – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 14-21: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 3.64.050, Personnel Rules And Regulations, Employment Of Relatives.

*Mayor Klejka opened the Public Hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 14-21.

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

Item E – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 14-22: Providing For The Disposal Of City Owned Land In The Form Of Lease Agreements Authorized By The City Manager For Short Term Employee Housing At the Annex.

Mayor Klejka opened the Public Hearing.

David Trantham-Inquired with the Council on their knowledge of the City providing housing in the past. There were many issues between disgruntled employees. Concerned of liability for the City.

Don Black- Spoke in opposition to the City providing housing to their employees as a competitor to the private sector.

Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Springer arrived at 8:30p.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 14-22.

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

Subsidiary Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from the Chief of Police, Andre Achee.

Moved by: | Sigmon
Seconded by: | Robb

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

Subsidiary

Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from the Acting Fire Chief, Bill Howell.

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

Item F – AM 14-58: Approval Of Standard Lease Form And Policy And Procedure For Future Short Term Housing Leases At The Annex.

Main Motion: A motion to approve AM 14-58 was made at the August 26, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting.

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

Primary

Amendment: Insert within the contract \$765 per month as fair market value.

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

Item G – City Council’s Approval Of The City Manager Contract Of Employment And Relocation Agreement.

Main Motion: Approve The City Manager Contract of Employment and Relocation Agreement.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction Of Ordinance 14-23: Approving The Re-Acquisition Of City Building And Land Located At Tract H, Block 2, Turnkey 111 Housing Development, Bethel Alaska-Senior Center.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 14-23.

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

Item B – Introduction Of Ordinance 14-24: Approving The Re-Acquisition Of City Land Located At Tract H, Block 2, Turnkey 111 Housing Development, Bethel Alaska-Senior Center.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 14-24.

Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	
Action:	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.
In favor:	
Opposed:	

Item C- Introduction Of Ordinance 14-25: Amending BMC 3.04.010 Employment Of Relatives, Definitions.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 14-25.

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

"immediate family member" means

1. the spouse of the person;
2. another person cohabiting with the person in a conjugal relationship that is not a legal marriage;
3. a child, including a stepchild and an adoptive child, of the person;
4. a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the person;

and

5. a parent or sibling of the person's spouse;

Primary Amendment:

Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion did not carry by a vote of 3-4

In favor:	Springer, Whitney and Robb
Opposed:	Albertson, Klejka, Pike, Sigmon

Item D – Resolution 14-12: Support For Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Grant That Can Provide Affordable And Sustainable Housing Opportunities For Public Safety Personnel.

Council Member Whitney declared a conflict of interest due to his contractual agreement with an agency regarding this project.

Mayor Klejka ruled, Council Member Whitney does have a conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 14-12.

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

Council Member Whitney returned to the Council bench.

Item E – AM 14-60 Approving The Contract For The Purchase Of Kitchen Equipment For The Aquatic Center.

Main Motion: Approve AM 14-60.

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

Item F - AM 14-61: Approving The Mayor’s Appointment Of Emily Russell To The Finance Committee As An Alternate Member.

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item G – AM 14-62: Direct The City Manager To Sign A Contract Change Order With USA Pools To Purchase Essential Networking And Point Of Sale Equipment.

Main Motion: Approve AM 14-62.

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

Subsidiary Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from the Grants Manager, John Sargent.

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

Item H – Approving The Draft Contract Extension Between The City Of Bethel And Greg Moyer, Interim City Manager.

Removed from the agenda.

Item I – Approving The Draft Evaluation Form For The City Attorney’s Annual Evaluation.

Main Motion: Approve the Draft Evaluation Form.

Moved by: Sigmon
Seconded by: Pike
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 1-6
In favor: Whitney
Opposed: Klejka, Robb, Sigmon, Albertson, Springer and Pike

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK’S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Sigmon-

The Discussion of the Water and Sewer Rates was a difficult issue but the entire year has been faced with very difficult issues. This Council has always worked civilly with each other; thanked the other council members for all of their work.

Council Member Albertson-

Glad that the council made some strides on the Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance. Thanked the Council for their collaborative work on the document.

Council Member Pike-

Dittoed the comments made by Council Member Sigmon.

Thanked the city staff for all of their work and their willingness to attend the City Council meeting tonight.

The Alaska Territorial Guard Park needs volunteers to help finish up the park to get it up to par for ATG Day.

Mark Springer-

With the recent declassification of some documents revealed there was another Alaska Territorial Guard. Alaska residents were asked to assist in special operations and spy tasks, of which some of them were from Bethel.

With the Water and Sewer increase, the City will now break even in the water and sewer enterprise fund. It is never easy to raise rates, but the City Council has to face some difficult decisions.

Thanked Mr. Moyer for all of his hard work with the City.

Said farewell to Chief George Young who is enjoying a very well deserved retirement. He was an active member of this community; wished him well.

Mayor Klejka-

Thanked Mr. Moyer for his work with the City.

Thanked Walt Bratton, City Manager Candidate for his visit to the Bethel.

Thanked everyone in the community for coming together to work on the water and sewer ordinance.

Thanked the Council, the members have been so dedicated.

Council Member Whitney-

It is the time of year to have your chimney brushed out and your boiler serviced.

Vice-Mayor Robb-

The Water and Sewer rate increase was a very difficult action to take for all of the council members. Personally, reluctantly voted in favor of the ordinance.

Does intend to present the Council with an Ordinance to reduce sales tax.

Thanked Mr. Moyer for his three months of service to the City.

Welcomed Mr. Bratton, City Manager Candidate for visiting the community and attending the Council Meeting.

Thanked the many members of the community who came in tonight to speak on these issues.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjourn.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney

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



Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk