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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Works Committee Minutes

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January 20, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular Public Works Committee Meeting was held on January 20, 2016 at the council chambers of the City Hall, Bethel, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by chair, Frank Neitz.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present: Frank Neitz, Scott Guinn, Delbert Egoak, and Joseph Klejka.

Excused absence(s): Robert Champagne, Byron Maczynski, Jennifer Dobson, Donna Lindsey.

Also Present: Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani.

### **II. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: none**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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| <b>MOVED BY:</b>      | Scott Guinn                       | Motion to approve the agenda |
| <b>SECONDED BY:</b>   | Jospeh Klejka                     |                              |
| <b>VOTE ON MOTION</b> | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |                              |

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| <b>MOVED BY:</b>      | Scott Guinn                       | Motion to amend agenda moving New Business Item "A" to the first discussion. |
| <b>SECONDED BY:</b>   | Joseph Klejka                     |  |
| <b>VOTE ON MOTION</b> | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |  |

### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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| <b>MOVED BY:</b>      | Joseph Klejka                     | Motion to approve minutes of December 16, 2015 regular meeting. |
| <b>SECONDED BY:</b>   | Delbert Egoak                     |   |
| <b>VOTE ON MOTION</b> | Motion carried by unanimous vote. |   |

### **VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: none**

### **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A-Water and Sewer Master Plan/Institutional Corridor Piped Water Supply Project:** Dowl Engineers are working with the Yukon Kuskokiwim Heath Corporation (YKHC) for Hospital to connect to the piped water supply project and the easement acquisition for this project with different landowners. Engineers have completed the 90% plan and June 16, 2016 is the expected date to start construction.

The 90% plans and the construction permit application have been submitted to the ADEC (Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation) and ADOT (Alaska Department of Transportation).

**Item B-Sewer Lagoon Request for Proposal (RFP) for Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Engineering Report (ER) for Truck Dump Site:**

The (PER) Preliminary Engineering Report for this project has been submitted to the State, the (ER) Engineering report will be submitted next, after the scoping period of 30 days is over.

**Item D-Installing slip lining pipe inside old metallic water pipes in the Bethel Heights subdivision-** No new information presented, but suggested to keep moving forward on this project.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Joint Committee Meeting with Parks and Pool Committee was held:** to discuss boardwalk removal/repair between hospital and college:  
Hospital has indicated that they would prefer not to dismantle this boardwalk, rather would like to see it repaired. Different sources of funding were discussed.
- B. Hiring Employees on social media:** Committee discussed to gain more attention to City's job openings via Social Media/Face book.
- C. Discuss ways to make city jobs more attractive:** Discussion was made to make job benefits and salaries more attractive and advertise via newspaper ads not just local but global.
- D. Discuss recommending to the city council purchase of new water and sewer trucks for the Public Works Department:** City council has approved the purchase of one new water truck which is currently in ordering process.

**IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani reports that he will be on leave from April 29, 2016 through June 8, 2016. The sewer Truck dump site project (PER) Preliminary Engineering Report and the (ER) Engineering report are moving forward. Also there was a shipment of anthracite that has been received, and the water quality has improved a lot by the addition of Anthracite to the filters of the City Sub Water Treatment Plant.

**X. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Scott Guinn:** no comment.

**Joseph Klejka:** no comment.

**Delbert Egoak:** no comment.

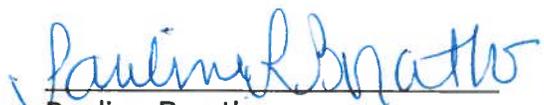
**Frank Neitz:** Thank you all.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

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| <b>MOVED BY:</b>      | Delbert Egoak                    | Motion to adjourn |
| <b>SECONDED BY:</b>   | Scott Guinn                      |                   |
| <b>VOTE ON MOTION</b> | Motion carried by unanimous vote |                   |

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2016.

  
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Pauline Boratko  
Recorder of Minutes

  
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Frank Neitz  
Chair