

City of Bethel, Alaska

Planning Commission Meeting

Oct. 8, 2015

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, at 6:30 PM at the City Hall break room, in Bethel, Alaska. Chair Shantz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call: John Guinn, Joy Shantz, Kathy Hanson, and Cliff Linderoth. Also present was Recorder Betsy Jumper and Acting City Manager Pete Williams and Mr. Bob Angaiak of Orutsararmuit Native Council (ONC).

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Nobody wished to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF OCT. 8, 2015

MOVED:	John Guinn	To approve the agenda for the meeting of October 8, 2015.
SECONDED:	Kathy Hanson	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor 4 yes and 0 opposed. Motion carries.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 13TH AND SEPTEMBER 10TH 2015 PLANNING MEETINGS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUG. 13 AND SEPT. 10

MOVED:	John Guinn	To approve both meeting minutes.
SECONDED:	Cliff Linderoth	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor 4 yes and 0 opposed. Motion carries.	

VI. NEW BUSINESS: A. Alaska Marine Lines Renewal of the lease for the warehouse located at the city dock—formerly the Northland warehouse; (ACTION ITEM)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE

MOVED:	Cliff Linderoth	To approve and recommend to City Council the renewal of the Alaska Marine Lines warehouse lease as written.
SECONDED:	Kathy Hanson	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor 4 yes and 0 opposed. Motion carries.	

B. Transfer of Title for United States Survey No. (USS) 4117, lot 15—the old Army National Guard Readiness Center location—located approximately across from the “Q-2”; transfer the Title back to the City of Bethel from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); (ACTION ITEM)

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM B

MOVED:	Kathy Hanson	To table item until further information can be gathered from City of Bethel Administration and then bring item B back to the Planning Commission.
SECONDED:	Cliff Linderoth	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor 4 yes and 0 opposed. Motion carries.		

C. Orutsararmuit Native Council (ONC) would like for the City of make a road, so ONC can have access to their land, Lot 13, USS 4117, near Lot 15, USS 4117, for a possible future housing development (DISCUSSION).

Mr. Bob Angaiak gave a presentation and the history of the above. ONC is not asking for the City to make a road, rather, they would like the City’s blessing to build on the right-of-way (R.O.W.) Mr. Angaiak gave a brief overview of the proposed development.

D. Introduction of Ordinance 15-29: Amending the Bethel Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 4.08—Acquisition and Disposal of Land; (ACTION ITEM)

MOTION TO DISAPPROVE THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 15-29 AMENDING THE BMC CHAPTER 4.08-ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF LAND.

MOVED:	Cliff Linderoth	To recommend to City Council to disapprove the introduction of Ordinance 15-29.
SECONDED:	Kathy Hanson	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor 4 yes and 0 opposed. Motion carries.		

E. Request by City Attorney to look into/review/discuss: towers ordinance; city-wide zoning; nuisance properties; abandoned properties; site plan permits; easements; subdivisions; conditional use/special use permits; and property taxes

MOTION TO POSTPONE ITEM E.

MOVED:	Kathy Hanson	To postpone item E until next meeting.
SECONDED:	Cliff Linderoth	
VOTE ON MOTION		
All in favor 4 yes and 0 opposed. Motion carries.		

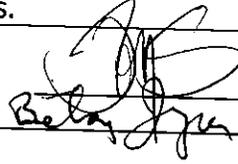
VII. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS: John, Cliff, and Kathy had no comments. Joy expressed concerns of boats and vehicles in the City’s R.O.W.’s. What’s going to happen when and if it snows and the plows are unable to adequately plow City roads? And, great news, the Planning Commission is going to get two new members!

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Joy Shantz	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50.
SECONDED:	John Guinn	
VOTE ON MOTION 4 yes and 0 opposed. Motion carries.		

The next meeting will be on November 12, 2015

ATTEST:



_____, Joy Shantz, Chairman
Betsy Jumper, Recorder