
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Works Committee Minutes

October 21, 2015

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular Public Works Committee Meeting was held on October 21, 2015 in the council chambers of the City Hall, Bethel, Alaska. The meeting was called to order by Frank Neitz at 6:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present: Frank Neitz, Scott Guinn, Byron Maczynski, Robert Champagne, Jennifer Dobson, Delbert Egoak, and Jospeh Klejka arrived at 6:38 pm.

Excused absence(s): Donna Lindsey

Unexcused absence(s): none

Also Present: Director Public Works, Muzaffar Lakhani.

Pauline Boratko, Committee Recorder

Ann Capela, City Manager

Hansel Mathlaw, Finance Director

The board walk repairs and alternates technical memorandum prepared by DOWL was presented and discussed. Committee recommended that the board walk (Between the Hospital and the university) be taken down and an alternate board walk be built. Location to be finalized.

Copy of Draft PER for the Lagoon Jetty dated August 2015 was provided to the committee members.

Dowl "Proposal letter" was provided, to put together the technical memo for the \$2.1 million grant available for dredging.

Draft Memorandum from DOWL "Bethel Sewage Lagoon Enhancement Project" was handed over the committee members and discussed.

Technical memorandum from Art Ronimus from the visit of Oct 12, 2015 regarding operational deficiencies at the City's WTPs was handed out to the members of the committee.

II. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

The discussion of the three alternatives presented in the handout regarding the new board walk planning from DOWL. All three of the alternatives include labor, but does not include the removal cost of the board walk. Alternative 1 would cost a quarter of a million dollars which includes duck billing, cabling and re-leveling. Alternative 2 is more complex yet more expensive and maintenance would be low in the future. Using Alternative 2 would be more pleasant for strollers and bikes. Alternative 1 would be twice as much as alternative 3. Alternative 3 would construct a gravel boardwalk. The current board walk would be abandoned not removed. No Davis-Bacon wages will be used for this project. The tobacco sales contributed \$75,000 to the project. A suggestion was made to present the council with just two alternatives listed with pros and cons. The committee agreed to eliminate alternative 1 and go with mix between alternative 2 and 3.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Scott Guinn	Motion to approve minutes of September 16, 2015 regular meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Jennifer Dobson	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A

- Water & Sewer Master Plan/Institutional Corridor Piped Water Supply Project- The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) questions the quality of water that they will be getting from this project, and therefore is not sure that they will be tying to the city's this project?

The City Explained that, The City's water quality is EPA approved and is used for all purposes including drinking. Hospital can re-treat a smaller quantity of the city's supplied water for its sensitive equipment. Roughly 35,000 gallons of water is used daily, and if YKHC decides not buy water from the City as promised a couple of years ago at the time this project was in planning stages, then that will be a huge loss of revenue. 90% complete set of design document for the Institutional Corridor piped water supply project was provided/shared and discussed with the members of the committee

Frank Neitz suggested that this topic stay on the agenda.

Item B

- Sewer Lagoon, RFP for the truck dump site:

We are currently waiting on comments from the government, and then the working of the design will take place. They city has \$700,000 in hand for the truck dump site, but it will cost more money to complete this project. It was suggested that machinery used for dredging to be borrowed or rented.

Item C

-Wind Turbine Maintenance:

This has been approved by the city council that Northern Power will conduct maintenance on the wind turbines. Frank Neitz asked for this topic to be removed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-

- A) Safety Lighting: Scott Guinn would like to add more street lighting in Hoffman Sub. Mission Road was also another area of concern. Mr. Guinn suggested that the committee inform him on other parts of the community that would benefit from more street lighting.
- B) Installing slip lining/sleeves inside old metallic water supply pipes: Byron Maczynski's main concern is in the housing area where the water is known for quite some times to have rusted water. Maczynski wants to look into cost to place the slip-lining. Jennifer Dobson suggests pipe bursting which sends a burst of coding thought out the pipes. This technique has been used in other parts of the state and has been effective. Frank Neitz comments that they will be getting information on where to start.
- C) Landfill hours on Saturday: Byron Maczynski informs that the landfill being closed on Saturday has gotten him the most calls. There is no need for a full day on Saturday to be open, so it is advised that the new hours for the landfill be Wednesday and Saturday from 12-4pm. This change will need to be on paper, radio, website, and a sign at the landfill to notify the community of the changed hours.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Public Works Director Muzaffar Lakhani reports his concern about the hospital not partnering in the Institutional Corridor water supply project. We also have received recommendations from Art Ronimus of ARWA.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of Anthracite for WTPs Filters is in process, the freight is the biggest portion of the total cost.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

Joseph Klejka – I love having real numbers. Thank you so much Zef for getting estimates for the Boardwalk.

Scott Guinn- If you see any dark areas let me know.

Jenifer Dobson – Thank you Zef for the Information about the City’s Water Treatment Plants.

Delbert Egoak- none

Byron Maczynski- none

Frank Neitz – Thank you all for coming, I think we have the biggest voice in town, Thank you Zef. If we keep on chipping we can make our community better. Let us know Byron when the next meeting will be, we will help support you.

Robert Champaign- none

Muzaffar Lakhani- Thanks to all committee members for your time and help.

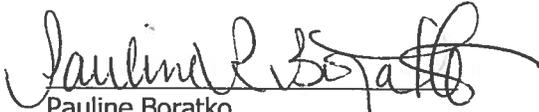
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm

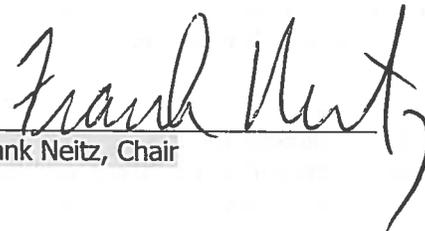
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Joseph Klejka	Motion to adjourn
SECONDED BY:	Byron Maczynski	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion Carried by unanimous vote
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APPROVED THIS 18 DAY OF November, 2015.


Pauline Boratko
Recorder of Minutes


Frank Neitz, Chair