

Introduced by: Council Member Springer
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #18-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.52.025 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE, COMMITTEES TO COMBINE THE ENERGY COMMITTEE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND REDEFINING DUTIES OF THE NEWLY REVISED COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee and the Energy Committee (created under Ordinance 10-12) have both had a difficult time holding a meeting because of a continued lack of a quorum or their membership levels have been too low to establish a quorum;

WHEREAS, integrating the members and the duties into the Public Works Committee would create an effective solution to the issue faced by both bodies while maintaining like interests amongst the group;

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure the goals of both bodies are continued and considered regularly, an integration of the duties and the members to form one body by eliminating the Energy Committee;

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee will continue as an advisory body to the Bethel City Council providing recommendations on the following:

- Planning for maintenance, repairs and remodeling of all City-owned facilities to include streets, parks, drainage, water and sewer, boardwalks and city buildings.
- Recommend repairs of City-owned facilities to be included in the following year's budget.
- Consult and cooperate with Port Commission, Parks, Recreation, Aquatic health and safety Center Committee, Planning Commission and any other overlapping City Committees on relevant issues.
- Monitors activities related to the City owned landfill, hauled refuse, water and sewer utilities and provides recommendations to council on fee and policy changes.
- Review matters relating to the development, use and conservation of energy and other energy related concerns both for the City and the community;
- Review matters relating to environmental impact and pollution, including natural resources such as air, water, solid waste, including environmental impact and public health and safety.
- Continue to investigate opportunities to incorporate renewable energy on municipal buildings and lands.

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WHEREAS, the standing members of the Energy Committee's term will transfer to the membership of the Public Works Committee however a new oath of office will be required;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's appointment of a council representative to the Energy Committee will become void.

NOW, THERFOR BE IT ORDAINED, the City Council amends Bethel Municipal Code Sections 2.52.020.

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a Codified Ordinance and shall become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendments. Bethel Municipal Code Section 2.52.025 amended as follows (old language is stricken, new language is underlined):

2.52.025 Committees.

A. There shall be a finance committee, a public works committee, a parks, recreation, and an aquatic health and safety center committee, ~~and an energy committee~~ for the purposes of gathering information, conducting research, advising the city council regarding matters within their purview, and performing any other such duties as the city council may refer to them from time to time.

B. The authority of these committees shall be advisory and recommendations shall be made to the city council.

C. These committees shall be subject to all provisions of BMC 2.52.020 through 2.52.170.

D. These committees shall use Robert's Rules of Order. Regular meeting of these committees shall be at least quarterly. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chairperson or by two (2) members of the committee.

E. These committees shall each be composed of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the city; six (6) of which shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to

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confirmation by the city council and the seventh (7th) member shall be appointed by the mayor from the city council as council representative.

F. All seven (7) members of each of the committees shall be voting members.

G. The terms of the appointments to the committees shall be for a period of three (3) years except for the councilmember appointment which shall be for a period of one (1) year. In the event of a vacancy, the mayor shall appoint a person to serve the remaining term and in the case of a citizen member, said appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the city council.

H. If there are a total of seven (7) combined commissions and committees, one (1) of the members of the city council shall serve as a council representative on each of the commissions and committees. If there are less than seven (7) combined commissions and committees, the mayor shall not serve as a council representative to a commission or committee.

I. Committee members can be removed from office for cause only, and removal is subject to an appeal by the member to the city council.

J. A majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Four (4) affirmative votes shall be necessary to carry any question.

K. An agenda of meetings shall be prepared and published according to established rules of the city council.

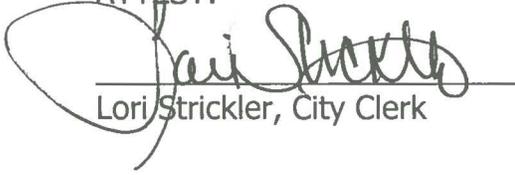
L. Permanent records, or minutes, shall be kept for all meetings held. All resolutions and minutes of each committee or a similar report shall be presented to the city council by a member of the council appointed to serve on the respective committee or, in their absence, by the city manager. The minutes shall be properly filed in the office of the city clerk and shall be open to inspection by the public.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.

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ENACTED THIS 24th DAY OF April 2018, BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk



Richard Robb, Mayor