
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: January 8, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:
Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Joseph Klejka

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Larry Elarton

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF January 8, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2008

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2008

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion approval after amendments to spelling are made

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

MOVED BY:	Klejka	
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SECONDED BY:

Lefferts

Discussion approval after amendments to spelling are made

VOTE ON MOTION

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

A: Personnel – Fully staffed

One CSO left to go to Sandpoint

One Dispatcher was moved to the open CSO position

New Hire for Dispatch Beth Taylor has over 20 years of experience

B: Civilian Service Patrol – Duties are picking up inebriates and transport to a sleep off centers, now will transport to the jail and/or the hospital. They will not be doing the cop work. The CSP's will have a different uniform from the Officer's to distinguish them from the each other.

C: Grant - paper work has been sent off for the CSP program they may fund the FY-2010 budget for the same amount of money of \$333,000.00. We have checked into the Korean Church to use as a sleep off center. This most likely will not work after talking to the state planning with the fire marshal's office they are saying that we are needing a fire sprinkler system and with the funding that we have at this time, we do not have enough money to put that in and fund the rest of the program. We are still hopeful that the City Council will still let us utilize the Korean Church as an office for the CSP's. We have received funding through the grant for rent on office space.

D: Radio – We are still having issues with our radios we have had paid Alaska Telecom approximately \$8,000.00 and we are still having the same issues. We are looking into Procom to see if they might be able to come and take care of the problems.

E: Building – We are having issues with the heat in our building and the new head of public works is working on it.

F: River Taxi permit was given out and they are not getting the business that they thought that they would be getting so they are unsure if they are going to continue working.

G: City Buses – City is looking for a department head to over see the buses they are down to the Police Department or Public Works. I feel that would be a conflict of interest with the Police Department since I am the Transportation Inspector. The Commission felt that the Police Department should not be involved with over seeing the City Buses.

H: SART Exams - State will only be paying for the Anonymous exams. The evidence will have to go to law enforcement. There will not be any charges pressed at that time. But we still have to have enough proof that there was a crime committed to have the state pay for it. We have paid out in the past three years \$22,000.00 to \$26,000.00 for the SART Exams.

I: Accident- There was a accident involved with our new patrol car at the exit of the new YKHC building.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

Permits and transfers and inspections done from Oct. 1, 2008 to Jan. 8, 2009

A: 14 Chauffeur Permits

B: 34 Transfers with Inspections

C: 54 Inspections only

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A: Radar Signs – Handed out pamphlets with totals of how much it will be to have them shipped to Bethel and also spoke to John Sargent about the grants that are available for the digital radar signs.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A: Limousine permits- Two limousine permits have been issued to Mr. Pak.

B: City Bus permits – Three bus permits have been issued to the City of Bethel
The Chief is looking into changing some of the BMC on the Bus Ordinance.

C: ALEISS- (Alaska Law Enforcement Information Sharing System)

This is a Investigative functions for officer sharing information on crimes that have occurred in their area, they enter it into the ALEISS data base. Then the data base can cross check and may generate a possible hit on a suspect that has the same type of MO that you have entered into the system. A grant was given to us in the amount \$12,000.00 to assist in funding. Lt. Achee will be working on this program at this time, other officers will be able to get enter the information into the computer also.

X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Charlie Chung- No comment

B: Brian Lefferts- Happy New Year.

C: Joseph Klejka- Your doing a good job.

D: Mark Springer- Keep up the good work. You might do a little more of a public out reach.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

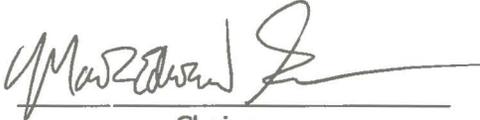
MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Thursday February 5, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska
Public Safety & Transportation Commission

February 5, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission held on February 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

No One called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call;

Quorum was not established.

Ex-Officio members present were the following

Meeting Adjournment

Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Sharri Salyers, Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: March 5, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Pat Jennings

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Larry Elarton

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Rachel from Kusko Cab Co.

Had a few items that she had some concerns with, her first question was in regards to the (BMC) 5.20.160 (A) It states in lieu of sales tax in the wording and she didn't understand why she needs to pay this (\$185.00) a month for taxi permits when she pays sales tax every month on the vehicles that she owns. Chairman of the board Mark Springer stated that the in lieu of sales tax was to of been removed in the revised BMC. Mr. Springer suggested that Rachel go speak to the Finance committee to try and get the answers to her question on the reason of the sales tax that she is paying at this time. Rachel continued with another question, as to dispatch fees they have recently changed to (\$185.00) a month. What are these fees for? Chairman of the board Mark Springer turned the question over to Transportation Inspector Chief of Police Elarton and he stated he was not sure what those fees were for and would be willing to attend the finance committee meeting with Rachel to help her find out.

Chairman of the Board Mark Springer read the ordinance 5.20.160 (A),(B),(C) and requested that it be put onto the April 2, 2009 agenda.

Theresa from Kusko Cab Co.

She had a question on the renewal of the taxi permit. Why would I have to pay the renewal on the permit if it belongs to me? I own the permit I am paying the \$185.00 a month for the permit and then I have to pay a renewal fee (\$250.00) every two years. I do not understand why I have to pay both fees. Chairman of the board Mark Springer stated that we will look into the whole BMC ordinance 5.20.160 and hopefully we will be able to figure it out and have answers for you at that time.

Jea Pak from Bethel Airport Limo Service

Had a question on using his Cadillac Limousine as a taxi if he could buy a taxi permit from a taxi permit holder? There were concerns as to what the BMC listed of definitions as to a taxicab. Chairman of the board Mark Springer read from BMC 5.20.010 (O) the definition of a taxicab. As to what the BMC's definition lists it was determined that Mr. Pak would be able to utilize his Cadillac limousine as a taxicab if he was able to obtain a taxi permit.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF March 5, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF January 8, 2009

MOVED BY:	Jennings	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Police Chief-

- A: (CSP) Community Service Patrol-** Grant has been signed we be employing three people. We will be buying two vehicles. We unsure as to where the offices will be at this time weather it will be at the former Korean Church or we may have to do some movement in our office and try to accommodate them there. We are waiting on council approval.
- B: Calls for service-** We had two attempted homicides, we have multiple traffic accidents, we are attempting to get the truck that is stuck in the ice on the river out.
- C: Radios-** We have changed providers from Alaska Telecomm to Procomm Alaska. Procomm gave us a quote for \$5,000.00 to come to Bethel for two days and try and find out what the problems that we have been having. Procomm was there for half day with all of their tools and everything is has been working well.
- D: Antenna-** We received a nasty gram from the state that we've not used the Grant funding at this time. They were advised that we have changed providers to Procomm. Since Procomm came in a has fixed our problems we are now able to get out of Kasyulie and Larson, we are checking if we can put the antenna up at the Animal Shelter Public works building or AST if we can get a MOU with them.
- E: Budget- 2010 has been submitted-** We are have requested in our Capital expenditures' a Radar Trailer, Vehicles, Building Repairs and fencing for the fire range.

- F: Building-** Public works is going to be working on the furnace since we bought portable heaters for all of the offices this winter. A Council member has requested that I get him plans on what we are wanting in a new building. Lt. Achee had some plans drawn up on a building before and that has been submitted.
- G: Abandoned Vehicles-** We are looking into trying to get something going with that. We have talked with the department heads in the city and are trying to implement a possible recycling of vehicles parts that are taken to the landfill and this could be a revenue to the city. We could have Tundra Center workers come in and drain all of the oil and take that tires and wheels off of the vehicles and have them organized in a way of getting more vehicles in the area.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

- A:** Three Inspections of vehicles
- B:** Two new Chauffeur permits given
- C:** Three Transfers
- D:** Three Taxicabs change Dispatch's
- E:** Chairman of the board Mark Springer asked what is the Enforcement on the cabs speeding not using their head lights, turn signals, car seats. Chief Elarton stated that there was a meeting earlier on March 5, 2009 with the City Manager Lee Foley, Sharri Salyers and his self with the cab owners and dispatchers. All of those questions were addressed and the owners and dispatchers will be taking the information back to all of the drivers. We are hoping that will help. If not we will start issuing tickets.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A: Annual Election of Chair

MOTION TO ELECT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD MARK SPRINGER

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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B: Annual Election of Vice-Chair

MOTION TO ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD BRIAN LEFFERTS

MOVED BY:	Jennings	
SECONDED BY:	Chung	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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C: City-Owned Vehicle Policy- Chief of Police Larry Elarton requested to have Lieutenant Andre Achee speak on the behalf of the Bethel police department. Lieutenant Achee stated that the city manager has implemented a new city owned vehicle policy. It has brought up concerns for us at the police department. The city has had three different policies since I have been here. The police department has also had their own policies and the police department's has been a little more stricter on their policies, we would police our own policies and make sure that it was being followed. This new policy being implemented allows only the department heads of the city, Lieutenant of Police, Investigative Sergeant and Fire Captain to take the city vehicles home. The police department's policy allowed The Chief of Police, Lieutenant , Supervisors and officers that are on the work schedule to take the vehicles home. Officers off of the schedule do not have a take home vehicle The way that this worked is that the supervisors would be on call and the officers that were scheduled days would be on call that evening. They would have the vehicle at their home and go to the scene. The officers that are on their days off would leave the vehicles at the department. The schedule for the officers are, three days on and three days off four days on and four days off. There are two officers on days and two officers on nights. With the new policy the officers will have to drive or get a ride to the police department to get the vehicle and then go to the scene. The concerns that we have with this new policy is officer safety issues we do not have someone available to get to a crime scene whether it be someone with a gun call or any other dangerous call that we may have. We are asking you the public safety commission for your recommendation to the City Council and/or the City Manager to allow us to maintain our police departments vehicle take home policy and have it over ride this new city owned vehicle policy. Vice-chairman of the board Brian Lefferts had a question. Did anyone take up these concerns with that city manager? Chief of Police Larry Elarton advised that it was brought up to the city manager and the city manager would appreciate feedback on the policy. Chairman of the board Mark Springer stated that he would be willing to go and speak to the city manager with the Chief of Police to advise the city manager that the commission would like to see that the police department maintain their vehicle policy.

MOTION to recommend the City Manager to give policy discretion to the Chief of Police on police vehicles.

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Pat Jennings- No comment

B: Brian Lefferts- Would like to see on the next agenda the Aurora Data Project it goes into effect as of June 1, 2009. The state is requiring a tracking system for the ambulances. Fire Chief Young will have this information.

C: Charlie Chung- No comment

D: Mark Springer- I got ran off of the road last night, I am glad that you had a meeting with the cabs and I hope that you continue to have more of them.

HAM radio people will be grateful once the paging system is working at the KYUK everything the pages go off it interrupts the radios.

Would like to see Animal Control reports next month.

The new patches are looking very nice.

Stimulus package has a billion dollars in the cop grant thought I would let you know about that and see if you know anything about that or not.

**X. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

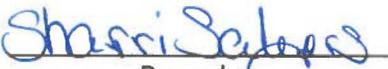
Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Thursday APRIL 2, 2009

Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: April 2, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January at 7:00 pm in the Bethel Police Department, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Pat Jennings

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Larry Elarton

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Rachel from Kusko Cab Co is still having concerns to the (\$185.00) that she is paying each month for the dispatch fees (BMC) 5.20.160 (A). Rachel did speak to the Finance Committee and found out that she was paying more in sales taxes then she was supposed to, that issue has been fixed, to her question last month, in lieu of sales tax. The issue still remains as to why she has to pay the (\$185.00) a month for her Dispatch fees when no one in the city does anything with the dispatching of the cabs.

Theresa from Kusko Cab Co. advised that she had the same concerns as to the (\$185.00) Fee that is being charged for dispatching. And feels that is needs to be lifted.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF April 2, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF March 5, 2009

MOVED BY:	Jennings	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Police Chief-

A: (CSP) Community Service Patrol- Grant has been signed we are looking to employ three people, Two of which need to be EMT's.

the schedule is set as four days a week ten hour days.

This Grant is good until June 30, 2009

B: Staff- We lost one CSO position this year to budget cuts.

C: Antenna- Is off of the table at this time we can reapply again.

E: Byrne Grant- Is in the Stimulus package we are looking to be getting a 9-1-1 Recorder and training.

F: Animal Control Report- Casey McDonald has volunteered to assist us in trying to find suitable homes for the animals in the pound. We receive calls on a daily bases for dog calls. The CSO has taken over the animal control duties.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

A: 16 Inspections of vehicles

B: Two new Chauffeur permits given

C: Three Transfers

D: Five Taxicabs change Dispatch's

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A: Review of BMC 5.20.160

MOTION TO AMEND BMC 5.20.160

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE IN BMC ORDINANCE 5.20.160 A. From BUS, LIMOUSINE, RIVER TAXI, DISPATCH SERVICE, OR TAXICAB TO REGULATED VEHICLES

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO FORWARD AMENDED BMC ORDINANCE 5.20.160 A. TO CITY COUNCIL

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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B: Aurora Data Project

MOTION TO TABLE AURORA DATA PROJECT- need more information from the Fire Chief

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Brian Lefferts- Interested in the meeting would like to encourage the Fire Chief to attend the next meeting.

B: Pat Jennings- Speed limit in Subdivisions need to be enforced more would like to see some extra speed limit signs put up.

C: Charlie Chung- Would also like to see speed limit signs up out in tundra ridge and would like to see more enforcement of speeding in that area, there are a lot of cars passing other vehicles there.

D: Mark Springer- Hope we can get this Ordinance more organized.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Thursday May 7, 2009

Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: May 7, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on May 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung came in at 7:10 pm

Pat Jennings

Joseph Klejka was excused

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Larry Elarton

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

James Pak from Airport Limousine Service. advised that he was there for agenda item B under new business. He was hoping that the commission would consider the fees being decreased for the limousine services.

Rachel from Kusko Cab Co. advised that she was there for agenda item A under old business and C under new business. She wanted to make sure that the dispatch service was taken out of the fees section of 5.20.160 A. of the BMC.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA OF MAY 7, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion: Moving VII Chief's Comments to VI Special Order of Business and moving X. New Business A. Aurora Data Project to be heard and discussed so Fire Chief Young could get to his next meeting. And move VI Special Order of Business to VII Chief's Comments

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE NEW AGENDA OF MAY 7, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2009

MOVED BY:	Jennings	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Fire Chief- A: H1N1 Flu – We are having meetings on this subject and are making sure that everyone has masks, gloves and Tama flu vaccine. We are cautiously prepared.

B: Flood – Water will be coming up slowly so we should have plenty of notice. Things to get prepared filling up sewer tanks with water so they do not float away. Need to get all of the gas containers moved so there isn't any hazardous materials in the area.

C: Building – We are having the sixth group of engineers in to take a look at the building. The flooring the flooring in the garage area seems to be better since they came in and worked on it. All of the vehicles were able to be parked inside. We do not want to lose our building, we just want to make sure that it is safe for everyone.

MOTION TO MOVE CHIEF OF POLICES COMMENTS AFTER SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOVED BY:	Jennings	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion: Chief Elarton had to leave for a emergency call.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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X. New Business A. Aurora Data Project.

State is requiring all ambulance services in the State of Alaska to have this program running by June 1, 2009. This program is web based on the internet and there is no cost to the City to access this program. This system also has a billing service that will assist in billing patients. The City can also attain stats on location of call, what types of calls, the ages of the patients. This system can be downloaded onto a laptop computer for easier availability to the ambulance for data entry. An average cost for the laptops are \$1,000.00. This program software also has training modules available.

VII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Training for Committee and Commission Members.

A: Power point presentation and training- Provided by City Clerk Lori Strickler.

VI. Police Chief's Comments-

A: (CSP) Community Service Patrol- We have hired two for the three positions that are open for our CSP's. The EMT position is still open at this time. We are still waiting for the two vehicles that have been ordered. We are trying to get the Police annex building up and running we have some issues with the plumbing and we are trying to find someone that can work on it.

B: Staff- We hired a new Officer Travis Wixom. He started Monday the 4th of May, Mr. Wixom has a wife and four children and they will be coming up here the first of June. Mr. Wixom was an officer in Kansas before coming to Bethel. We also have a new public safety dispatcher Angel Forkiner she has replaced Christina Smith. Ms. Forkiner moved here from Maryland.

Shanna Perry will be resigning in August 2009. She is going to college in Anchorage. We are looking to hire someone that can help us on a temporarily bases who can help with coverage for vacations.

C: Animal Control Report- We are trying to get our computer system working to get the reports more accurate. Chief handed out a report as to all animal calls that the department had received in a month's time there were 99 animal calls, combined with Complaints, adoptions, animal bites, cruelty to animals and impoundments.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

A: 14 Inspections of vehicles

B: 2 Transfers

C: 2 Taxicabs change Dispatch Service's

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. BMC 5.20.160 A. Amending Ordinance reviewing request to go to Council.

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 A.

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO AMEND ADOPTED AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 A.

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion: strike "fairs" and "a" in wording and add "each" to where "a" was in the wording.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO TABLE ADOPTED AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 A. to JUNE 4, 2009 MEETING

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion: need more information to add a fee on taxicab dispatch services. There also needs to be a effective date discussed for the ordinance.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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X. NEW BUSINESS

B: LIMOUSINE RATES- BMC 5.30.035 C.

- A. Request by the airport limousine services to decrease the minimum rates from \$100.00 dollars an hour to \$80.00 an hour.
- B. Request by airport limousine services to allow limousines to flag from airport and take passengers to town and airport with a minimum of two passengers with rate of ten dollars (\$10.00). Flag from airport to Kasayuli minimum of two passengers with a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00)

MOTION TO AMEND BMC ORDINANCE 5.30.035 C.

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion: strike one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and add Eighty dollars (\$80.00)

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO FORWARD AMENDED BMC ORDINANCE 5.30.035 C. TO CITY COUNCIL

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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no action was taken on the request for allowing flagging from the airport at this time.

C: REVIEW BMC 5.20.160 FEES AND 5.50.010 DISPATCH SERVICES

MOTION TO TABLE BMC 5.20.160 FEES AND 5.50.010 DISPATCH SERVICES to JUNE 4, 2009 MEETING

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- A: Pat Jennings-** No comment.
- B: Charlie Chung-** No comment
- C: Brian Lefferts-** Thank you to the Fire Chief for coming to the meeting and would like to see him at the meetings more often.
- D: Mark Springer-** Maybe we can change the times and dates for the meetings. Please put that on the agenda for the next meeting. Check with the City Clerk as to what day and times would work best, maybe think of a noon meeting also.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Chung	

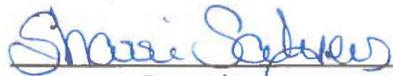
Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Thursday June 4, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: June 4, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on June 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.
Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Pat Jennings came in at 7:09 pm

Joseph Klejka

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Police Chief Larry Elarton

Fire Chief George Young

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF June 4, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF May 7, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion: Item VIII Spelling of Transportation to be fixed

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Fire Chief- A: Flood – We had very little damage no search and rescue was called out.

There was a few houses that did have some damage and they have requested some assistance from the government on the damage that they received.

B: Building – We have posted contractor bids to work on the building we have received one bid to date from a local contractor the bid closes on the 8th of June, 2009.

C: Aurora Data Project – The City of Bethel Finance Department is going to be assisting us in entering the data and we are also looking into the billing software so the Finance department can work on the billing too.

D: Grants – There are grants available for the building as well. We have talked to a lot of different people that have made suggestions and also are very supportive of the grants. The grants that we have been looking into are for Fire department buildings only we have not been able to find any that would assist in the combined Fire and Police department.

E: Calls – We have had eight or nine Tundra fires so far this year, most of them are being started by kids ranging from four in half years old and up. We have tried the fire prevention lecture at the schools and at the fire department and ended up having copy cats fires. With the tundra being as dry as it is we do not need any more fires. We are looking into talking on the Friday morning talk show to try and inform the parents and the adults in the community and see if that might help.

Police Chief- A: 9-1-1 Cell phones- We are receiving the 9-1-1 calls from cell phones through out the delta region. There is a 9-1-1 surcharge that we are receiving from all cell phones and the local landlines here in Bethel. GCI is working on getting their GPS up and working so we will be able to have a better location as to where the call is coming from. We do not have a definite date as to when GCI will have the GPS unit up and running.

B: CSO Position- Our CSO officer Cory Taylor has resigned. We have hired a certified officer; Keith Hood from Montana. He will be starting on June 15, 2009.

C: CSP Program – All positions are filled, we do not have a EMT at the present time. We are hosting a training for Red Cross CPR and First Aid instructors course that will be held the end of this month.

D: Restitution- We have been granted \$7,000.00 in restitution from the courts on a case where one of our new vehicles was damaged.

E: Sex Assaults – There are still a lot of sex assaults that we are dealing with. We received a bill today from the hospital for over \$4,000.00 for SART exams. The anonymous reporting are the ones that the AST will be paying for once the program is up and running.

F: Grants- we have two grants that we have applied for one is \$64,000.00 we will be using for the 9-1-1 recorder and the second is for personnel Evidence Custodian, Evidence Technician and Investigator. The CSP grant; we are spending the monies and getting the building up and running.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

A: 14 Inspections of vehicles

B: 2 Transfers

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. BMC 5.20.160 (A.)(K.) Amending Ordinance reviewing request to go to Council.

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 (A.)(K.)

MOVED BY:	Klejka	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO AMEND ADOPTED AMENDED BMC 5.20.160 (A.)(K.)

MOVED BY:	Klejka	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion: add 5.20.160 (G.) and add (K.) to the wording.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO FORWARD AMENDED BMC ORDINANCE 5.20.160 (A.)(G.)(K.) TO CITY COUNCIL

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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B. LIMOUSINE RATES – Wording checked

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BMC 5.20.160 (FEES)

Brian Lefferts suspends rules to allow Rachel to speak her concerns as to Section C. in BMC. 5.20.160 Rachel stated that there had not been fees prior to 2007 for the initial and renewal of vehicle permits. She stated that there was some kind of a mistake made in the BMC and that she didn't think that we were supposed to be charging that fee. A document provided showed that this was passed my council on August 14, 2007. The discussion ended with no new changes.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BMC 5.50 (DISPATCH)

MOTION TO AMEND BMC 5.50.020 (A)(B)

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Motion to amend BMC 5.50.020 (A)(B) to two (2)
SECONDED BY:		calendar years and strike annual.

Discussion: There is a need to have the ordinance stay an annual permit, due to the review of records that the business is in compliance with City taxes. Along with a list of the name and address and telephone number of every person that has a financial, proprietary, security or other interest in the license.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed lack of second.
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IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION TO CHANGE DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

MOTION TO CHANGE DATE OF MEETING

MOVED BY:	Klejka	Change Date to First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion: Thursday nights are a hardship for Council Representative Joseph Klejka, it would be better to have the meetings earlier in the week.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Charlie Chung- We discussed good things tonight. I am not too sure if the Kusko people will concur.

B: Brian Lefferts- Good discussion all around. Was glad to see the Fire Chief here at the Meeting and hope that he will be here more often. Good information on the 9-1-1 cell phones calls.

C: Joseph Klejka- Best meeting so far.

D: Pat Jennings- No Comment

E: Mark Springer- No Comment

**XI. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Jennings	
SECONDED BY:	Klejka	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday July 7, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: July 7, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on July 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Commission was not established, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Police Chief Larry Elarton

Recorder Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

John Sargent- Wanted to give an update on the City transit system.

A: Betty Twitchell started fulltime as the Transit Manager today July 7, 2009.

B: The Governor's office Transit Task Force Committee has been in town looking into our transit system in regards to people with special needs and disabilities. They will be having an open forum July 8, 2009 at the City hall Council Chambers at 11:15 am.

C: There will be some changing in bus routes, the Airport and Tundra Ridge will be added soon. The concerns that we have with the new routes is a longer loop time. At the present time the loop takes one hour, adding these new routes we are unsure how much longer it will take to make the loop. There are two buses running at all times. We have added Saturday's; the buses have been running the past two Saturdays. These changes will allow the City to service more people. The City Council made the request for these changes and the City Manager has implemented these changes.

D: We have one and a half years (1½ yrs.) left in grant monies to keep the buses running. We have requested for a new grant in the amount of \$109,000.00. The City has purchased three buses from the current grant, two of the buses have a fourteen passenger capacity and one has an eight passenger capacity. The two run on diesel and the one runs on unleaded gas.

E: There was a short question and answer discussion between Brian Lefferts, Mark Springer and Jon Sargent. At the end of the discussion Mark Springer requested that we put the Transit system program on the next meeting's agenda.

IV. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Police Chief- A: H1N1 Flu- Two confirmed cases and seven pending as today. No one has Has been hospitalized and we have not started incident command at this time.

B: Calls- we received 1,725 calls last month most of the calls were not criminal, they were Alcohol involved. We had several Fire calls, two house and a few sheds. Three officers responded to a burglary in progress call at Swanson's and the suspect was arrested.

C: CSP Program – is up and running.

D: Personnel- Officer Mike Alexander left and we moved the new CSO Hood to patrol, Moved one CSP to the CSO position and one fireman to the CSP position. We have a Dispatch position open.

E: Trainings – Lieutenant Achee, Sgt's. Drake and Salyers and Administrative Assistant Sharri Salyers went to Anchorage for training on the CSP program. Sgt. Salyers went to New Mexico with ONC for training. Chief, Lt. Achee Sgt. Drake and CSP Alex Botomanenko attended a Red Cross CPR and First Aid Instructors course the last week of June. In July, both Sgt. Drake and Sgt. Salyers will be attending a MANDT Instructors training in Idaho. MANDT training is a system for managing aggressive behavior.

F: Equipment- We have purchased two patrol bikes. We have four officers that will be assigned to bike patrol.

V. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

A: Kusko cab co has leased a permit to Mr. James Pak for his limousine.

B: 12 vehicle inspections

C: 5 vehicle transfers

D: 2 Tickets were given out on July fourth to cabs, one for failing to stop at a stop sign and one for speeding.

E: On July 6, 2009 we had a call at AC of two cab drivers fighting. After the Investigation, one driver was charged for Simple Assault, both drivers had their chauffer permits pulled for 72 hours: one for the assault the other for not having a child safety seat that worked properly.

G: With all inspections; we will be having the drivers install all child safety seats in a proper fashion. If they are unable to install the child safety seat in an appropriate amount of time we will be pulling their chauffeurs permit until they are able to perform the proper instillation.

H: On July 6, 2009 a cab driver picked up a sick individual from Hageland Aviation, the driver drove this individual to the hospital's front drop off area and contacted security to assist this individual into the hospital. Security denied assistance since the individual was not able to walk on his own. The cab driver then drove to the Police Department and requested that an ambulance respond to assist the sick individual. Officer's assisted until EMT's responded. The individual was having a heart attack and was later airlifted to Anchorage.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Brian Lefferts- Everyone is doing a great job at the Police Department. I really like the PSTC agenda packet e-mails.

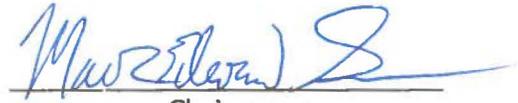
B: Charley Chung- No Comment

C: Mark Springer- The Bethel amateur radio club has a second repeater, a UHF 440 that has been installed on the roof of KYUK. This fall we are hoping that they will be replacing the old TV antenna with another tower about the same size. So we will have both repeaters working, one for the river and one for around town. I was happy to see that you guys were out for the Fourth of July celebrations.

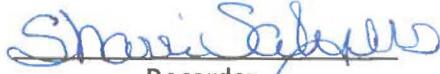
VII. ADJOURNMENT

A: Mark Springer

Next meeting on Tuesday August 4, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: August 4, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on August 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Commission was not established, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung –excused

Joseph Klejka –excused

Pat Jennings- unexcused

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Acting Police Chief Christopher Salyers

Recorder Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

V. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A: Mark Springer

Next meeting on Tuesday September 1, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: September 1, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on September 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.
Recorder Sharri Salyers called meeting to order at 7:05pm

II. ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Commission was not established, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer- excused

Brian Lefferts- excused

Charlie Chung -excused

Joseph Klejka -excused

Pat Jennings- excused

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Recorder Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

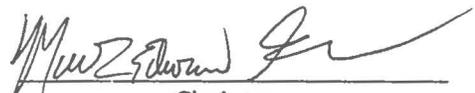
V. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A: Mark Springer

Next meeting on Tuesday November 3, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: October 6, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 6, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Bethel Police Department, Bethel, Alaska.

Recorder Sharri Salyers called meeting to order at 7:05pm Due to Elections being held at City Hall Council Chambers meeting was moved to the Police Department.

II. ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Commission was not established, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer- excused

Brian Lefferts- excused

Charlie Chung -excused

Joseph Klejka -excused

Pat Jennings- excused

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Recorder Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

V. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

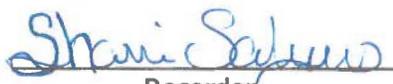
ADJOURNMENT

A: Mark Springer

Next meeting on Tuesday November 3, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: November 3, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on November 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska. Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Pat Jennings came in at 7:02 pm.

Richard Robb

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Larry Elarton

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA OF November 3, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF June 4, 2009, July 7, 2009, August 4, 2009, September 1, 2009

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:		

Discussion: need to amend June 4, 2009 and July 7, 2009 on roll call take out (Compromising a quorum of the Commission)

July 7, 2009 minutes change in chiefs comments E. trainings- MANDT training is a type of judo class to MANDT is a system for managing aggressive behavior. Mark Springs comments- strike out (that is about to fall on top of the Police Department.)

VOTE ON MOTION	
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**APPROVAL OF AMENDED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF JUNE 4, 2009 AND
JULY 7, 2009**

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Police Chief- A: Special Meeting with Council – We had a special meeting with the Council to approve the new E-911 system and renew the old CAD Motorola system with a new CAD system. The RFP on the E-911 recording system is due by November 20, 2009. We are hoping to have it installed and running by the first of the year.

B: Liquor – The vote went through and we haven't seen any increase or new problems at this time, the ordinance that we have in place seems to be better then ordinances that I have reviewed from Nome and Dillingham. We did have one exposure death so far this year, I cannot say it was due to alcohol at this time.

C: 911- question from Commission member Brian Lefferts on 911. Are you receiving 911 calls from Aniak, McGrath and St. Mary's? We are receiving 911 calls from Aniak and McGrath and we are trying to figure out with Aniak's Fire Department since they have a 24-7 dispatch service, I am not sure how the calls well be rerouted to their cell phones since they are changing to GCI cell services. If we are receiving the calls we need to have the numbers in our dispatch so we can make sure that the calls are transferred to the proper EMS personnel. We are not receiving calls from St. Mary's at this time.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

A: The Limousine is no longer with Kusko Cab co, Mr. Pak has reinstated his Limousine permit.

B: 20 Inspection

C: 7 Transfers

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A: Transit System- representative Betty Twitchell stated that we have two Full time drivers they start in the morning and work until 3:00 pm with one hour lunch break, two part-time drivers start at 3:00 pm and work to the end of the shift. And we have two fill in drivers for the buses. We have twenty-six stops. We will be posting signs for the stops, we were not able to get the post set before the freeze. The twenty six stops includes the new stops in Tundra Ridge and at Yuut School.

a.)Stats- passengers that we have serviced

July 13-31 487

August 1-27 1,241

September 1,152

October 1,740

b.)Special tours-

Governors Transportation task force in July,

President Obama's Secretaries when they were here.

November 7, 2009 we have altered the route to pick up people and take to the armory for the flu shots.

Commission member Mark Spring asked- what buses are running on the low sulfur diesel? The two larger buses are running on the low sulfur, the smaller bus runs on regular unleaded gas. We have a tank for the diesel we are just waiting for the fire Marshall to approve it. We have enough diesel to last the winter.

Council Member Representative Richard Robb asked- Is there any way that you could get a monthly pass for the buses? I am currently working on that and working on daily passes. ONC is buying passes for the ABE Center. I am hoping to have the passes for ONC next week. The monthly passes I am still working on and should be available in another month.

B. Public Hearing-in regards to BMC 5.20.030 (C). Public hearing was opened to the public, no one was present to speak, the public hearing was closed.

C. Rescheduling of regular scheduled meetings- Reviewed and discussed Meetings will continue to be on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm.

X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Charlie Chung- No comment.

B: Brian Lefferts- No comment

C: Pat Jennings- No comment

D: Richard Robb- I am glad to see the past minutes of the meetings it brings me up to date on what has been going on. I was pleased when I was appointed to the commission it was one of my top choices. I was on the transportation commission in the 90's so I am excited to be back on the commission. I would like to place on the next agenda for review and discuss BMC 2.16.060 Board of governors for the Fire Department and BMC 2.20.020(D) Police Chief's powers and duties. I am hoping that maybe we can clean up some of the BMC.

E: Mark Springer- I am shocked that the ground has not been broken for the new Fire Department with the offer that the Bethel Native Cooperation offered the city. I think that it would be a good business deal for the BNC and the City. November 7, 2009 is the H1N1 flu

vaccination at the armory and Yute air. Tower work is getting down for the antenna's. Please invite Fire Chief Young to our next meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday January 5, 2009


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: December 1, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on December 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska. Commission member Pat Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer- came in at 7:15 pm

Brian Lefferts - Excused

Charlie Chung

Pat Jennings

Jennifer Schiedler

Richard Robb

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Police Chief Larry Elarton

Fire Chief George Young

Records Sharri Salyers

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF December 1, 2009

MOVED BY:	Chung	
SECONDED BY:	Schiedler	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF November 3, 2009

MOVED BY:	Chung	
SECONDED BY:	Schiedler	

Discussion: Item VIII Spelling of Transportation to be fixed

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Fire Chief- A: Building – the most important news that I bring to the commission members tonight is that we are back in a safe Fire Station, I am wanting to thank Representative Bob Herron, Falkner & Walsh construction, and Mike Anderson in their assistance in helping us get the building at least into compliance so we are able to get back into the building. This is only a temporary fix, the roof and the walls are rotted. The building is still not open to the public at this time. We did rent a hanger out in Blue Berry subdivision where we stored some of our equipment, it is a really nice hanger and I am not sure if the city will let us continue to rent it, I am going to lobby to try and keep it or something like it.

We are on the priority list of the City for a new building whether it be just for the Fire Department or a Public Safety building combined.

B: Training- EMT refresher course just started on November 30, 2009

C: Questions from Council member Richard Robb- Is there still an offer on the table from BNC for property for a new Fire Station? Chief Young advised that he was not sure if the offer was still standing or not, he has not been invited to take part in any of the discussions.

Question from Council member Richard Robb- Did you feel it was a viable offer? Chief Young felt that it was going to be expensive. The offer had been made years ago for a Public Safety, State Trooper, District Attorney, and other office spaces that could be rented to other entities. The council at the time didn't want the city to get into the business of renting out office spaces.

Question From Commission Chairperson Mark Springer- Since I wasn't here for the beginning of the discussion, where are we at with the offer from BNC for the property for a new Fire Station? Chief Young advised that he really didn't know where the offer stands; he hasn't been invited to any of the planning meetings. The only thing that he did know is that there is a request in Juneau for a building for the Fire Station and the Police Department, he isn't sure if the State Troopers are still involved as to being in the same building now or not. There was a plan that was submitted and it has grown bigger than what the original plan that was submitted by him.

Question from Chairperson Mark Springer to Police Chief Elarton – What are your feelings to having a Public Safety building? I support a Public Safety building for both Fire and Police however the design plans that the state has now is not the design plan that was submitted originally to any of the departments in the City. The plan that the State has now is larger and more expensive. I feel that there could be changes to the plans that will be more efficient for both Fire and Police and cut the cost of the expense to the building.

Chief Young stated for the record that I am not opposed to fixing the current building. With the engineer study, the flooring fix and the bracing cost of 4 to 6 thousand dollars toward a permanent fix. The estimation for the permanent is 2 ½ million dollar to 3 1/2 million dollars expense. The estimate to build a new Fire Station is 15 million dollars.

Chairperson Mark Springer asked Council representative Richard Robb to ask City Manager Lee Foley to come to next month meeting with information as to what the current status is with the Fire Station Building and the Public Safety Building, and if there is anything that the Commission can do to assist the City in the process.

Police Chief- A: Staff- We hired a new Sergeant, he was here for a week and resigned. We have promoted Joe Corbett to Sergeant. Sergeant Corbett was an officer here in the late 90's went to Ketchikan and then went to Utah and came back to us, he has been here a little over a year. He has eight to ten years of experience. He doesn't have any prior supervisor experience, however, we feel that he will do well in this position. We still have one opening for Patrol Officer and one opening for a Dispatcher.

B: Training- We sent Officer Stacey to Sitka for Field Training Officer training. Lieutenant Achee and Officer Lee went to Anchorage for a Basic and Advanced Armorer Course. Sergeant Corbett went to Anchorage for Breath Testing Supervisor Course. Sergeant Salyers went to Fairbanks for the State Sexual Assault Advanced Training. He also went to Anchorage and met with the cold case investigators and was able to give them more information on the three missing juvenile cases that we have.

Training coming up after the New Year-
Evidence Collection- APSC Alaska Post Standards Council
MANDT training
CPR and First Aid

C: Stats- CSP calls have decreased by 41% for the Alcohol
CFS calls have decreased by 5% for the month of November to October
CFS calls have increased by 11% for the year of 2009 compared to 2008

D: Calls- We had a rash of car vandalisms and items were stolen from the vehicles. Officer Lee was the officer that received the call and he was able to track the suspects, two were juveniles one was an adult. The adult was found trying to get onto a plane, with some of the property on the suspect. All the property that was found has been identified.

E: Antenna- We were going to move the antennas up on the tower this last month. There were some issues, they didn't know if our antenna's were on there, two one of the antenna's may be broken. We know that there are at least two on the tower. We have put off the move until March or April when they come back. ProComm our radio provider will be here at that time to assist them in identifying our antenna's. We are planning on moving all of our radio equipment that is in the GCI shed into KYUK.

F: Equipment- E-911 recorder, NetRMS and Plant CML are all ordered and will be installed after the first of the year.

G: Question- Chairperson Mark Springer: Have you had any new leads on the Taxi cab murder? Actually that is being investigated by the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. The investigator was here last week working on the case. Case is still active and under investigation.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

- A:** 10 renewal Chauffeur permits at \$250.00 each
- B:** 1 new Chauffer permit written was done today a driving test will be administered tomorrow
- C:** 11 Renewal vehicle permits at \$250.00 each.
- D:** 4 Transfers 2 vehicles and 2 Dispatch at \$85.00 each
- E:** Suspended two cab permits for a 24 hour period for not having the proper equipment in the vehicles. We are doing extra patrol at AC and Swansons.
- F: Comment** from Chairperson Mark Springer would like to see extra patrol at the VFW on Bingo nights because there are a lot of congestion with the cabs and other vehicles.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A: Review of BMC 2.16.06- Board of Governors for the Fire Department

Council Representative Richard Robb had requested to review this ordnance to make sure that there was still a board of governors and if not, Mr. Robb was requesting that we make a request to the city council to modify the ordnance and strike the wording from the ordnance.

Fire Chief Young advised the commission that they have a board of governors; it is still in effect and is current. No changes to the ordnance at this time.

B: Motion to make a recommendation to the City Council to strike the wording of BMC 2.20.020- Chief's powers and Duties, (D) Maintain and staff the city jail and be responsible for the prisoners;

MOVED BY:	Robb	Strike section (D) in the ordinance, due to there not being a jail that the Chief can maintain.
SECONDED BY:		

Discussion: Even though we do not have a jail at the present time, or holding cells. We feel that we should not strike this section, due to the fact that if we should obtain a new facility that is equipped with holding cells or other accommodations.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed with no second.
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C: Review of written Complaint that was e-mailed to the City on Cabs.

Was read aloud from Chairperson Mark Springer.

Statement from Police Chief Elarton, I was the one to request that this complaint be brought to the attention of the Commission, even though we are unable to contact the complainant due to the way that the complaints come in from the web site, they are anonymous. I advised the City Manager that I would bring this to the attention of the commission in case they receive a complaint also.

IX. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A: Jennifer Schiedler- I am glad to be here, a little history about me. I was a dispatcher at one time, I was a clerk for the court system. I am currently working at First National Bank of Alaska as their mortgage agent and operation supervisor. I want to get more involved in the community and I thought this would be the perfect opportunity.

B: Charlie Chung- No Comment

C: Richard Robb- I will make sure to invite the City Manager to our next meeting.

D: Pat Jennings- No Comment

E: Mark Springer- I am intrigued with the numbers that you have on the Alcohol cases have declined.

I would like to see someone go to the high school and explain to our children why the people voted our city out of the local option.

**X. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Chung	
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday January 5, 2010


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Recorder