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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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Date: January 4, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January 4, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

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

Mark Springer-

Brian Lefferts- Absent

Charley Chung

Paul Gregory

Council Member Richard Robb

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Police Larry Elarton

Recorder Sharri Salyers

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF January 4, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### V. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF December 7, 2010

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Gregory	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS – Police Chief Larry Elarton

**A: Personnel-** Hired a new Patrol Officer Amy Davis from Idaho she will be starting on January 17, 2011. She just recently graduated from an academy out of Idaho.

We hired Gabriel Pfeiffer for the CSP full time position opening.

Officer Dias is off of FTO and Officer Limani is still in FTO at this time.

Officer Lee was voted as employee of the quarter for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Sergeant Drake and Officer Lee participated in operation Santa Clause with the National Guard to Holy Cross this past month.

**B: Building-** We are still waiting for the title to the building from the Feds. They have had questions to the zoning of the area if it is residential or commercial.

**C: Stats for December -** BPD had 1022 calls 75 cases 36 arrests Dispatch handled 1219 calls for BPD/BFD/AST CSP 104 males 61 females 43 YKCC 55 YKHC 20 Private Person 17 ACFS 12 17 assault calls, 3 sexual assaults 3 DUI's 2 burglaries 2 stolen vehicles 7 thefts

Animals 23 Animals 18 dogs 5 cats 1 RTO 1 adopted 17 Euthanized in pound 3 dogs 1 Cats

**D: Case-** There was another murder on December 30, 2010.

**E: Sobering Center-** will be open the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month.

**E: Questions-** Chairman Springer asked if the Chief had heard anything from the FBI reference the other murder case. Chief advised that the FBI had called and spoke to Lieutenant Achee while he was out of State over the holidays.

Member Gregory wanted to the Chief to know that he had found a traffic sign that is covered up by tree limbs on the state highway warning no ATV's or snow machines on highway. He would like to see more enforcement in keeping these vehicles off of the roadways, also would like to see more enforcement of DUI's with these vehicles.

He also asked what happened last spring when there was a gunman in the neighborhood around the school. Chief gave info as to what happened in that incident.

**VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT-** Sharri Salyers

**A: Vehicle Inspections-** 26

**B: Vehicle Transfers-** 3

**D: Renewal Chauffeur Permits-**1

**E:** Alaska Cab Dispatch Company is still in the process of selling the company paper work is not complete at this time.

**VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT-** Councilman Robb-

**A: Council Meeting-** There was only one meeting in December. The council had received a report from the engineer on the Salmonberry property. Sounds like everything is coming together with the reports that we received.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**A: Strategies at combating bootlegging-** Councilman Robb called this up for discussion to revisit the issue and to see where things were at. Chairman Springer stated that YKHC is in the process of making pamphlets. Suggestion was made to check with ONC about programs they have in funding for advertisement of the bootlegging issues also they have other programs and people that work with legislators and maybe they could work on making bootlegging a felony in our area. Chairman Springer said he would like to hear from Mr. Trantham and Mr. Hawkins about their organization and their progress in working with the legislation in changing the laws. Request to hold over to the February meeting for further discussion in Old Business.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A: Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair-**

Open for nominations of Vic-Chair.

Robb nominated Brian Lefferts nomination unanimous voice vote.

Open for nominations of Chair.

Chung nominated Mark Springer nomination unanimous voice vote.

**B: Discussion and review if BMC ordinance's 06.04 and 06.08 pertaining to Animal Control.-** A proposed clean up to ordinance was brought forth by Councilman Robb, A discussion on some of the wording that was being stricken from the code ensued and it was decided to review other City's municipal codes to add some wording to the ordinance to clarify it a little better.

A request to hold over to the February meeting for further discussion and review

**C: Discussion for February's Scheduled Meeting-** there was a conflict with the date and a request to have the meeting postponed to another day was discussed and decided to have a Special regular meeting on February 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm and the Police Annex Building.

**XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

**Charlie Chung-** No comment

**Paul Gregory-** Spoke of concerns pertaining to Animal Control in the community with references to Tribal culture and animals.  
He also spoke to the commission about his time working with the legislature in passing Senate CS for CS for House Bill NO. 399(STA) "an Act establishing the office of elder fraud and assistance and relating to fraud involving older Alaskans."

**Rick Robb-** I would like to look more into what we could do for the city in auctioning items on the internet. This was brought up in our past meetings and maybe we could put something together in the near future to take to the council.

**Mark Springer-** We appreciate everything that you (directed to the Chief of Police) are doing in the community and I heard that Lieutenant Achee and Sgt. Salyers went to Hooper Bay and spoke to the parents of the victim of Homicide. That was very much appreciated. Thank you.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Robb	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – February 7, 2011

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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Date: March 1, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on March 1, 2011 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

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

Mark Springer-

Brian Lefferts- Absent excused

Charley Chung

Paul Gregory

Carol (Annette) Sutton

Council Member Richard Robb

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Police Larry Elarton

Recorder Sharri Salyers

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF March 1, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### V. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF January 4, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>		An error was made and the minutes for January 4, 2011 were not placed into the council packet they will need to approve minutes for January 4, 2011 the April 5, 2011 meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	
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### VI. Training provided by City Clerk Lori Strickler – Committee and Commission training.

### VII. CHIEF'S COMMENTS – Police Chief Larry Elarton

**A: Personnel-** The department is fully staffed at this time. Cory Brian was moved to CSO from CSP. CSP has three new employee's Gabriel Pfeiffer, Steven Taylor and Dextor Sherman

**B: Building-** There has been an issue that has come up with the Salmon Berry location for the new Police Station. The city council will be reviewing this matter later this month and has asked that things be put on hold at this time.

**C: Stats for February-** BPD had 1198 calls 109 cases 90 arrests Dispatch handled 1350 calls for BPD/BFD/AST CSP 50 males 45 females 47 YKCC 25 YKHC 17 Private Person 6 ACFS 26 assault calls, 5 sexual assaults 3 DUI's 2 burglaries 0 stolen vehicles 2 Accidents

Animals 20 Animals 19 dogs 1 cats 4 RTO 4 adopted 9 Euthanized in pound 2 dogs 1 Cats  
**D: Case-** A cab driver was found guilty by the courts for practicing acupuncture without a license. This incident did occur in the cab that he was driving. The charge that he was charged with is not one in the BMC to pull his Chauffeur permit.

There was an incident with Mr. Back the owner of Taxi cab he has been charged as an accomplice of selling alcoholic beverage. His Chauffeur permit was temporarily revoked for ten days under the BMC 5.20.110 (B)(4). His permit was reinstated after the ten days was up and Mr. Back has been advised that if he is convicted of the charges that the transportation inspector reserves the right to continue any efforts deemed necessary in regarding his chauffeur permit and/or taxi permits.

**E: Sobering Center-** is open and everything seems to be running smoothly.

**E: Questions-** Commission member Paul Gregory had concerns of dogs running at large and it is the time of year when we start having issues with the rabid fox's in the area.

Chairman Mark Springer had to questions for Chief Elarton the first question; was in reference to the ATF charges on two individuals that stole the Patrol car last year. Chief Elarton advised the commission that both parties were indicted in federal court. The second questions; in reference to the murder case where does it stand in the investigation? Chief Elarton advised that the rural prosecution unit that had three different District Attorney's working the murder case at the beginning of the case. Now they have June Stein in the office and working the case. It is going through the court process and there is no new information at this time.

#### **VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT-** Sharri Salyers

**A: Vehicle Inspections-** 5

**B: Vehicle Transfers-** 5

**C: Renewal Chauffeur Permits-**0

**D: Limo permit was reissued-** 1

#### **IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT-** Councilman Robb-

**A: Ordinance 11-02** – passed, this is in reference to the terms on commissions and committees you have 30 days to reapply when your appointment expires.

**B: Ordinance 11-03-** passed, this ordinance came out of this commission it was in reference to the internet sales of surplus property of the City.

#### **X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**A: Strategies at combating bootlegging-** Councilman Robb called this up for discussion to revisit the issue and to see where things were at. It is good to hear that there was an arrest. There are some signs and posters out that YKHC has got out.

Questions to Chief Elarton what are you seeing trend wise in bootlegging. I do not feel that bootlegging has changed much with the community being wet or dry. There aren't as many bootleggers out there now that we are considered wet. We are seeing more alcohol in the houses when we go into them.

The one thing that we are seeing a decline in when we are picking people up they are not drunk off of the wood alcohol, hair spray and other products. Which is an improvement.

**B: Discussion and review if BMC ordinance's 06.04 and 06.08 pertaining to Animal Control.-** Pertaining to the drafted ordinance Would like to keep A. All dogs located outside the confines of their owners' or keepers' homes shall be securely restrained. Would like to see the 6.04.085 Immediate Destruction stricken or at least worded differently the wording that is being proposed is to drastic. I would like to see that there also be wording in the ordinance for a dog park in the city as well. We need to add a microchip in to the ordinance as well. Would like to have this placed on next month's agenda.

**XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

**Annette Sutton-** No Comment

**Paul Gregory-** Appreciates that we were able to get better lighting for the bus stops. Would like to make a law that makes kids have to have some kind of reflective tape or some type of lighting on their clothing when they are outside after dark. I have concerns about taxi cabs driving around the buses when they have their red flashing lights going. I would also like to see something done there are too many people riding on one snow machine around and I am worried that someone is going to get killed.

**Charlie Chung-** No comment

**Rick Robb-** Good work on working on getting the ordinance cleaned up as a group. Good news on the bootlegging and I would like to keep this on the agenda for the next month. Salmon Berry location as far as I am concerned the council has already voted for the police station to be at that location. I have already committed to having the police department at that location and I will stand by my vote.

**Mark Springer-** These roads are the slickest I have ever seen them and I am disappointed that the state hasn't sanded the highway better this year. I had an incident this week with a car pulling me in front of me and I almost hit them. Sharri could you please call the cab companies and remind them to use their turn signals. I would like to see more of the cabs cited for those type of violations.

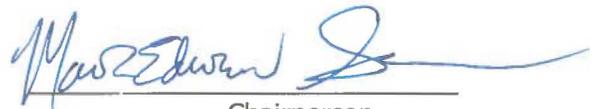
**XII. ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Gregory	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – April 5, 2011

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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Date: April 5, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on April 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Chairperson Brian Lefferts called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:  
Mark Springer- Came in at 7:20 and took over meeting.

Brian Lefferts-

Charley Chung

Paul Gregory

Carol (Annette) Sutton-excused absence

Council Member Richard Robb

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Fire George Young

Chief of Police Larry Elarton

Recorder Sharri Salyers

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

**Officer Travis Turner of the Bethel Police Dept-** came to the commission to discuss his concerns of not having legal representation from the City Attorney in minor offences through court proceedings. Officer Turner stated that he had a court hearing that morning concerning a traffic accident, where the defendant had legal representation and the courts would not allow Officer Turner to properly present his case because Officer Turner is not an attorney. Since an attorney was not present to represent the Cities interest for these preceding the case was dismissed. Officer Turner felt that he could not perform his duties as an officer to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and uphold the State laws of Alaska and City laws of Bethel, in presenting cases to the courts where they would be dismissed because of these type of technicality. He wanted the public safety and transportation commission to be aware of the issues that the Police Department is facing and hoped that the commission could advise the City Council the importance of legal representation even in minor offenses through the courts.

Chief Elarton explained to the commission that the police department and city does have the district attorney representing in legal matters through the courts, although they do not represent the city on the minor traffic offences or the city ordinances this is where the city attorney comes in and represents the city.

**Vernon Kylook-** came to the commission to discuss issues he felt needed to be brought to their attention concerning public safety in the area of East Ave. (Brown Slough) and specially the Yukon Lodge. Mr. Kylook began this discussion with the commission telling them of his history, background and his family's history and background of being raised in and around Bethel and his family members that have died due to the problems that they had experienced with alcohol some of them dying in the very hotel that he was there to complain about. Then Mr. Kylook went into discussing his great concerns of the goings on at the Yukon Lodge. His mother Laura Kylook an elder in the community, her house is just yards away from the Yukon Lodge. Since he has been back in Bethel trying to assist his mother he has viewed and has

videotaped a lot of traffic, bootlegging, and intoxicated people coming in and out of the hotel. Cab drivers bring people to the Yukon Lodge all hours of the day and night, also honking their horns day and night. Mr. Kylook stated that he had land survey's done and he knows that the city road is supposed to run right through the Yukon Lodge. He asked if there is some kind of regulations that city has for these hotels? He has concerns with all of the criminal activity that has been going on in the area and would like to get assistance in getting this area cleaned up.

Chief Elarton spoke to Mr. Kylook and advised him that the police department has been trying to assist the planning director Dan Shea who is in charge of code enforcement; with getting the stats of the complaints that the police and fire department has gone to at the Yukon Lodge over the past year. As to the disturbing of the peace the Police Department will enforce those laws, the department needs to be notified when this is occurring and it will be taken care of along with the cabs complaints of honking their horns after hours that is a violation as well and will be taken care of.

Chairman Mark Springer also concurred with Chief Elarton about the cabs honking their horns after hours that the commission can make sure that is being enforced. He also suggests that Mr. Kylook take this matter to the City Council requesting that the council declare the Yukon Lodge as a public nuisance. And also bring it to the Councils attention that if a land survey shows that the building is sitting on the city property the council needs to know that.

Chief Young stated that he had assisted in closing down the Yukon Lodge twice in the past for fire and life safety issues along with many years ago he had assisted in taking to council the nuisance of abatement of the Yukon Lodge, they had corrected the complaints and since has open back up. Chief Young hasn't looked into the nuisance abatement ordinance in a while and he is unsure as to if any new language has been added to the ordinance since it was brought to council the last time. He thought that there was a clause in the ordinance that if the business had been closed down three times then it could be ordered to be demolished. But he wasn't sure if that was still the case.

**Elizabeth Sunnyboy-** came to the commission with the same concerns that Mr. Kylook had of the Yukon Lodge and East Ave. area. Mrs. Sunnyboy stated that she was visiting Bethel she brought back her cousin here to be buried. Her cousin (the deceased) had told Mrs. Sunnyboy story's of how she would clean the Yukon Lodge and the way that they would pay her was by giving her a bottle of alcohol. Mrs. Sunnyboy told her that it was illegal they could not pay her that way. Mrs Sunnyboy stated that she had two Aunts that passed away that lived in the slough (East Ave) area and they had to listen to all the things that were going on down in that area. Who is responsible to make sure that this hotel and the area is cleaned up. Why is the law, the State protecting these people that are bootlegging. The Children in the area cannot go outside and play because of all of the drunks in the area. They (the drunks) are out there swearing and peeing around the buildings. We would like you to come to our houses and watch all of the things that are going on and see the issues that we see. You will see that the drunks are knocking on the doors of places that don't even have alcohol in them trying to get bottles (alcohol). Other people do not want to come and visit us because of the activities in the area. We are hoping that you are the group to help us get the word out and to help us, we have to start somewhere and we are hoping that you can assist us in some way. Mrs. Sunnyboy asked where can we go from here?

Chairman Mark Springer advised that they go to City Council also go to the Department of Labor office and ask for a wage an hour investigator and tell them the story that you told us about the Hotel paying your cousin with bottles of alcohol. Chief Young advised them to go to the Planning Commission or the State Troopers.

Chairman Mark Springer wanted to take a moment and remind everyone that when the City of Bethel voted to go wet two things happened. Bootlegging became a misdemeanor and so did furnishing alcohol to minors.

**Andre Achee**- came to the commission to discuss the ordinance of place of business operating hours that passed on the consent agenda the last city council and is going to public hearing at next council meeting. The concerns that he has if this ordinance passes is as a concerned citizen of Bethel and a 20 year veteran Law Enforcement Officer. The ordinance that is on the books now has the hours of places of entertainment closing at 1:00 am. This ordinance could be modified in some instances, But not to abolish the whole ordinance. As a police officer for the past 20 years that ordinance has tremendously added the police department and police officers primarily when there are organizations or business, like when the brass buckle was open, right now the Spot is open. Other places that have parties, discos and arcades, they shut down at 1:00 am. This assists the officers in enforcing and possibly deterring other crimes as in minors drinking, sexual assaults, assaults and other crimes. Lieutenant Achee stated that he was surprised that this ordinance was taken directly to council and not brought to this commission first. This ordinance directly affects law enforcement and he felt that the public safety commission should have been involved in the decision to take it to council. Lieutenant Achee spoke with one councilmember and they stated that there are businesses that are in violation of this ordinance at this time. There are a few areas in this ordinance that can be addressed and modified to not include restaurants and convenience stores. I do not personally feel that they would fall under places of entertainment. But in other areas if someone decides to open a disco or something like that it needs to be closed at 1:00 am. Other Cities have these ordinances that have bars and liquor stores those certain types of business of entertainment have to close at a specific hour. Currently we have an establishment right now an arcade that we are enforcing this ordinance on. If this ordinance goes forth as written right now, without any amendments, Lieutenant Achee feels that it will be a detriment to the police department, officers and community. If these businesses are able to stay open past 1:00 am there will be a large increase in noise complaints that the police department would receive from the neighbors. If there isn't ordinances stating that business of the like do not have to closes down at 1:00 am. The Business has a right to operate and continue their business and officers can't go and ask everyone to leave the area. Lieutenant Achee made a request to the commission to go to the city council as a group and tell the council that there are certain aspects to this ordinance that they agree with and to ask the council to not eliminate the whole totality of this ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF April 5, 2011**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**IV. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF January 4, 2011**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGUALR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2011**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**V. CHIEFS' COMMENTS – Fire Chief George Young**

**A: Yukon Lodge-** I have done everything in my power as fire chief in enforcing the fire laws at the Yukon Lodge. We close them down for having people sleeping in the hall ways, cooking in the rooms, burning candles or they don't have proper fire alarms or extinguishers. They fix the issues and are back open. I don't know what the answers are but I will try and be part of the solution in doing whatever we can to help the people in the area of the Yukon Lodge.

**B: Ordinance of place of business hours-** I agree with Lieutenant Achee with his concerns that he has brought forth on this ordinance. I feel that poorly planned ordinance is making its way to city council and it is just one vote away from being passed. I was part of the group that had lobbied the City Council to adopt the closer ordinance. It wasn't because we wanted some kind of pull over some people it was to deter the murders, deaths, rapes, incest and the Bootlegging in particular that was being carried out by some of these all night convenience stores, that were fronts for drugs and alcohol. And if you think that telling people that it is curfew time and/or that their parents should be watching them then you are wrong. In this town, you have got to have tools that the police and the fire department can use. Those closer hours are there for a very important reason and if you think that if you remove that ordinance and leave this town wide open and leave it up to the parents that do not watch their kids or the curfew law that exists in print only. And it isn't just up to the Police, Fire or the Troopers there are so many people that are not supervised in this town. There has to be some tools that we can use to tell people that they are going to have to close up, go home and go away. I strongly feel that this ordinance needs to be modified. I myself like being able to call and order food at four o'clock in the morning after coming back from a night of fishing. But we do not need to have a new night club open all night or even the lobby to the Yukon Lodge open 24/7.

**C: Building-** is near completion we still have some more work to do on the concrete and some electrical work needing to be done.

**D: Radiation-** If any one has any questions about radiation monitoring. I think the fire department has the only Bata/ gamma detectors in the delta. No one has detected in the area of any radiation. We are supporting Representative Bob Herron request in wanting to set up a EPA/DEC sophisticated radiation detector here. We do not have any special supplies of potassium iodine solution.

**E: Questions-** Mark Springer asked if Chief Young had heard anything in reference to Alaska Shield? Chief Young stated that he has been checking in on it but hasn't heard anything as of yet.

Police Chief Larry Elarton

**A: Ordinance-** One of the ordinances that could be looked at and changes would be the curfew ordinance what we have on the books right now isn't working. The kids need to be held accountable for their actions.

**B: Training-** CSP, First Aid, Data Master for all Employee's the training is being done while the employees are on shift to deter over time costs. Five officers attended the Read Interview Class that AST and AVCP sponsored.

**C: Equipment-** RFP for the Command trailer has ended and we have picked a vender we are looking at two different trailers to see which will best work for the needs of the City and Department.

**D: Building-** the Salmon Berry location is back on and we are going to be looking for an engineer to come in and make an evaluation.

**E: Stats for March-** BPD had 1366 calls 117 cases 55 arrests Dispatch handled 1350 calls for BPD/BFD/AST 22 assault calls, 5 sexual assaults 8 DUI's 3 burglaries 3 stolen vehicles 8 Accidents

CSP 127 Total 82 males, 45 females, 51 YKCC, 2 YKHC, 14 Private Person, 2 ACFS, 52 Sobering Center.

Animals 23 Animals 12 RTO 4 adopted 6 Euthanized 1 in pound

**E: Case-** Working on some burglaries and Frauds.

**F: Sobering Center-** is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday Sunday and Monday. Everything seems to be running smoothly.

**G: Questions-** Brian Lefferts asked how is the Tip Line going? Chief Elarton stated that it is more of a complaint line then a tip line at this time. There are tips that are coming in with information.

Richard Robb asked When the sobering center is closed does the department still take the individuals to the hospital? Chief Elarton stated that they still went to the ER to get medically cleared and then taken to the jail's holding area.

Richard Robb asked If an individual wanted to go to the sobering center are officers still called? Chief Elarton stated yes, we are still called to do the initial pat down and fill out the paperwork that the sobering center needs to have completed before anyone is brought into the facility.

Chief Young asked reference Officer Turner coming in discussing the issues that he had with not having legal representation in court today was officer Turner not able to cross examine the defendant? Chief Elarton stated; No officer Turner was not able to cross examine or ask any questions. This was the first traffic ticket officer Turner has ever lost in his ten years of being a police officer. I will be looking into why the department wasn't notified that this case was going to trail so we could have some kind of legal representation.

Mark Springer asked were you able to spend any time with the attorney general Burns when he was here? Chief Elarton stated that he had met with the attorney general a couple of times while he was in Bethel. I met with him when he was at the courts along with AST and Other court officials. AST was pushing to have video arraignments and we all found out that the equipment isn't working and that since AST was the ones that received the grant to get this equipment that it was their responsibility to get it fixed. The concerns that I brought up to the attorney general was in reference to setting a bond schedule, because of the lack of consistency the judges here in Bethel have been setting. Example If we have a felony, domestic violence or restraining order violation and the judge sets bond for \$50.00. The officers go and pick this party up on the warrant and before the report is done the guy is out and has already bought two bottles that costs more than the bond itself. Lieutenant Achee stated some examples of felony cases that the bonds were set low and stated that there is no deterrent for these parties to not commit the crimes.

Mark Springer gave a suggestion to Chief Elarton in reference to curfew violations to maybe partner with ONC and their tribal courts and work something out with them to enforce the curfew violations.

Mark Springer also stated that he has spoke with one of the delegates from Juneau about the police station and the delegate stated that they would like to see a new building built closer to down town, but they were not in total disagreement of the Salmon Berry location. Mr. Springer asked, where do things stand at this time with the Salmon Berry location? Chief Elarton stated that he had made some phone calls and is trying to get an architectural engineer in to look at the structure of the building itself.

## **VI. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT- Sharri Salyers**

**A: Vehicle Inspections- 5**

**B: Vehicle Transfers- 2**

**C: Renewal Chauffeur Permits-1**

**D: Chauffeur Permits-3**

**E:** Sharri Salyers advised the commission that she had gone to Magistrate Burley this past month to discuss ways that the police department could get information on convictions of traffic offences, mainly concerning the parties that hold chauffeur permits. When Chief Elarton spoke with the state reference the track system that we have in our patrol vehicles the Chief was advised that the conviction information from the Bethel courts isn't getting to DMV in a timely manner, in fact DMV is about two to three years behind in getting the information into the DMV computer system, because of the lack of information that they receive from the Bethel Courts. In speaking with Magistrate Burley we found a solution in obtaining this information and we will be receiving lists every week of all the convictions in Magistrate Burley's court. With this information I will be able to uphold the duties assigned to me as Transportation inspector in regulating the chauffeur's making sure that they are up to standards of the Bethel Municipal Code. If they have over the six (6) points or more assessed to their drivers license I can retest them and make sure that they are able to pass the written and the driving tests.

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT- Councilman Robb-**

**A: Salmon Berry-** In March there was a proposal to move the police department back over to the Police Annex site. It failed by a three to four vote. So the Salmon Berry site is where the Police Station will go. The State granted capital expenditures to the City for a million dollars to be able to move Dispatch Services into the new facility.

**B: Proposed FY2012 Budgets-** Came out last week and I didn't see any budget cuts for public safety.

**C: Proposed rifle range-** I sponsored the proposal of rifle range to the council and it passed so that should be in the works real soon in getting things going on rifle range.

**D: Questions-** Mark Springer asked, what is your gage of the thinking on the proposed ordinance repealing the Places of Public Entertainment? Richard Robb stated this it was co-sponsored by myself and council member Heather Pike, it is proposed to strike all of the wording in 9.28 and 9.28.010.

9.28 Places of Public Entertainment 9.28.010 Closing hours (A) No place of public entertainment shall operate between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am. (B) "Place of Public Entertainment" means disco, game room, pool hall, theater, convenience store, fast food store, or similar establishment. The justification for this proposal is for the interests of businesses and the community if people so choose to order meals and going to stores after those hours. My personal opinion is that it is not fair to punish the innocent for the crimes of the guilty. If there are crimes being committed then they should be prosecuted for the crimes, you do not prosecute the innocent.

**VIII. MOTION TO MOVE NEW BUSINESS (A) A HEAD OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Robb	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**A: Discussion of taxi cab parking, pick up's and drop off's around commercial buildings and parking lots-** Chief Elarton called this up for discussion. Chief Elarton had been approached by Swanson stores and AC Store reference complaints of cabs parking, picking up and dropping off parties around the stores. Chief Elarton thought that he would bring this information up to the commission and see if they thought it would be a good idea to draw up something in the BMC for designated cab lanes in Business areas to assist cabs, business owners and the community. Councilman Robb stated that the cab lanes, cab stops or cab stands in other communities are designated for cabs only and there would be

enforcement on private vehicles for parking in these areas. The problems that all of these areas have is there is not enough park for the private citizens to use.

Mark Springer stated that we should wait until the businesses come to the police department or the commission with possible proposals of cab lanes, cab stands.

Chief Elarton stated that he would like to hear from the cab companies as to what they think if the cab lanes or stands could work for them as well. Charlie Chung stated that when AC had a cab lane in front of their store, there was an iron bar that kept the cabs separated from the other vehicles, but once you went into the cab lane you couldn't get out. As a cab company owner I agree with having something established for cab lanes or cab stands designated for the taxi's this will assists us in separating the cabs from the private vehicles. Suspend the rules to allow Frank Mazzaro to speak as a concerned cab driver.

Mr. Mazzaro had concerns about the parking around the airport area of Grant and Hageland air with the power poles, dumpsters and the parking lots at that location. It is very difficult to pick up passengers in and around that location as well. Mark Springer advised Mr. Mazzaro that was DOT property and he would need to make a complaint to DOT about the parking hazards in that area.

Richard Robb stated that when he drove cab in Anchorage the way that the cab stands worked is there was a designated area close to the entrances of the businesses where the cabs would drive up to drop off and pick up. The problems that I see with setting it up here at AC or Swanson is that private citizens want to park closest to the door as well.

Chief Elarton stated what if there was a way to have it set up so the cabs could rack up. Designate four spaces by the entrance doors for each cab company and each cab can move up to their designated spot, drop off or pick up and then the next cab can move up to the spot. It was agreed that would work if the cab companies and the businesses would agree in doing it.

Suspended the rules to allow Theresa Broeckel to speak as a concerned cab driver.

Mrs. Broeckel stated that several years ago there were four spaces with marking and signs for cab parking at the AC store and I do not know what happened to them, they are no longer there. That the cabs would do what Chief Elarton said about racking up. I would suggest that they should do that again.

Chief Elarton stated that he would work on this some more and make the suggestions and if he needed to bring it back up to the commission he would do so at a later time.

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**A: Strategies at combating bootlegging-** Councilman Robb called this up for discussion to revisit the issue and to see where things were, last he heard the tip line is up and going and that there were pamphlets made and are up.

Brian Lefferts stated that he did get some fliers made and they are posted.

Councilman Robb wanted to know what the next step would be.

Maybe we could partner up with the sobering center and other groups in the area and see what we could do on public awareness as in more posters. Could we offer rewards for leads to arrest and convictions. Lieutenant Achee stated that he thought that AST's Want Unit may still have funding to assist in rewards.

Mark Springer stated that he would go to the next meeting of the Multiple Disciplinary Council and let them know that we are trying to inform the community and educate them on bootlegging. He would also like to see it brought to the governor and legislators to make the penalty a felony in bootlegging.

**B: Discussion and review if BMC ordinance's 06.04 and 06.08 pertaining to Animal Control.-** Pertaining to the four drafted ordinances a discussion ensued as to which of the four drafted ordinances would be best suited to go to City Council.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE 4<sup>th</sup> DRAFTED VERSION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Continue this to next month's agenda as proposed ordinance to the council. That way if there is any one that has concerns or wishes to address this ordinance can do so next month.

**X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

**Charlie Chung-** No Comment

**Paul Gregory-** I am glad that the animal control ordinance has been brought up so we can work on it. This is the season when rabies start to be seen and it spreads very fast. I think that making sure that the dogs are tied up will help keep the rabies from spreading.

**Rick Robb-** This was quite the meeting it was good to see so many people come out tonight and voice their opinions. I would like to work more on the long standing issues with bootlegging and try and find more solutions. Even though I might not agree but I appreciate the open discussion on the ordinances with Lieutenant Achee and others I just wasn't expecting to discuss here at the commission.

**Mark Springer-** On the dog park we might want to think that when the gun range is up and running they might incorporate an area for training for hunting dogs. Question to Chief Elarton were there VPSO at the read training? Chief stated that the training was funded by the state and AST so yes VPSO's were involved in the training as well. They only had five slots open for the police department to attend.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Gregory	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – May 3, 2011

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Recorder

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**City of Bethel, Alaska**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Commission**

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May 3, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission held on May 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairman Mark Springer called meeting to order at 7:05 pm

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call;

Mark Springer

Charlie Chung

Quorum was not established.

Ex-Officio members present were the following

Police Chief, Larry Elarton

Fire Chief, George Young

Administrative Assistant Sharri Salyers

Meeting Adjournment

  
Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Sharri Salyers, Recorder

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**City of Bethel, Alaska**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Commission**

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May 9, 2011

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission held on May 9, 2011 at 5:30 pm at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairman Mark Springer called meeting to order at 5:45 pm

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call;

Mark Springer

Council Member Richard Robb

Quorum was not established.

Ex-Officio members present were the following

Police Chief, Larry Elarton

Fire Chief, George Young

Administrative Assistant Sharri Salyers

Meeting Adjournment

  
Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Sharri Salyers, Recorder

# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: June 7, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on June 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall, Meeting Room and moved to Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska. Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

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

Mark Springer-

Brian Lefferts- Excused Absent

Charley Chung

Paul Gregory

Carol (Annette) Sutton

Council Member Richard Robb

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Fire George Young

Chief of Police Larry Elarton

Recorder Sharri Salyers

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF June 7, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Sutton	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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#### IV. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF May 3, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Sutton	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF May 9, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Sutton	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF April 5, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Gregory	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**V. CHIEFS' COMMENTS – Fire Chief George Young**

**A: Media –** The fire department has been contacted by the media in reference to the tundra fires. The fire department has decided to discontinue discussing fire safety information with the radio station on Friday mornings and sending out fliers to the newspapers in hopes to curb the children in the area from setting fires. Most of these fires have been set by children and I feel they are doing it for notoriety in the papers and from the radio stations.

**B: Building-** is near completion we still have some concrete and some electrical work needing to be done. I am very pleased with the building and we didn't need to use as much of the Cities monies as we were expecting.

**C: Budget-** The fire department budget was presented a couple of weeks ago and everything turned out well

Police Chief Larry Elarton

**A: Building-** There is going to be an architect coming in this week to look at the foundation of the building. I am unsure as to when construction will start. If we do not start construction until next year then we will be shutting down the Annex so we are not having to heat both buildings.

**B: Personnel-** Sharri Salyers has moved to city finance. We are job sharing her for the time being she is coming over helping out with the cabs. There has been two people that have put in for the admin assistant position. They are both from the police department in dispatch, neither one has any experience. With Sharri and Lori Strickler being next door they both can assist in training issues.

Dispatch is losing Amy Licht she is moving to Colorado.

CSO Cory Brian left and we have moved Dexter Sherman up into that position.

CSP We hired Timothy Michaels to cover Dexter Sherman's position.

**C: Equipment-** We are still working on the command trailer. The new patrol car should be in Anchorage this month.

**D: Dispatch-** Policy is done it is still being reviewed by the dispatch supervisor and the Lieutenant and myself will review it and hope it will be done by next week.

**E: Case-** Three officers and I will be going Anchorage next week to testify in Federal Court in reference to the stolen vehicle case.

**G: Questions-** Mark Springer asked how is the property disposal for the City going? Chief Elarton stated he hasn't had a chance to get it implemented yet Paul Gregory asked if the Tribal Courts were operating here in Bethel. Chief Elarton stated that he hasn't worked with the Tribal Courts since he has been here.

**VI. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT- Sharri Salyers**

**A: Vehicle Inspections- 11**

**B: Vehicle Transfers- 2**

**C: Chauffeur Permits-4**

**D: Bus Chauffeur Permits-1**

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT- Councilman Robb-**

**A: Yukon Lodge-** Discussions of the Yukon Lodge and the Public Nuisance. This is being handled through planning and the City Manager.

**B: Brown Jug-**April 28<sup>th</sup> a representative from the Brown Jug in Anchorage came to council and proposed to hire an agent to take orders here in Bethel. The next month there was a resolution opposing a liquor license that passed. Resolution 11-13

**C: Entertainment Ordinance-** Passed on April 12th

**D: Rate and Fee's Schedule Ordinance -** Passed

**E: Ordinance 11-09-** Has been proposed to Council. Council taking action on behalf of commissions when a commission cannot take action due to lack of quorum. This action will only be taken if a quorum has not been established for more than sixty days.

**F: Questions-** Mark Springer asked If ordinance's are being introduced to the Council that might be of some interest the commissions or committees that the Council send it to those bodies for review before any action is taken? Councilman Robb answered by saying that someone would need to propose that it be reviewed by the commission or the committee. But it isn't an automatic commitment to send it to the commission or committee.

Chief Elarton wanted to Thank Councilman Robb for passing the Rates and Fees Ordinance The police department didn't have a lot of new changes in the fees. We did change the adoption fees for the animals in the pound so it didn't cost more to adopt then it was to euthanize an animal. We also changed some of the fees for record releases.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**A: Strategies at combating bootlegging-** Requested by Councilman Robb, he didn't have anything new to add other then he wanted to check on the tip line.

Chief Elarton said that the tip line is still running, there are a few calls that we receive but I feel that it will pay dividends. Mark Springer asked if the Chief felt that there was more bootlegging going on? Chief Elarton stated that he didn't see any more going on then what we have had. Chief Elarton did state that he had met with the new detachment commander and let him know that we are interested in working with them with Want.

**B: Proposed Animal Control Ordinance-** Request by Mark Springer he read the proposed ordinance aloud to the commission. Discussion between members as to if there should be any changes to the proposed ordinance no changes needed.

**MOTION TO SEND ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE TO CITY COUCIL**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS-**

**A: Discussion on review of ordinance 9.28 Places of Public Entertainment-**

Requested by-Chairman Mark Springer, He wanted to advise the commission that he attended to the City Council meeting representing the commission concerns as asked by the commission in the April meeting. The ordinance was repealed by City Council.

Chief Young stated that he had been in attendance at the City Council meeting when Mark Springer addressed the concerns of the commission for this ordinance being repealed and he felt that Mark represented the concerns spot on as to what the commission had requested.

The intent of the original language to the ordinance parallels to that of Anchorage, Fairbanks, Arizona and Juneau do. It was to give us a hand hold over some of the places that we were having a hard time getting a handle on. When this comes back to Council hopefully all the

question areas will be answered and the Council will pass the new ordinance. The fire department and police department doesn't have an issue ordering meals at two or three o'clock in the morning the issues we have is having entertainment places open where there is a possibility for a high crime rate.

Chief Elarton stated that the Spot is the area of his greatest concern with this ordinance being repealed, because even though there is a curfew for the kids. Curfew laws state that if there is an organized event as long as the kids have their parents' permission they can be there. If you go to the Spot at eleven o'clock at night you see young kids running around like it is a playground out front and on the street in front of the address as well.

Richard Robb stated that he understands that the curfew ordinance is hard to enforce.

**B: Proposed Budget for Public Safety-** Requested by Councilman Robb, He was hoping to have this brought up in May before it went to Council so if there was any questions or any revisions wanting to be made. There were no cuts for both the fire department and the police department. IT may be moved out to its own budget is the only proposed change to be made.

**C: Review and Possible Modification of Ordinance 9.36 Public Nuisance**

**Abatement-** Requested by Councilman Robb, He stated that this ordinance is long and confusing. As in 9.36.040(B) it states that there has to be five or more separate violations which serve as the basis for the issuance of the notice or order but under 9.36.020(G) states two or more separate violations in ninety day period. So there are inconsistencies in this ordinance.

Mark Springer suggested that the City Attorney should look this over because of the inconsistencies and how complex this ordinance is.

Richard Robb was hoping to bring this to the commission to have some discussion and direction from the commission before having to send it to the City Attorney for review.

I was also thinking of adding title 4 from Alaska Statute for bootlegging as a public nuisance. I am thinking of adding to 9.36.090(F) Being able to revoke a Business license.

Request to continue discussion, Review and Possible Modification of Ordinance 9.36 to next month's meeting.

**D: Public Announcement for PFD's-** Requested by Paul Gregory.

Mark Springer stated that there had been a lot of announcements on the radio to have people wear their PFD's while on the river.

**E: Discussion on Rules and Regulations of ATV's-** Requested by Paul Gregory to many kids are running around on ATV's without wearing helmets. He would like to see more enforcement on the helmet laws and more enforcement of keeping the ATV's off of the highways.

**F: Drug Use in the Bethel area-** Requested by Paul Gregory.

Question to the Chief of Police what types of drugs are you seeing more of in Bethel.

Marijuana, Oxycotton other prescription drugs, Heroin, Cocaine and Alcohol.

Councilman Robb asked if there have been any new arrests with drug cases. We haven't had any new big cases of drugs at this time.

**G: Scheduling Public Safety Meeting for the Summer-**

**MOTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING FOR AUGUST 2, 2011**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Robb	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	
<i>Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	

**X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

**Charlie Chung-** No Comment

**Carol (Annette) Sutton-** I really would like to start working on the 9.36 ordinance.

**Rick Robb-** It's good that we had the meeting; we were able to get a lot done tonight and took some action on some of the agenda items.

**Mark Springer-** It is good to see that they were able to get the slough out of the small boat harbor cleaned up. Thank you Sharri we appreciate your hard work that you do for us here on behalf of the commission. Wear your float coat and if you see that the stand at the harbor is low on PFD's go to YKHC and let them know so we can get more out there. I made this suggestion many years ago Bethel needs a Harbor master, covering the small boat harbor and other areas of the river. I would like to have the City look into that.

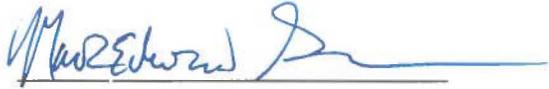
**XI. ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Gregory	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – August 2, 2011

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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Date: September 6, 2011

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on September 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall, Meeting Room and moved to Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska. Chairperson Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

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

Mark Springer- present

Brian Lefferts- present

Charley Chung- absent

Paul Gregory- absent

Carol (Annette) Sutton- present

Council Member Richard Robb- present

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Fire George Young- present

Chief of Police Larry Elarton- present

Recorder Amy Peterson- present

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF September 6, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Robb	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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#### IV. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF June 7, 2011

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Sutton	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### V. FIRE CHIEFS' COMMENTS – Fire Chief George Young

**A: Programs/Divisions-** All vehicles are up and running with the exception of Engine-2 which is having problems with its diesel engine. The Fire Department is currently working with the State Fire Marshal's Office and the State Division of Family Services with regards to a Bethel establishment that has been working outside the laws of the City and the State where minor children are involved.

**B: Personnel** - Currently recruiting for three positions a conditional offer was made and waiting to hear back from the possible candidate.

**C: Building-**The building is being wrapped up and making winter preparations. Pleased with the final outcome and looking forward to being in a leak free building for the next thirty years.

VII. **E: Training** –An EMT meeting was held on August 16<sup>th</sup>, training was performed on vehicle extraction equipment in small and large vehicles. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> a Critical Findings Exam was exercised, it consisted of patient assessment and to determine the treatment and transport speed. An Fire meeting was held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, training involved using 2 ½ hose lines as the primary attack line for two structures more than 100 feet away from the attack fire truck On August 25<sup>th</sup> a review of recent calls was conducted followed by training in fire ground attack and principles and procedures.

**D: Budgets/Financial-** The Department is operating within the allocated budget.

**E: Questions-** Springer asked if had heard about the Alaska Shield Exercise of 2012, Chief Young stated no. Robb asked if they are able to maintain coverage with only ½ a crew, Young states the crew is getting burnt out and hard to allow vacation time, states they have a great crew of volunteers, and free training classes are being offered.

Police Chief Larry Elarton

**A: Personnel-** Kristen Hirsch has completed her FTO training and has been assigned to a rotation shift. Amy Peterson has begun her role as the Administrative Assistant.

**B: Training-** The CSP units have attended an ETT course at YKHC. The course was completed the first week in September. Officer Lee and Officer Turner attended an active shooter course in Cordova.

**C: Building-** The Police building construction has moved to the RFP stage and we have begun working on the submission of the paperwork. Currently we are pending an engineer visit with Procom prior to submission of the RFP.

**D: Equipment-**The Command Trailer is in the process of being built, 24 foot long with work stations, storage and a dry bathroom. Also included are a generator, awning, 56k heater, supplemental electric baseboard heat, with observation deck and ladder. Final plans have been approved.

**E: Dispatch-** 1593 CFS were handled last month, 153 AST 85 BFD 1351 BPD 4 OCS 0 Probation. The final dispatch policy is pending review by administration.

**D: Stats for August-** Officers responded to 1351 calls this month, 101 resulted in cases which resulted is 41 adult arrests and 6 juveniles arrests, out of the 101 cases 88 cases were cleared by arrest or in another manner. CSP: 62 total intakes 39 residents 25 non residents, out of those 18 were taken to YKCC, 38 to Sobering Center 7 to YKHC and 1 to a private residence 0 ATCFS. Animal control: Impounded 28 dogs, 0 cats of those 7 were returned to the owner, 15 were adopted out 2 euthanized, 4 dogs still impounded.

**E: Cases-** 15 assault calls, 5 DUI arrests, 2 stolen vehicles, 8 burglaries and 5 total accidents.

*Case of interest-* Officers Turner and Simonds contacted a male who they had observed harassing a female when officers intervned the man who was intoxicated became nervous, during a pat down the Officers removed a bottle of alcohol and a pipe with drug residue, the subject then started to reach for his waistband, there a pistol was observed, Officers were able to disarm the man with no further issues. The subject was found to have a criminal history making him a twice convicted felon. He was remanded on the weapon and drug violations. Officer Turner conducted a sexual assault investigation which resulted in the arrest of a suspect, with prior convictions for sexual assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> and incest. This month we had two accidents which resulted in serious injury or death, both are still under investigation. Our thoughts are with the friends and families. Several burglaries took place this month a correlation between the burglaries was discovered by Sgt. Salyers and Officer Symmes. A juvenile was arrested for the series of burglaries.

**F: Questions-** Springer asks how soon the RFP will be out, Chief states next week as long as there are no more impediments.

**VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT- Amy Peterson**

**A: Vehicle Inspections- 4**

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT- Councilman Robb-**

**A: Ordinance-** 11.14 was passed at counsel, mandating closing hours for places of public assembly between 2:00 am and 6:00 am

**B: Comments-** Chief Elarton states he is glad to see the animal ordinance complete, thanks Councilman Robb for his work. Chief Young states he was Councilman Robb's son whom is an eagle scout built some bus stops around town and did an amazing job would like to say thanks to him as well.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**A: Strategies at combating bootlegging-** Requested by Councilman Robb, Nothing new at this time.

**B: 9.36 Public Nuisance Abatement-** A draft was reviewed by council however it has not yet been introduced. Springer would like to move forward with this and continue to have The Planning Department work on it. Springer also stated that alcohol sales could be part of the nuisance. Sutton states if the ordinance could pertain to private residences as well it could make the landlords more aware of problematic homes/tenants. Robb states he would like to see the draft e-mailed to all members for next month's discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A: Location for the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting-** Discussions were held as to where the meeting should be held due to elections going on in the Chambers.

**XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

**Brian Lefferts-** No Comment

**Carol (Annette) Sutton-** Congratulations to the Chief on his marriage

**Rick Robb-**

**Mark Springer-**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Sutton	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Lefferts	

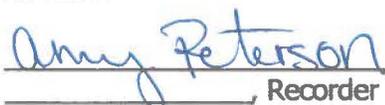
*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Tuesday – October 4th, 2011

  
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 Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Recorder