
City of Bethel, Alaska
Public Safety and Transportation Commission

January 10, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January 10, 2012 at the City Council Chambers meeting room.

Meeting called to order by Brian Lefferts, at 7:19 pm

ROLL CALL

A quorum was not established of the Commission, the following were present:

Brian Lefferts Carol (Annette) Sutton

Excused absence(s): Kent Harding

Unexcused absence(s): Charley H Chung Paul Gregory

Also in attendance were the following:

Larry Elarton, Chief of Police

George Young, Fire Chief

Amy Peterson, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF July, 2012.

NOT AVAILABLE
Amy Peterson, Recorder


Pat Jennings, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

February 7, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on February 7, 2012 at the City Council Chambers meeting room.

Meeting called to order by Brian Lefferts, at 7:17 pm

ROLL CALL

A quorum was not established of the Commission, the following were present:

Brian Lefferts & Kent Harding

Excused absence(s): Carol (Annette) Sutton

Unexcused absence(s): Charley H Chung & Paul Gregory

Also in attendance were the following:

Larry Elarton, Chief of Police

Amy Peterson, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF July, 2012.

NOT AVAILABLE
Amy Peterson, Recorder



Pat Jennings, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska
Public Safety and Transportation Commission

March 6, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on March 6, 2012 at the City Council Chambers meeting room.

Meeting called to order by Brian Lefferts, at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

A quorum was not established of the Commission, the following were present:

Brian Lefferts Paul Gregory Andre Achee (Acting Chief of Police)

Excused absence(s): Carol (Annette) Sutton

Unexcused absence(s): Kent Harding & Charley H Chung

Also in attendance were the following:

KaJena Baty, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF July, 2012.



KaJena Baty, Recorder



Pat Jennings, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

April 3, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on April 3, 2012 at the City Council Chambers meeting room.

Meeting called to order by Brian Lefferts, at 7:05 pm

ROLL CALL

A quorum was not established of the Commission, the following were present:

Brian Lefferts
Paul Gregory
Larry Elarton
Kent Harding

Excused absence(s): Carol (Annette) Sutton

Unexcused absence(s): Charley H Chung & George Young

Also in attendance were the following:

KaJena Baty, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF July, 2012.



KaJena Baty, Recorder



Pat Jennings, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

May 1, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on May 1, 2012 at the City Council Chambers meeting room.

Meeting called to order by Larry Elarton, at 7:15 pm

ROLL CALL

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

Larry Elarton, George Young

Excused absence(s): Carol (Annette) Sutton

Unexcused absence(s): Brian Lefferts, Charley H Chung, Paul Gregory, Kent Harding

Also in attendance were the following:

KaJena Baty, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF July, 2012.



KaJena Baty, Recorder



Chair, Pat Jennings

City of Bethel, Alaska
Public Safety and Transportation Commission

June 5, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was not held on June 5, 2012 at the City Council Chambers meeting room.

This meeting was not called to order.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was not established of the Commission, there were no members present:

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF July, 2012.



KaJena Baty, Recorder



Pat Jennings, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Date: July 3, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on July 3, 2012 at 7:03 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chairperson Brian Lefferts 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:

Pat Jennings

Brian Lefferts

Paul Gregory

Council Member Harding

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

George Young- *Fire Chief*

Larry Elarton- *Police Chief*

KaJena Baty- *Recorder*

Excused Absences: Charley Chung & Carol (Annette) Sutton

III. ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Motion to elect Pat Jennings as chair of the commission.
SECONDED BY:	Harding	
MOVED BY:	Jennings	Motion to elect Brian Lefferts as vice chair of the commission.
SECONDED BY:	Harding	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Sgt. Chris Salyers- stated that cab drivers are having trouble dispatching while driving. Would like to see a move back to stationary dispatch centers.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Motion to approve the agenda of July 3, 2012.
SECONDED BY:	Harding	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	

VI. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM ALL PAST MEETINGS

MOVED BY:	Jennings	November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7,
SECONDED BY:	Gregory	March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5.

VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.
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**VII. CHIEFS' COMMENTS –
Fire Chief George Young**

All vehicles are up and running except Engine 2. The Fire Department has received \$350,000 from the state to replace Engine 2 which will be in on the first barge or two of next year.

Fire Department is applying for grant assistance to replace existing radio equipment because it is very old.

The Fire Department is applying for funding to replace the current water tanker because it is too small. The water tanker we have is only 1500 gallons and needs to be at least 3000 gallons.

John Sargent- Has been very helpful in helping writing grants.

Inspecting schools. Fire detections system for fire department has a part on order. Glycol Heat loops have been installed and a new pump will push more heat around the drains so they do not freeze.

Still recruiting for one vacant position.

Finished with budget last week, everything looks good.

Police Chief Larry Elarton

Jeff Lee went down to Yakutat. Probable CSO candidate coming to town, we currently have a CSP position open.

Thank you Pat Jennings for joining the Public Safety and Transportation Commission.

Incident Command Trailer worked very well for Operation Taco and we are thinking about bringing it to the Fourth of July it has received good reviews from the public.

Building- Salmonberry is coming along; they are re-sheeting the outside with new plywood, the pilings are in and set down quite a ways, the antenna should make the last barge. There are not a lot of changes from the original design. Will bring the plans to the next meeting. We have the RFP for the generator, we are using a well at the new building there is a little bit of arsenic in the water.

Dispatch- The police department is still looking for grant funding for Rescue Star but no one is willing to agree to a maintenance contract because there are no parts available. The move will replace most everything, all of our equipment will be with us over at the new building. The E 9-1-1 fund carries over from last year so we can save it to pay for needed replacements. The turn on date for dispatch is November 15th. Radios are only operating at 30%, when we get our own antenna they will have a greater range.

Charlie Chung is selling his dispatch permit. There are 57 cabs on the road. Two of them belong to Mr. Chung.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT-

KaJena Baty

Vehicle Inspections- All of City Cabs permits have gone through their bi-annual inspection, Alaska Cab inspections are coming up next.

Chauffeur Testing- New written test is now 25 questions.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT-

Councilman Harding

City Administration is looking into an alarm system since the recent break-in. There was about \$200 taken from the Department of Motor Vehicles Office.

There has been public comment to the council on Animal Control. Would like to see commission support to get the position of Animal Control Officer back.

In favor of cabs having a fixed dispatch center believes it worked a lot better.

X. NEW BUSINESS-

A: Sewage Issue in City Sub- Paul Gregory would like to recommend that a tank is put in where pipes connect until the sand is stable. Chief Elarton will check with Bill in Public Works to see if that was ever fixed. Brian Lefferts is not sure this is a topic for Public Safety but it is a health issue. Pat Jennings believes it falls under the realm of code enforcement. Chief Elarton says this was a responsibility of the Planning Department in the past. Brian Lefferts believes that someone from the Police Department should be doing code enforcement.

B: Restaurant Inspections- Brian Lefferts introduced a potential resolution. Restaurant Inspections are required by state law, he believes the City should require that restaurants post inspection results in areas where customers can see them.

MOVED BY:	Jennings	Motion to support and forward draft of resolution to City Council. (Harding)
SECONDED BY:	Gregory	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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C: Sidewalks- The City of Bethel currently does not provide designated pedestrian areas. Brian Lefferts drafted a resolution that suggests that future road planning will include a designated pedestrian walkway.

D: Sugar Sweetened Beverages- Brian Lefferts proposed a Sugar Sweetened Beverage Sales Tax Ordinance Draft to modify the tax structure to include \$.08/oz for a sugar tax.

MOVED BY:	Harding	Motion to forward draft of resolution to finance committee for review
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.
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E: Review of the date and time of the monthly PSTC meeting-

MOVED BY:	Jennings	Motion to schedule next regular meeting for September 4, 2012 at 7:00pm.
SECONDED BY:	Gregory	

VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.
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F: Restructure of City Ordinance Violations-

MOVED BY:	Harding	Motion to table restructure of City Ordinance Violations
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.
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XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

Paul Gregory- This year there are too many broken and dented cars and trucks driving around, some of them are newer vehicles.

Chief Elarton- Cabs are being photographed so that new dents are documented. Chief Elarton is willing to give tours of the Salmonberry building. Has recommended saving the front half of the current Police Department and giving it to Port Director Pete Williams. 12 or 15 parking spots will be in front of the new Department and parking around the back for employees. Trailer will have its own bay and there will be two bays for the cars with a sally port to get in and out. The Ford Escapes are working well for the officers. Would like to move the PSTC meetings to the new police department.

Pat Jennings- Excited to see the new Police Department building.

Kent Harding- The mayor likes to have someone other than a council member come and give a report to the council.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED BY:	Jennings	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting will be held on Tuesday – September 4, 2012

Approved this 4th day of December, 2012.

ATTEST:


KaJena Baty, Recorder


Pat Jennings, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

October 2, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 2, 2012 at the City Council Chambers meeting room.

This meeting was not called to order.

ROLL CALL

Absent:

Pat Jennings

Carol Sutton

Council Member Harding

Brian Lefferts

Paul Gregory

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF December, 2012.



KaJena Baty, Recorder



Pat Jennings, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

November 6, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on November 6, 2012 in the Bethel City Hall Conference Room.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair, Pat Jennings

Joe Yoon

Annette Sutton

Chief, Larry Elarton

Captain, Bill Howell for Chief Young

Absent:

Paul Gregory

Excused Absent:

Vice Chair, Brian Lefferts

Council Member Sigmon

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF December, 2012.



KaJene Baty, Recorder



Pat Jennings, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

December 4, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on December 4, 2012 in the Bethel City Hall Conference Room.

This meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Pat Jennings *Chair*
Brian Lefferts *Vice Chair*
Paul Gregory
Annette Sutton
Larry Elarton *Chief of Police*

Absent: George Young *Fire Chief*

Excused Absent: Sharon Sigmon *Council Member*
Joe Yoon

Recorders Note: *Also in attendance was Alla Tinker. It was believed at the time of the meeting that Alla Tinker was an approved alternate member for Joe Yoon, to represent the cab industry. It was discovered after the meeting that an alternate for the cab industry is not allowed per the BMC therefore Ms. Tinker was not an approved member of the commission and not eligible to vote on matters before the body.*

Ms. Tinker's participation in the meeting did not interfere with any of the actions by the Commission. The removal of her vote on each action still allowed for the actions/motions to pass by a majority vote of the eligible voting members.

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one wished to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Sutton	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to approve the minutes from July 3, September 4, October 2, and November 6, 2012.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Police Chief Larry Elarton- CSP officers are still in EMT training. A new CSO is being trained by the current CSO, Edward Chase. Two dispatchers are enrolled in the Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) courses, after this course they will be trained as instructors in EMD. We have had meetings with the state to try to go regional for the Alaska Land Mobile Radio System (ALMR) we will be able to communicate directly via radio with the villages and surrounding areas. Total calls were down, but number of investigations remained the same. There were 50 arrests and 3 deaths. Police building is moving along, sheet rock is completed and all levels are painted. They are installing the final bit of flooring by the end of the week. It will probably be the 1st of February at the earliest that we can turn on dispatch. Our generator missed the last barge, but we may be able to piggy-back onto the airlift for the pool pilings which are needed this winter. Without the generator we cannot move dispatch.

Fire Chief George Young- Not present to be heard.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

Police Chief Larry Elarton- We have had 4 or 5 cars that have driven other cars completely off of the road. One chauffeur has done it 3 times, which needs to be addressed. We had a meeting with all of the cab companies; they all agreed they would support an ordinance that cab drivers cannot use a cell phone while driving. This driver is currently suspended under BMC 5.20.110 for 10 days. We would like to extend his suspension time until a special meeting can be held, and he can appeal if he chooses. If convicted of the citations issued to him his permit will be revoked. There were also a couple of the cab companies that had scannable radios in their cabs.

VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Pat Jennings- Would like to see more headlights on patrol cars during times of low-light.

Vice Chair Brian Lefferts- Has been noticing a few fox around town. Encourages people to get their dogs vaccinated. Would like someone to speak to city council about the business discussed at this meeting.

Paul Gregory- There are still sewage issues in city sub.

Annette Sutton- Believes there are some good cab drivers out there.

Sharon Sigmon- Not present to be heard.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to introduce the complete streets ordinance, which was redrafted as an ordinance from a resolution and agreed to be forwarded to city council.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. RESTAURANT INSPECTION ORDINANCE

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to introduce the restaurant inspection ordinance.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
MOVED:	Sutton	Motion to postpone the restaurant inspection ordinance until the next meeting.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

C. SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES ORDINANCE

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to table the sugar sweetened beverages ordinance until we hear back from the finance committee.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE A COMMISSION VACANCY OF CHARLEY CHUNG PER BMC 2.52.070 (9).

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to introduce the matter of Charley Chung.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
MOVED:	Sutton	Motion to declare Charley Chung's seat vacant.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. STATIONARY DISPATCH FOR ALL CAB COMPANIES

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to approve a stationary dispatch for all cab companies.
SECONDED:	Sutton	

MOVED:		Motion to table the matter of a stationary dispatch until next meeting.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	

C. PUBLIC NUISANCE

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to open the public nuisance ordinance.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
MOVED:	Jennings	Motion to forward to city council upon revision by the city attorney.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

D. CHRONIC OR EXCESSIVE NUISANCE PROPERTIES

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to introduce chronic/excessive nuisance.
SECONDED:	Sutton	
MOVED:	Sutton	Motion to table and hear from the city attorney on this ordinance at the next regular meeting.
SECONDED:	Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Lefferts	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF March, 2013.



 KaJena Baty, Recorder



 Pat Jennings, Chair