
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

January 7th, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January 7, 2014 in the Bethel Police Department Training Room.

This meeting was called to order at 7:13pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Brian Lefferts *Chair*
Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*
Joan Dewey

Excused Absent: Johnny Furlong *Vice Chair*
Jennifer Dobson

Absent: Pat Jennings
Joe Yoon
George Young *Fire Chief*

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee for Larry Elarton *Police Chief*
KaJena Baty *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

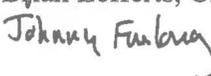
A quorum was not established of the Commission.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF March, 2014.


KaJena Baty, Recorder


Brian Lefferts, Chair


City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

February 4th, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on February 4, 2014 in the Bethel Police Department Training Room.

This meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*
Joan Dewey
Pat Jennings

Absent: Johnny Furlong *Vice Chair*
Jennifer Dobson

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee for Larry Elarton *Police Chief*
Bill Howell for George Young *Fire Chief*
KaJena Baty *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF March, 2014.


KaJena Baty, Recorder


Vacant, Chair
Johnny Furlong

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

March 4th, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on March 4th, 2014 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*
 Joan Dewey
 Pat Jennings
 Johnny Furlong *Vice Chair*
 Jennifer Dobson

Absent: Joe Yoon

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee for George Young *Acting Police Chief*
 KaJena Baty *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Dewey	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meetings of October 1 st , November 5 th , December 3 rd , 2013 and January 7 th and February 4 th , 2014.
SECONDED:	Jennings	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*- Total calls at the end of February 888. On February 6th the Chief of Police officially tendered his resignation. Kristen Hirsch is the new Dispatch Supervisor; Aaron Fedolfi is currently at the police academy in Sitka, AK; Police Officer Mike Cox resigned on February 27th; we have a vacant Sergeants position, which has fallen under a hiring freeze and will not be filled until we are told to fill it. We have two open dispatcher positions, dispatch is below minimum staffing, and we have one dispatcher in training at this time. We have a vacant CSO position and one CSP position, soon to be two positions when a current CSP is promoted to CSO. We also have a vacant Admin Assistant position. The police department is also working on finishing up some grants.

George Young *Fire Chief*- *Not present to be heard.*

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

KaJena Baty- Nothing to report.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Sigmon- City Clerk had asked her to follow up with the ordinances sent over from the City Attorney. Some of those ordinances we approved by council.

IX. SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Resignation of Joe Yoon

MOVED:	Furlong	Motion to accept the resignation of Joe Yoon.
SECONDED:	Jennings	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

B. Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOVED:	Jennings	Nomination of Johnny Furlong for Chair
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Dobson	Nomination of Pat Jennings for Vice Chair
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 13-16 Amendment for BMC 5.40

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to amend BMC 5.40.120 in (A) by inserting “with a passenger: for hire” after “regulated vehicle” in the first sentence and in (B) after “permitted vehicle,” and in (B) to strike “to his or her ear”.
SECONDED:	Jennings	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to amend BMC 5.40.120 (B) by striking “permitted” and inserting “regulated”.
SECONDED:	Furlong	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

B. Chapter 9- Minor Offenses

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to accept the changes made by the City Attorney to BMC Chapter 9- Minor Offenses.
SECONDED:	Jennings	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

XI. NEW BUSINESS

No Items

I. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Sharon Sigmon- *Is glad to be having a meeting, appreciates everyone showing up.*

Pat Jennings- *Would like to discuss a summer recess at the next meeting. Had questions about the sudden resignation of the Chief of Police.*

Joan Dewey- *Thought a lot about public safety a lot this past month. Believes it was stressful for the community when the Chief quit, hopes the Police Department gets stable. Also hopes the hiring freeze lifts so we can have both an efficient government and what we need to keep people safe.*

Naim Shabani- *Glad to be here as a new member.*

Jennifer Dobson- *Expecting to be absent for the next couple of months due to the arrival of a new baby.*

Andre Achee- *Thanks to all of Dispatch for their dedication and covering four shifts with only three people. Regarding complaints about police shutting down State Hwy. This was necessary due to the possibility of a fuel tank being on fire, as it turned out that was not the case, but the Fire Department did a great job keeping everyone safe.*

Johnny Furlong- *Welcome to Naim Shabani, Congratulations for Jennifer Dobson. Appreciates the nominations. Has concerns about how abruptly the Police Chief exited. Does not put blame on any party, as a citizen it was very disruptive to Public Safety and the flow that comes with*

working with the same people for so long. Is very curious about the justification for the hiring freeze especially since we just lost the Chief.

II. ADJOURNMENT

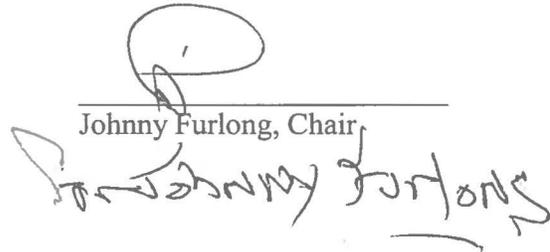
MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Jennings	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF April, 2014.



KaJena Baty, Recorder



Johnny Furlong, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

April 1st, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on April 1st, 2014 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:03PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Pat Jennings *Vice Chair*
Joan Dewey
Jennifer Dobson
Naim Shabani

Absent: Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*
Excused absent: Johnny Furlong *Chair*

Ex-Officio Present: George Young *Fire Chief*
Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*
KaJena Baty *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Dewey	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 4 th , 2014.
SECONDED:	Dobson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

George Young *Fire Chief*- Believes alcohol abuse has declined, cab drivers are not making as much money, heard Camai was slow this year. When the town went from damp to open there was a lot of worry that things would sky rocket, but an Ace employee said it was really only busy during the first week then tapered off. Suspects' kids today may be smoking pot instead of drinking. Is for the ballot initiative to decriminalize it. Has never seen a violent crime result from smoking pot in 32 years of ambulance calls. Bethel Winter House has really served a real need.

Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*- Business as usual. Stats were done after we went from damp to wet status, initially there was a spike in the first month (October) but there would have been anyway due to PFDs, as it does every year. Our CSP program and the Sobering Center frees up the ER and State Jail for more violent offenders. A Chauffeur had driven through Standard Oil Rd to Pacifica cut directly across the road and T-boned another car. Will be suspended under the authority of the Transportation Inspector and we will look to revoke. Will also be charged for Reckless Driving which is a criminal offense. The Police Department still has many vacancies, 2 vacant CSPs, 2 vacant Dispatch positions, 2 sergeant vacancies, and 1 Chief of Police vacancy. Dispatch is doing a phenomenal job covering four shifts with three people.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

KaJena Baty- Alaska Cab Co. did all of their inspections for the month of March they have 13 cab permits that they dispatch for. There were 4 vehicle transfers, 3 permit renewals, 2 chauffeurs switched between companies, and 3 chauffeurs renewed their permits. *See Transportation Inspector's Report for complaints.* A Kusko Cab driver had their permit stolen out of their vehicle.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Sigmon- *Not present to be heard.*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Items

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of A Summer Recess.

MOVED:	Shabani	Motion to recess for the summer months of June, July, and August.
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

B. Revocation of Chauffeur Permits.

MOVED:	Dobson	Motion to postpone the topic of revocation of chauffeur permits until the next regular meeting.
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

I. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Joan Dewey- Prayers to the family of Bing Santamour. The month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. They just had the Choose Respect march, there was a good turnout. In the past springtime and December were the two highest times of Sexual Assaults.

Naim Shabani- Looks forward to working with everyone and doing good things for the city.

Jennifer Dobson- Would like to thank everyone at the Police Department who has been working long hours. Noticed the packets were emailed at an ungodly hour of the night.

Pat Jennings- Thanks everyone for coming, was surprised at the sudden death of Bing has known her for many years.

Andre Achee- At the last council meeting a new ordinance was put into effect, no cell phones for cab drivers. Wanted to know if there was any negative feedback from the cab drivers. The mural in the entry was done by the Bethel High School Art Department, they did a fantastic job we really appreciate it.

II. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF September, 2014.


KaJena Baty, Recorder


Johnny Furlong, Chair
Per Johnny Furlong,

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

May 6, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on May 6, 2014 in the Bethel Police Department Training Room.

This meeting was called to order at 7:11pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*
Joan Dewey

Excused Absent: Pat Jennings *Vice Chair*
Jennifer Dobson

Absent: Johnny Furlong *Chair*
Naim Shabani
George Young *Fire Chief*

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*
KaJena Baty *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

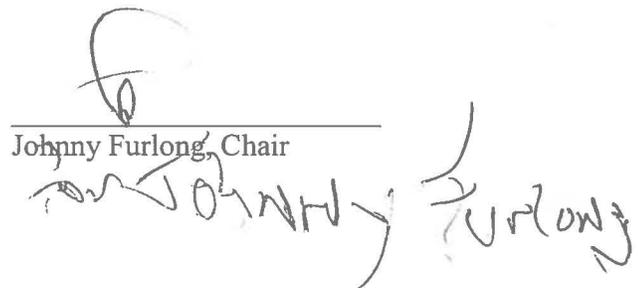
III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF September, 2014.



KaJena Baty, Recorder



Johnny Furlong, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

September 2nd, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on April 1st, 2014 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Pat Jennings *Vice Chair*
Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*
Joan Dewey
Naim Shabani

Excused absent: Johnny Furlong *Chair*
Jennifer Dobson

Ex-Officio Present: Bill Howell *Acting Fire Chief*
Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Kisha Lee- Tundra Women's Coalition: *Teens Acting Against Violence Coordinator, helped coordinate the freedom school over the summer, Undoing Racism for Youth- learned about institutionalized racism, planning and thinking of ways that we can combat this in our area. They have been having Youth Undoing Racism meetings every week in the hopes of becoming a more socially just community. The next training is October 28-30th.*

Cheryl Offt- Indian Child Welfare Act Dept. at AVCP: *Offers Healthy Families the Yupik Way. Would like to extend an invitation to city employees to participate the workshop. Provides an overview of the Yupik culture and how things came to be. Also provides an Undoing Racism workshop which is about how systems work as a barrier for certain groups of people.*

Lucy Mochin- Healthy Families Facilitator: *Not present to be heard.*

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 1 and May 6, 2014.
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Housing Grant (presentation by John Sargent)

Presented with Michelle Dewitt *BCSF*

MOVED:	Dewey	Motion to recommend that City Council prepare an MOU partnership with BCSF for a housing grant for Public Safety Personnel.
SECONDED:	Shabani	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

B. Resignation of Jennifer Dobson

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Dobson.
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VII. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Andre Achee- *Fire Chief George Young retired effective the 20th of last month. Acting Chief is William Howell. Business as usual at the Police Department. Last Thursday the District Attorneys Office took a case to Grand Jury- Aaron Moses was indicted on two felony counts of assault and a felony count of criminal mischief- damage to property. Last week Jerry Herrod tendered his resignation, gave two week notice. Vincent Bryant gave one months notice will go back to the lower 48. One conditional offer for a police officer is out, another for a dispatcher who will start training in a couple of weeks. Wendy Roland successfully completed her dispatch training, Chelsea Lake another dispatcher is in her final phase. Jena will be leaving Bethel but has promised to stay until we find a suitable replacement.*

VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

KaJena Baty- *Not present to be heard.*

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Sigmon- *The council tried to put a lease in effect for the Police Annex because it was being misused by different city employees. So to get it uniform they can stay there for three months. Elections are coming up, the Mayor and Eric Whitney will not be running again. There are three positions opening up. The Leash Law Compliance Resolution was taken to the Council over the break and it has been taken care of. The may still be leashes to be handed out. If you see any loose dogs please get a hold of somebody. Walt Bratton will be coming up*

from Riadoso for a site visit for about two days; close to thirty applicants for the City Manager Position were interviewed.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Items

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revocation of Chauffeur Permits.

I. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Naim Shabani- Will have some agenda items for reconsideration at the next meeting. Hopes everyone had a nice summer.

Joan Dewey- Encourages this commission, administration, and law enforcement to do some outreach and send some people to the Undoing Racism and Healthy Families workshops. The Undoing Racism is done by nationally renowned facilitators; it is a very good experience. Thinks it would be good to show that people are open to the topic.

Sharon Sigmon- Is very excited that we are having meetings again. Thinks there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed in the community, thinks the summer recess helped. Happy to be here.

Pat Jennings- Glad that Andre finally took the Chief's position. Thinks this housing grant will alleviate turn over problems and be better than the barn that has been being used since the 70s. Glad for the time off, recommended it because it is difficult to get a quorum over the summer.

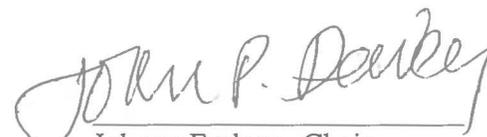
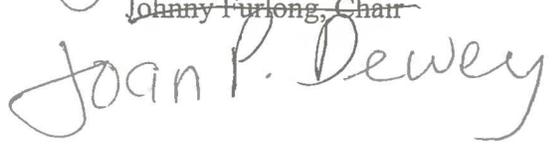
II. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2014.


KaJena Baty, Recorder


Johnny Furlong, Chair


City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

October 7, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 7, 2014 in the Bethel Police Department Training Room.

This meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*
Joan Dewey

Excused Absent: Pat Jennings *Vice Chair*
Naim Shabani
Johnny Furlong *Chair*

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*
KaJena Baty *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*
William Howell III *Acting Fire Chief- Available by telephone*

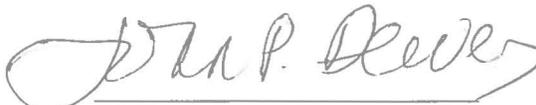
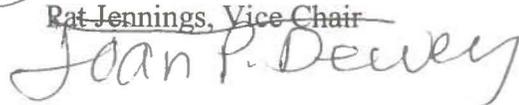
A quorum was not established of the Commission.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2014.


KaJena Baty, Recorder


~~Pat Jennings, Vice Chair~~


City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

November 4, 2014

Cancelled Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was NOT held on November 4, 2014 in the Bethel Police Department Training Room.

This meeting was not called to order.

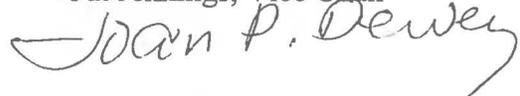
APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2014.



Christina Him, Recorder



~~Pat Jennings, Vice Chair~~



City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

December 2, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on December 2, 2014 in the Bethel Police Department Training Room.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chuck Herman *Council Representative*
Naim Shabani

Excused Absent: Joan Dewey

Unexcused Absent: Pat Jennings *Vice Chair*

Ex-Officio Present: Joe Corbett *Police Lieutenant* for Andre Achee *Chief of Police*
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

Ex-Officio Absent: William Howell III *Acting Fire Chief*- Available by telephone

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2015.



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan P. Dewey
~~Pat Jennings, Vice Chair~~
Joan P. Dewey