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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Works Committee Minutes

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April 19, 2017

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular Public Works Committee Meeting was held on April 19, 2017 at the council chambers of the City Hall, Bethel, Alaska. Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present: Joseph Klejka, Jennifer Dobson, Byron Maczynski, Scott Guinn, and Robert Champagne.

Excused Absent: Public Works Director, Bill Arnold

Also Present:

Committee Recorder, Pauline Boratko

City Grant Writer, John Sargent

### **III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: none**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to approve the agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Robert Champagne	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Jennifer Dobson	Motion to approve minutes for February and March 2017 meetings.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Byron Maczynski	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

**VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:** A short discussion occurred about the 3% inflation increase in water and sewer utilities rates that was approved during Joe Klejka's time as a Council Member. This increase takes place every July 1<sup>st</sup> and is largely responsible for the water and sewer enterprise fund being in the black over the last two years. The City's current grant/loan with USDA requires the City to maintain the 3% increase until the sewer lagoon rehabilitation project is completed.

One comment on the Water and Sewer Utilities Business Plan concerned the use of baffles to reduce wave action at the lagoon. The waves were responsible for causing erosion to the berms and if baffles were installed, the waves would be reduced.

One committee member asked about the risks associated with the water and sewer system. The risks could be addressed in the plan.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A.** Institutional Corridor Piped Water Supply Project: The project went out for bid, a company has been selected, and that information will go to the council for review.
- B.** Sewer Lagoon- PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) and ER (Environmental Report) for Truck Dump site and other options: Both the USDA contracts and the dredging contracts has been approved by council and is moving forward.
- C.** Leveling of the Bethel Heights Water Treatment Plant Building: In the past six months, the building has moved about 4 inches. It has been suggested to have an engineer evaluate the extent of damage to determine what should be done.
- D.** Clarification of BMC Codes: Jennifer Dobson will get with Bill Arnold and Patty Burley to discuss, write, and reword the BMC codes.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Ridgecrest Drive Road Update: The road needs to be repaired as part of the grant agreement and plans are being made to move forward with that.
- B.** Snow Removal from Neighborhoods: Scott Guinn suggested that snow should be dumped in a certain spot instead of the people’s driveways and the sides of the roads. This is to avoid excess water and muddy roads during melt up.
- C.** Landfill closure study and new landfill site: It has been suggested that the city look into a backup plan for a landfill and lagoon sites.

**IX. DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Director of Public Works, Bill Arnold was unavailable to give report.

**X. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- Robert Champagne-** no comment
- Jennifer Dobson-** My YKHC office will be running a water lab for the public to test their water at home.
- Scott Guinn-** no comment
- Byron Maczynski-**no comment
- Joseph Klejka-** Thank you for showing up.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Scott Guinn	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Byron Maczynski	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote	

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF June, 2017.



Pauline R. Boratko  
Recorder of Minutes

  
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Joseph Klejka  
Chair