

Introduced by: Peter Williams, Acting City
Manager
Date: June 17, 2014
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 14-11

IDENTIFICATION OF SANITATION PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY'S REQUEST FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE OF ALASKA, VILLAGE SAFE WATER PROGRAM AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council is the governing body of the City of Bethel, a second-class city located in Bethel, Alaska;

WHEREAS, a letter from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water, Compliance Program dated June 27, 2013, documents the dire sanitation need to rehabilitate Bethel's wastewater treatment facility (sewage lagoon);

WHEREAS, the City's goal is to provide adequate sanitation facilities for residents of the community and has determined that addressing the poor condition of the existing sewage lagoon is the highest priority for planning and construction of sanitation facilities for the community;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation/Village Safe Water Program and other funding sources may provide assistance necessary to address sanitation facility (planning/construction) needs in the community;

WHEREAS, the City plans to prepare and submit one or more small project applications (less than \$4,000,000 each) for funding by June 20, 2014, each of which will result in a completed, functional, element that provides immediate benefit to Native Alaskan households (individuals) and non-Native Alaskans in Bethel;

WHEREAS, the replacement of the existing truck dump site with a newly designed and constructed truck dump site is the first project that must be completed because of the imminent threat to the health and safety of sewage truck drivers who use the truck dump site six days a week, and occasionally seven days a week;

WHEREAS, the dredging of sludge in the sewage lagoon's two holding cells is the second project that must be completed in order to stem a breach of the lagoon walls, increase the holding capacity, and reduce the amount of raw sewage released into the Kuskokwim River every spring and fall;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City hereby requests that the Governor and Legislature appropriate funds through the VSW Program to complete the truck dump site (planning/construction) project and dredging project identified above;

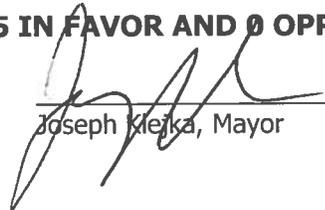
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager and Acting City Manager are hereby authorized to negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, contracts and agreements required for granting funds to the City of Bethel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City will cooperate with the provisions of needed agreements entered into between the City and VSW or other funders, and that said provisions will be duly carried out.

ENACTED THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2014 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor