

Introduced by: Ann Capela, City Manager
Date: January 12, 2016
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 16-02

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL ADDING A SIXTH FUNDING PRIORITY FOR THE FY 2017 STATE OF ALASKA CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council is a seven-member body elected by resident voters of Bethel to act in the best interest of the community and intends to exhibit transparency, oversight, and accountability for all funds awarded through this request;

WHEREAS, the funding priorities established herein are rank-ordered and vital to the well-being of the community and municipality of Bethel;

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council approved Resolution #15-17 on November 10, 2015 that set the following five City of Bethel priority requests for FY 2017 State Capital funding:

1. Sewage Lagoon Rehabilitation and Excavation (\$9,200,000 request)
2. Institutional Corridor Water Delivery System – Phase 2 (\$4,500,000 request)
3. Road Around H-Marker Lake (\$1,820,752 request)
4. Water and Sewer Trucks (\$2,660,000 request)
5. Bethel Small Boat Harbor Improvements – Final Phase (\$2,500,000 request)

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is using this resolution to add a sixth priority to its FY 2017 State of Alaska funding request:

1. Recovered Heat Project (\$280,000 request)

WHEREAS, a contract dispute between the City of Bethel and Bethel Utilities Corporation (BUC) resulted in a discontinuation of waste heat (now called "recovered heat") from BUC to the City in 2006;

WHEREAS, the City has five buildings that were formerly connected to recovered heat pipes: (1) City Hall, (2) Bethel Courthouse, (3) Fire Station, and (4) Phillips Alcohol Treatment Center (2 buildings);

WHEREAS, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative bought the electric utility in Bethel from Bethel Utilities Corporation and began operating the power plant in 2014;

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WHEREAS, the City and AVEC have discussed the reconnection of the City's five buildings and AVEC has been encouraging the City to secure funds to pay for equipment and installations on its side of the connection so that reconnection could occur as early as summer 2016;

WHEREAS, once the recovered heat project is completed, the City expects to save money over the next twenty years by paying less for recovered heat than it would have paid for diesel fuel to heat the buildings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council hereby requests that the State of Alaska provide \$280,000 in its FY 2017 Capital Budget to fund the Bethel Recovered Heat Project;

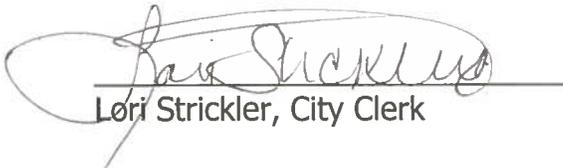
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council hereby sets and affirms the following six project priorities for the City's FY 2017 State of Alaska Capital Budget funding request: (1) Sewage Lagoon Rehabilitation and Excavation, (2) Institutional Corridor Water Delivery System – Phase 2, (3) Road Around H-Marker Lake, (4) Ten Water and Sewer Trucks, and (5) Bethel Small Boat Harbor Improvements – Final Phase, (6) Recovered Heat Project (\$280,000).

ENACTED THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2016 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk