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City Manager  
Date: December 13, 2016  
January 10, 2017  
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## CITY OF BETHEL

### Resolution # 16-33

#### **REQUEST TO ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO ALLOW THE CITY OF BETHEL TO USE THE ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT METHOD FOR ITS VILLAGE SAFE WATER-FUNDED PROJECT TO DREDGE SEWER LAGOON AND MAKE LAGOON UPGRADES**

- WHEREAS,** Bethel is a community with a population of 6,205;
- WHEREAS,** the 43 square mile community is governed by the City of Bethel, a municipality formed and in operation since 1957;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel is a second class city in which seven City Council members hire a City Manager to serve as the top administrative position;
- Whereas,** the City will receive funding from the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation, Village Safe Water Program to assist in the sewer lagoon rehabilitation project;
- WHEREAS,** the City has two full-time management positions in the Finance Department, Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director, and five full-time staff members;
- WHEREAS,** the City has procurement procedures specified in the Bethel Municipal Code, which governs how the city performs procurement activities;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel has the capability and capacity to perform project administration without technical and administrative support from Village Safe Water Program staff members;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel has successfully managed millions of dollars in federal, state, and private foundation funds from project inception to project completion;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel is currently administering a \$7 million State of Alaska Designated Legislative Grant to complete the Institutional Corridor Project, a project to pipe water from the City Subdivision Water Treatment Plan to large organizations;

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**WHEREAS,** the City uses Caselle Accounting software to manage all of its financial transactions, including budget preparation, sales taxes, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger activity, and report generation;

**WHEREAS,** independent accounting firms examined the City of Bethel's financial records and provided an unmodified opinion related to the financial statements for the City's FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 audits;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel has a 54-person Public Works Department with a hauled utility division and piped utility maintenance division from which trained, experienced, water and sewer personnel can oversee the sewer lagoon rehabilitation project;

**WHEREAS,** the City understands that the Village Safe Water Program typically provides technical, administrative, and procurement services as well as project management to recipient communities, but that communities may request to manage their own projects under an agreement known as "Alternative Management."

**WHEREAS,** when the alternative management approach is approved, the community will be responsible for managing its own project without technical and administrative assistance from the Village Safe Water Program staff;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Bethel is aware of the difference between traditional and alternative management procedures and chooses to request that the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation allow it to use the Alternate Management procedure for its VSW project.

**ENACTED THIS 10 DAY OF JANUARY 2017 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**



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Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Lori Strickler, City Clerk