



CITY OF BETHEL
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024, 6:30 PM

LOCATION:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88274684692?pwd=Z3N4VFJ4T24zSFcwM0MrSXpaa3lZUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 7468 4692 Passcode: 773554

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MEMBERS

Joy Anderson, Chair
Musa Saliu
Melanie Fredericks
Farah Sears
Jesslyn Elliot
John Hastie
Mikayla Miller Council Rep.

EX OFFICIO STAFF

Christopher Wigner, Police Acting Chief
Daron Solesbee, Fire Chief
Riona Dela Cruz, Recorder
police@cityofbethel.net
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – FIVE MINUTES PER PERSON

- A. Please submit written public comments to police@cityofbethel.net by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. 03-06-2024 Meeting Minutes

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. City of Bethel Police Department Website. (Melanie Fredricks)
B. Neighborhood Watch Program. (Melanie Fredricks)
C. Consideration of BMC Title 5 Amendment to Allow Transportation Network Companies to Operate in Bethel. (Mikayla Miller)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. EX OFFICIO REPORT

- A. Manager's Reports 03-2024
B. Manager's Reports 03-2024
C. Manager's Reports 03-2024

Posted <<March 28, 2024>> at City Hall, AC Co., Swanson's, and the Post Office.

Ex-Officio Staff

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

A. Inspector's Report 03-2024

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Posted <<March 28, 2024>> at City Hall, AC Co., Swanson's, and the Post Office.

Ex-Officio Staff

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on March 6, 2024, in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joy Anderson, Musa Saliu, Mikayla Miller, Jesslyn Elliot

Absent: Melanie Fredricks (Excused,) Farah Sears

Ex-Officio Present: Christopher Wigner, Daron Solesbee, Riona Dela Cruz

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Mikayla Miller	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. 3-06-2024

MOVED:	Mikayla Miller	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting.
SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. City of Bethel Police Department Website. (Melanie Fredricks)

MOVED:	Joy Anderson	Motion to move item to the next agenda.
SECONDED:	Mikayla Miller	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. Neighborhood Watch Program. (Melanie Fredricks)

MOVED:	Joy Anderson	Motion to move item to the next agenda.
SECONDED:	Mikayla Miller	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

C. Consideration of BMC Title 5 Amendment to Allow Transportation Network Companies to Operate in Bethel. (Mikayla Miller)

MOVED:	Joy Anderson	Motion to move item to the next agenda.
SECONDED:	Mikayla Miller	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

D. Magilla Entertainment Discussion. (Christopher Wigner)

MOVED:	Joy Anderson	Motion to remove item off agenda.
SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion About Developing the Bethel Fire Department Adopt-A-Hydrant Program Where Bethel Residents Can Sponsor a Fire Hydrant in Town to Keep It Clear of Snow, Vegetation, And Other Debris for A Predetermined Period of Time.

MOVED:	Joy Anderson	Motion to remove item off the agenda.
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SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. Making Insurance Claims Due to City Responsible Damages. (Mikayla Miller)

MOVED:	Joy Anderson	Motion to remove item off agenda.
SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

C. Community Cab Complaints. (Mikayla Miller)

MOVED:	Joy Anderson	Motion to remove item off agenda.
SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

E. EX OFFICIO REPORT

Acting Chief Wigner – Gave an oral report. See Report in Packet.

Fire Chief Solesbee – Gave an oral report. See Report in Packet.

F. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet.

G. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Jesslyn Elliot – No Comment.

Mikayla Miller - "I personally am really grateful for the police stop-ins, they've been helping the library and the Cultural Center like maintain a balance and a peace that we haven't seen in a while, given the harsh winter that it has been, and to remind everyone and those who don't know that the Permanent Support Housing which is the apartment building that is going to house the 24 most chronically homeless individuals in Bethel is doing its grand opening on Monday, so if y'all want to go it's like 3-7, there's going to be an open house, there's going to be tours, and there's going to be food there, if you want to stop by, it's a really important, really cool thing that has been working towards for years now, so it's really special win for Bethel, in my opinion."

Musa Saliu – No Comment.

Joy Anderson – “Thanks everybody for coming and thank you for the reports, written reports and verbal reports.”

H. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Mikayla Miller	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Riona Dela Cruz, Recorder

Joy Anderson, Chair

CITY OF BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT



March 2024 Monthly Report

Personnel:

Current Staffing			
Position	Allocated	Staffed	Vacant
Safety Patrol (three grant funded)	3	2	1
Community Service Officer	2	2	0
Evidence and Record Custodian	1	0	1
Administrative Assistant/Taxi Inspector	1	1	0
Public Safety Dispatcher (one E911 funded)	5	5	0
Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor	1	1	0
Peace Officers (one grant funded/reimbursed SRO)	20	18	2

Operations:

Operations Tempo				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	2024 Total
Calls Total	1158*	1836	1147	3866
Reports Total	89	103	93	250
Intoxicated Pedestrian Calls	168	154	125	423
Driving Under Influence Calls	14	8	8	29
Domestic Violence Reports	42	43	7	110
Disturbance Calls	68	82	78	197
Subject Removal Calls	87	62	88	202
Animal Calls	24	36	27	84
Animal Bite Reports	0	0	1	0
Sexual Assault Reports	5	11	4	23
Death Investigation Reports	2	2	0	4

PERSONAL:

Taylor Saulters will start 04/08/2024 as a police officer with 8 years of law enforcement experience.

Jonathan Murphy resigned from the Bethel Police Department

TRAINING:

Seven officers received Pepperball Gun Train-the-Trainer training to be able to use the pepperball gun we have.

Other:

(*) calls for service security checks removed from this number.

Officers conducted 1384 security checks.

CITY OF BETHEL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **March 2024**

2024	March
New Chauffeurs	3
Chauffeur Renewals	1
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	2
Vehicle Transfers	0
Inspections	3
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- For the month of **March** there were 1 Chauffeur/ Permitted Vehicle Complaints.

COB Animal Shelter Stats 2024	January	February	March	April
Total Animals in Shelter	20		15	
Claimed by Owner	8		12	
Transferred to BFK9	11		3	
Euthanized due to behavior or medical	0		0	
BPD brought in	6		11	
BFK9 picked up or received	14		4	
Missing	1		0	