

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Bethel****Federal Tax ID: 926001644****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Bethel - Fire Engine

State Funding Requested: \$350,000**House District: 38 / S**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase one new pumper/tender fire engine.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$350,000

Funding Already Secured: (\$0)

FY2013 State Funding Request: (\$350,000)

Project Deficit: \$0

*Funding Details:**The City of Bethel sought funding for the purchase of a new fire engine in two previous Assistance to Firefighters Grant applications to no avail.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Purchase new pumper/tender fire engine for use by the Bethel Fire Department, a combination paid and volunteer department of the City of Bethel. Bethel has approximately 16 structure fires in a typical year. Funds will cover one new pumper/tender so that the City will have sufficient water capacity to put out fires on a regular basis. The proposed new pumper/tender will have an enclosed cab with full seat belts and shoulder harnesses.

The City will retire its 30-year old pumper/tender that currently belches black smoke when the pumps are activated. The black smoke interferes with firefighters who are trying to manage the pumps, access equipment on board the vehicle, and enter and exit the cab. The vehicle to be retired is unsafe with its open cab and does not have shoulder harnesses.

Bethel has many steamhouse fires that erupt to burn down structures that are typically located very close to houses. Bethel has many high fire risk characteristics that make it vulnerable to the occurrence of structure fires, injuries caused by structure fires, and associated property damage.

Project Timeline:

State legislative grant agreement signed by the City in August 2012. City goes out to bid on the purchase of one new pumper/tender fire engine - October 2012. City receives bid packages in November 2012. City selects vendor in first week of December 2012. Fire engine shipped to Bethel by barge in summer 2013. First barge arrives by June 1, 2013 from Seattle. If the engine cannot make the first barge, it will make the second barge, due in July 2013.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Bethel - Fire Department

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

City of Bethel

New Fire Engine

FY 2013 State of Alaska Capital Budget Request

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1. Summary Statement

The City of Bethel requests that \$350,000 be put in the FY 2013 State Capital Budget to fund the purchase of one new pumper/tender fire engine. The City of Bethel needs a new pumper/tender that is safe to operate so that it can retire its 39-year old 1972 Crown Fire Coach that is unsafe, unreliable, and non-compliant with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

Responding to a fire call for service every three days and fighting a structure fire every 23 days on average to protect 6,080 residents requires high performance equipment. The new fire engine will serve as the front-line response vehicle and allow for a greater quantity of water to be deployed to a fire scene than currently available and allow the department to respond effectively to two fires simultaneously.



New (Proposed)



Old (Current)

2. Brief Community Profile

Physical Environment

The community of Bethel is located four hundred air miles west of Anchorage and forty air miles east of the Bering Sea. Isolated from the road network of Alaska, the city encompasses 44 square miles in Southwest Alaska, including six miles of Kuskokwim River shoreline.

Bethel is located in treeless sub-arctic tundra that remains moist in the summertime and frozen in the wintertime. The land in and around Bethel is nearly all permafrost, except for some land surrounding lakes and ponds. The Kuskokwim River becomes a frozen road in the winter, connecting Bethel to many villages along the river.

Regional Hub

Bethel is a hub community for 56 Yukon-Kuskokwim villages in the region. Bethel is home to the third busiest airport in the state of Alaska, due largely to its cargo shipments, and home to the largest medium draft port in the state in terms of tonnage off-loaded. Goods destined for Kuskokwim River villages land in Bethel first and then are repackaged and taken to villages by plane, river barge, automobile, four-wheeler, boat, or snowmobile. Petroleum products are handled the same way, off-loaded in Bethel to smaller river fuel barges that transport the fuel to villages upriver and downriver.

Many of the 26,000 residents who live in the 55 villages around Bethel come to Bethel to shop, access government services, satisfy health care needs, attend college or trade school courses, visit friends and relatives, and work. Bethel attracts a continual influx of people because it typically has 100 or more available jobs, private property for sale, businesses for sale, and a variety of places to spend money, including restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, and specialty shops (e.g., hardware, auto parts, party supplies, sporting goods). Village residents also travel to Bethel to reconnect with family members.

Government

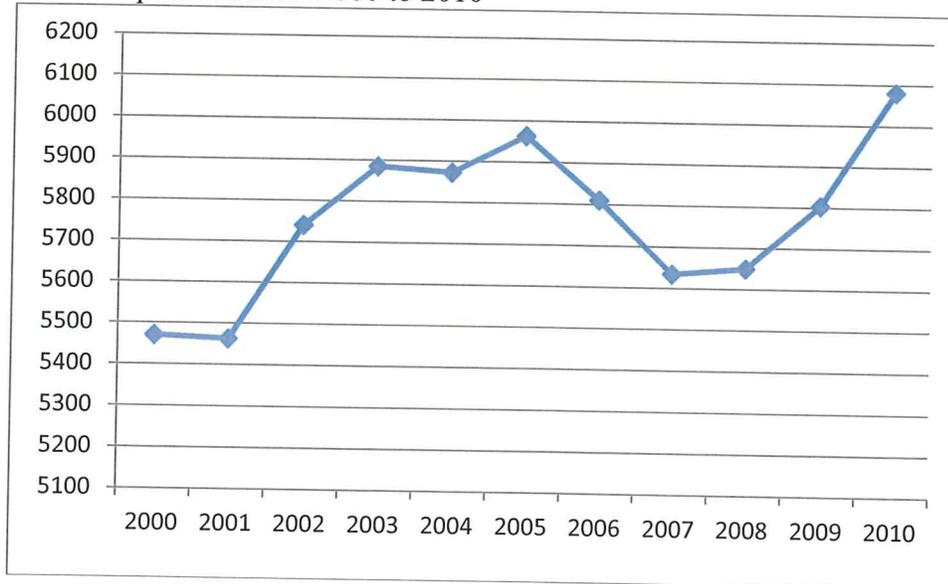
The City of Bethel was incorporated in 1957 while Alaska was still a territory and has since evolved to become a second-class city with a Council/Manager form of government. The seven elected City Council members hire and direct the City Manager, who oversees nine departments: Administration, Finance, Fire, Police, Port, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Technology, and Public Works. Bethel is a municipal government in the unorganized borough area of western Alaska and contains no other cities within its boundaries.

The Bethel City Council develops its annual budget by June 15 for the following fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30. The total budget is approximately \$14 million.

Population

Bethel is the eighth largest town in Alaska with a population of 6,080 (Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development website, 2011). Bethel's population increased at the rate of 11% from 2000. See Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 1
Bethel Population from 2000 to 2010



Need for Financial Assistance

According to the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (2004), 67.4% of residents in Bethel Census Area villages are in the low to moderate income category. A substantial percent of people living in Bethel are in the low to moderate income category (42.2%). According to the September 2011 edition of the *Alaska Economic Trends* publication put out by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the current unemployment rate in the Bethel Census Area is 15.3%.

The City of Bethel needs \$350,000 in State Capital funds to purchase, inspect, and ship a pumper/tender to Bethel, Alaska to replace its 39 year-old pumper/tender. At the expense of two positions, the City approved a balanced FY 2012 Budget with no capital money available to purchase a pumper/tender for the Fire Department. Nearly all of the money is assigned to cover the cost of city-wide operations.

The City has \$8 million in “due to” and “due from” accounts between departments on its books. This money is recorded as long-term receivables that must be reimbursed. The Fire Department, like other public safety service centers provided by municipalities, is a cost center, not a revenue maker.

The City provides water and sewer service to 451 households on the piped system and 1,260 households on the hauled system. Despite collecting \$350 per month per household on average in water and sewer fees, the City had to subsidize the program with \$667,000 last year and expects to need \$623,000 during FY 2012. The following types of annual cost increases make it difficult for the City to break even on its water/sewer operations: fuel prices for its delivery/evacuation trucks, heating oil for its two water treatment plants, and the cost of diesel-generated electricity. The cost of water treatment chemicals, plant and truck parts, and supplies/materials have increased because the cost to transport them to Bethel has increased.

The City is working with the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA-RD) on two grant-funded projects for the improvement of the water and sewer system. The USDA is demanding that the City set aside \$200,000 a year in a reserve account to be used to repair or replace water and sewer infrastructure and as a condition for future grant funding. The City does not have this amount of money to appropriate every year. As a consequence, the City jeopardizes losing the use of future USDA-RD grant funds to make improvements in the water and sewer system—improvements that can lead to operational efficiencies and long-term cost reductions.

The current Fire Department budget is tight. There is funding for the fire chief, captain, and four of the five firefighter/EMT positions. The fifth firefighter/EMT position is funded by a 2009 SAFER grant—to which the City qualified for because it laid off a firefighter/EMT position the year before. All of the costs in the fire department budget are reasonable (e.g., \$21,000 for insurance, \$40,000 for heating fuel) given the high cost of living in Bethel, Alaska.

The City of Bethel is able to fund a paid fire fighting team of professionals who recruit and train volunteers and add them to the force. The City was able to acquire grant funding to renovate the fire station in order to provide a safe, secure, building where firefighters/EMTs can base their responses and store and maintain their equipment and vehicles. The City is not able to fund the purchase of a new fire apparatus and urgently needs State of Alaska Capital funding to achieve this objective.

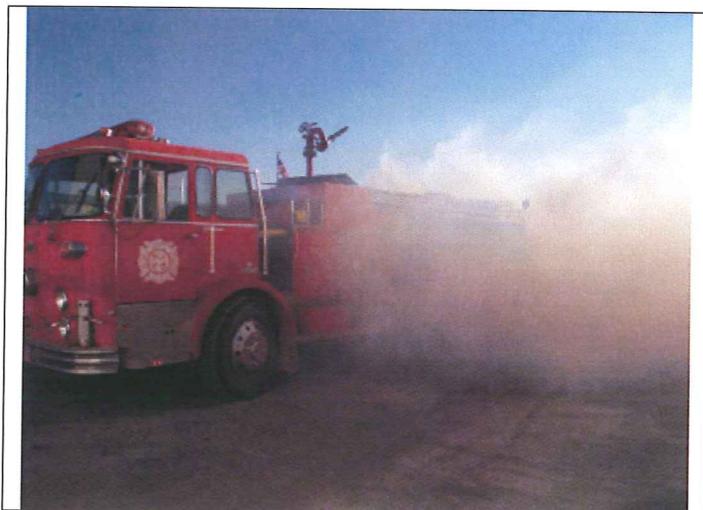
3. Need for Pumper/Tender

The City of Bethel needs \$350,000 in State of Alaska Capital Budget funds to purchase, inspect, ship, and place into service one new pumper/tender capable of holding 2,250 gallons and pumping at a rate of 1,500 gallons per minute. The department plans to retire its existing unsafe 39-year old pumper/tender.

The old fire engine was out of service in 2010 due to mechanical breakdowns and time required for repairs. Engine problems, including routine knocking and smoking, have prevented the vehicle from passing the NFPA service test for over two years. The photo on the following page shows the dark gray smoke emanating from the vehicle during a recent test run.

The City diesel and heavy equipment mechanic who has worked on the fire City's aging fire apparatus to be replaced, reports that the engine burns oil, resulting in the heavy smoke discharge noticed at fire scenes. The engine overheats on a regular basis. Shorts in the electrical system cause the working lights and interior lights to go on and off intermittently. A diesel fire engine mechanic who visited Bethel in 2008 looked the engine over and said that it was spent and not worth repairing. We are extremely concerned that the fire engine will fail at a fire scene.

A Cummins Northwest mechanic inspected the fire engine in January 2011 and said that the engine had to be replaced. The mechanic said that the price of a reconditioned engine would be \$50,000, not including shipping or installation charges. New engines of this type are not manufactured any longer.



The City of Bethel diesel mechanic said that approximately 75-125 hours of labor are needed to install a new engine. Diesel mechanics in Bethel charge \$150 to \$200 per hour. Averaging these two figures yields an installation cost of \$17,500.

Firefighters respond to every fire call with the best pumper/tender in the fleet. Currently, the department has only one front line fully-functioning pumper/tender. It holds 2,000 gallons and is capable of pumping at the rate of 1,500 gallons per minute. The department needs two pumper/tenders in order to have sufficient water at an incident to douse a fire. Two pumpers allow for a multiple direction water attack or the use of one in a tender role. The Fire Department needs a pumper with similar capabilities to its current “first out vehicle” to allow sufficient coverage in the event of a second call out.

4. Project Description

The City of Bethel Fire Department will use the competitive bidding process to purchase one new pumper/tender capable of holding 2,250 gallons and pumping at a rate of 1,500 gallons per minute. A designated legislative grant in the amount of \$350,000 will allow the City is sufficient to purchase, ship, and inspect the vehicle. The new vehicle will meet all NFPA standards, including an enclosed cab seating five firefighters wearing seat belts, shoulder harnesses, and self-contained breathing apparatuses.

5. Budget

Each pumper/tender is custom-made. The Fire Chief and Captain are in agreement that it will be streamlined, functional, durable, and required to perform well in rural Alaska.

Quotes for a new fire engine shipped to Bethel ranged from \$226,771 to \$483,463. See copy of both quotes in email form attached. The Fire Department is confident that \$350,000 is sufficient to purchase a pumper/tender that meets all of its specifications.

While the Fire Department is proud that it was able to keep a 39-year old engine ready to respond for so many years past its service life, it is also smart enough to admit when it can do no

more. Fire Department leaders believe in economically and frugally using their given resources, but never want to reach the point of unjustifiable expenses yielding little to no return for the community. The \$50,000 rebuilt engine, plus the \$17,500 for installation and \$2,000 for shipping represent 20% of the purchase price of a new vehicle. It seems unreasonable to invest in refurbishment/repair when after all is said and done, the engine will still lack common safety features available on a modern fire apparatus and still not be NFPA-compliant. The City needs a new fire engine.

6. Operation and Maintenance

The Bethel Fire Department is a combination department with seven paid positions and approximately 20 volunteer Firefighter/EMTs. Fire Chief George Young has 32 years experience in the department and 19 years as chief. Fire Captain Bill Howell has 18 years of experience in the department and 9 years as captain.

The City of Bethel is in the process of closing the second of two grants that allowed for a major rehabilitation of the 9,800 square foot Bethel Fire Station to the tune of \$2.2 million. The Fire Station now has a new roof, new siding, new interior walls, and a newly renovated four bay garage with a four inch thick cement floor. The heated garage has a new floor drain system and a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant vehicle exhaust evacuation system. The City's proposed new fire pumper/tender would be housed in the garage year-round.

The Bethel Fire Department performs the following services: fire suppression, Advanced Life Support (ALS)/Emergency Medical ambulance service, confined space rescue, fire investigations, building inspections, fire prevention education, smoke detector sales, search and rescue activities, homeland security and National Incident Management Systems training/practices, and emergency planning. Bethel provides the region's only around the clock staffed ALS ambulance. Under the City's Emergency Operations Plan, Fire Chief Young is the Emergency Operations Manager and the fire station itself is the Emergency Operations Center for all large emergencies.

The Bethel Fire Department is equipped with two Type One ambulances, a 1986 pumper/tender capable of carrying 2,000 gallons, a 1980 tender that carries 1,500 gallons, a 1980 fifty foot Tele-squirt aerial apparatus, and a 1972 Crown 1000 gallon pumper. Most of our firefighting operations are based on hauled water and Folda-tank dumpsite operations due to the dearth of piped water and hydrants in Bethel.

The Bethel Fire Department has \$16,250 in the City's FY 2012 Adopted Annual Budget for vehicle maintenance, including parts and tools. The Department will continue to take an active role in performing maintenance and minor repairs on the apparatus to which they trust their life and the lives of others. The City's certified diesel mechanic is capable of completing most major repairs. There is \$1,221,415 in the City's FY 2012 Adopted Annual Budget for Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. The City will pay to have a specialist from Anchorage fly to Bethel on rare occasions when the vehicle cannot be diagnosed and repaired locally.

7. What if no State Capital Funds are provided?

The Bethel Fire Department is NOT going to waste money by trying to fix an outdated vehicle that does not, and will not, meet NFPA standards. The 39-year old fire engine is a liability. It is unreliable, unsafe, and not suited to achieving Bethel's critical mission: saving lives, reducing injuries, and protecting property.

The pumper/tender does not meet current NFPA standards! Vehicle deficiencies are numerous: open cab design, unreliable electrical circuitry, lack of shoulder harness, rusted/deteriorating body, lack of roll over protection, erratic readings from pumps/gauges, clunky manual transmission, and failure to meet the EPA emissions standards. See *Bethel Fire Department Old and New Pumper/Tender Comparison* attached.

Bethel's firefighters need to depend on a pumper/tender to get from the fire station to the fire scene quickly and safely, and be able to pump water properly. The gauges and electronics on board the fire engine must function flawlessly. The lights must come on when called for during Bethel's dark, winter nights. The siren and horn must respond immediately when activated. The fire engine is a giant tool in the hands of trained firefighters to stop fire from killing, injuring, and damaging property.

8. What if State Capital Funds are provided?

Effective and efficient use of the pumper/tender to put out fires greatly facilitates structure entry and rescue. Lives will be saved and injuries reduced or prevented when a new pumper/tender becomes a permanent part of Bethel's fleet and secured inside the fire station's four bay heated garage ready and able to respond to fire calls. With the new pumper/tender on the front line and our existing 25-year old pumper/tender as backup, the fire department will be in a strong position to roll out fast and deploy water on a fire quickly. With two pumper/tenders in service, the department will be less vulnerable when one experiences down time for maintenance or repairs, when large fire calls are received, or when fires occur at two different locations simultaneously.

Bethel Fire Department

Old and New Pumper/Tender Comparison



Old



New (Proposed)

| Feature | | Old | New |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | NFPA standards compliance | No | Yes |
| 2. | EPA emissions standards | Fail | Pass |
| 3. | Horsepower: | 212 | 400+ |
| 4. | Water capacity: | 1,000 gallons | 2,250 gallons |
| 5. | Pump rate: | 1,000 gpm | 1,500 gpm |
| 6. | Transmission | Manual | Automatic |
| 7. | Cab type (Open or Closed) | Open | Closed |
| 8. | Seat belts & shoulder harnesses | Yes - No | Yes - Yes |
| 9. | Roof construction materials: | Fiberglass | Aluminum |
| 10. | Roll over protection (electronic) | No | Yes |
| 11. | Camera installed for backing up | No | Yes |
| 12. | Foam deployment capability | No | Yes |
| 13. | Water dump capability | No | Yes - 1,500 gpm |
| 14. | Water tank: | Steel | Poly |
| 15. | Folded tank on board? | No | Yes |
| 16. | Storage space | Limited | Generous |
| 17. | Storage cabinets: | Hinged | Roll up |
| 18. | Expected service life: | Exceeded by 19 yrs. | 20 yrs.+ |

Key: gpm = gallons per minute

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Sept 26, 2011 Revised Specifications and Pricing

Brett bjmwf@iw.net to me

John,

I have revised the specs and added the SCBA seats and bottle holders. New Apparatus specifications are attached and pricing is listed below.

Chassis Price: \$ 99,188.00
Apparatus Price: \$127,583.00
Total Chassis/Apparatus Price: **\$226,771.00**

Thanks John and let me know if there is anything else that I can do to help. Good luck!

Brett Jensen

Production Manager

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CITY OF BETHEL

Resolution # 11-30

CITY OF BETHEL PRIORITIES FOR THE FY 2013 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;

WHEREAS, the City intends to exhibit transparency, oversight, and accountability for all funds awarded through this request;

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

WHEREAS, a summary of the City of Bethel's priorities and requested funding amounts are listed in the following table:

| Top Three Priorities | Request |
|---|----------------|
| 1. Bethel Small Boat Harbor Dredging and Ramp Replacement | \$4,000,000 |
| 2. New Public Works Building Floor | \$1,500,000 |
| 3. Pumper/Tender Fire Engine | \$350,000 |
| Total | \$5,850,000 |

#1 Bethel Small Boat Harbor Dredging and Ramp Replacement

WHEREAS, residents who live along the Kuskokwim River depend on the Bethel Small Boat Harbor to moor their boats in order to visit Bethel and purchase goods, access government, educational, and medical opportunities, meet family members and friends, engage in subsistence activities, and return home to their village;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Small Boat Harbor is used extensively by subsistence hunters and fishers as they exercise their rights to harvest fish and wildlife from the Kuskokwim River and adjoining streams, rivers, ponds, and riverbank access points;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers considers the Bethel Small Boat Harbor a "harbor of refuge" for boaters caught on the Kuskokwim River during storms, natural disasters, or other life-threatening events;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel sells boat slip permits annually in the small boat harbor in an effort to provide sufficient space for personal watercraft on its eight floating docks;

WHEREAS, the north and south cement boat launch ramps at the harbor are crumbling, pulling apart, and failing to achieve the purpose for which they were designed and constructed;

WHEREAS, a hydrographic survey completed by WH Pacific in 2010 revealed a zero footage depth at the deepest part of the Bethel Small Boat Harbor at the mean low low water mark, representing scientific evidence of the need to dredge the harbor because navigability is nearly impossible;

WHEREAS, over the last thirteen years, the small boat harbor and channel approach have experienced severe bank destabilization and infilling through runoff and river current deposits;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, is administering a \$500,000 grant from the Denali Commission on behalf of the City of Bethel to design the needed dredging, ramps, and bank stabilization project at the Bethel Small Boat Harbor;

WHEREAS, completion of the dredging design, permitting, and right-of-way acquisitions will prepare the City for construction dredging, making this State legislative funding request timely and appropriate;

WHEREAS, the lack of maintenance dredging by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the last 13 years has created a situation in which the amount of material to be removed from the Bethel Small Boat Harbor basin and entrance channel qualify this project as a capital construction project;

WHEREAS, dredging of the Small Boat Harbor in its entirety, scouring the north and south ramps, and replacement of the south ramp will cost approximately \$4,000,000 and this amount should be included in the FY 2013 State Capital Budget so the City of Bethel can complete this important project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council, as elected representatives of the community and city of Bethel, Alaska, do hereby formally request that the State of Alaska provide \$4,000,000 in the FY2013 Alaska Capital Budget for Bethel Small Boat Harbor dredging, ramp scouring, and ramp replacement.

#2 New Public Works Building Floor

WHEREAS, the Public Works building is an invaluable asset to the City, providing a two-story building that accommodates nearly all Public Works divisions and the Planning Office;

WHEREAS, the utility maintenance division, located in the Public Works building, fills a valuable health and safety need by providing water deliveries and sewer evacuations as needed to 1,260 buildings six days per week;

WHEREAS, certified mechanics work in the Public Works building to maintain and service emergency response vehicles for the police and fire departments, water and sewer trucks for the utility maintenance division, heavy equipment and dump trucks used for road work, transit system buses, and cars and trucks for City staff;

WHEREAS, the City's Property Maintenance Division uses a wood/metal workshop, offices, and store room in the Public Works building to help them maintain 30 City structures, boilers, generators, parks, boardwalks, and special projects;

WHEREAS, leaks in the steel floor and drain failures over the last 29 years contributed to the dry-rot and wholesale decay of floor supports;

WHEREAS, four drains in the floor are inoperable, allowing water to run out onto the sand pad below and cold air to enter the building unabated;

WHEREAS, the City needs to remove and replace 90% of the Public Works building floor, including the steel sheets forming the top, and underneath: floor joists, insulation, sheathing, and weather guard;

WHEREAS, the City needs to replace all drains and associated plumbing to ensure proper water drainage;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel funded the repair and replacement of 10% of the floor in 2008, but needs the State to fund the repair and replacement of the other 90%;

WHEREAS, funding for a new floor will allow the City to remove and replace the existing floor and associated drains with a new floor using half-inch steel sheets, treated floor joists, insulation and outer envelope, and new drains and pipes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council, as elected representatives of the community and City of Bethel, do hereby formally request that the State of Alaska provide \$1,500,000 in its FY 2013 Capital Budget for removal and replacement of the existing Public Works building floor and construction of a new floor with new drains and pipes;

#3 Pumper/Tender Fire Engine

WHEREAS, the Bethel Fire Department is comprised of seven full-time paid Firefighter/EMTs and 20 volunteer Firefighter/EMTs;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Fire Department serves the 6,080 residents of Bethel and has assisted neighboring villages in need (e.g., Hooper Bay in 2006) by protecting lives, reducing injuries, and safeguarding property or minimizing property damage from fire, flood, and other forms of destruction;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Fire Department has a 39-year old first-line pumper/tanker this is unsafe to operate, unreliable, and in need of a new engine;

WHEREAS, the Fire Department's pumper/tender was out of commission during 2010 due to mechanical breakdowns and the associated time needed to diagnose problems, find parts, and make repairs;

WHEREAS, the pumper/tender has an open cab, which is no longer manufactured because it is less safe than an enclosed cab;

WHEREAS, the pumper/tanker's stick-shift transmission slows its response time and its tank capacity and pump rate are increasingly inadequate for Bethel's size, frequency of fires, and lack of fire hydrants;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Fire Chief and Fire Captain have determined that the safety and well-being of Bethel residents require a new pumper/tender with an automatic transmission capable of carrying 120% more water and pumping 50% faster;

WHEREAS, the new pumper/tender would meet all National Fire Protection Association standards for safety, reliability, and use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council, as elected representatives of the community and City of Bethel, do hereby formally request that the State of Alaska provide \$350,000.00 in its FY 2013 Capital Budget for the purchase of a new pumper/tender that will be placed in service by the Bethel Fire Department;

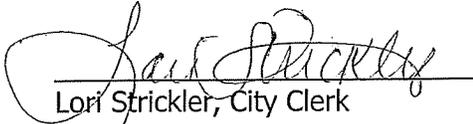
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council, as elected representatives of the community and City of Bethel, hereby set and affirm the three funding priorities for the FY 2013 State of Alaska Capital Budget as: 1) Bethel Small Boat Harbor Dredging and Ramp Replacement, 2) New Public Works Building Floor, and 3) Pumper/Tender Fire Engine.

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: September 13, 2011
Action: Passed
Passed: 5-2

**ENACTED THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 2
OPPOSED.**


Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk