

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
City Council Member Alyssa Leary City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Conrad McCormick City Council Member Mark Springer Mayor Michelle DeWitt
Members Absent:
Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson City Council Member Perry Barr
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Peter Williams, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke in support of the proposed amendments presented on the utility exemption for Ordinance 21-14. Requested the mask mandates ordinance be repealed.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Remove from Consent agenda, Council Member Springer 10.4, Budget Ordinance 20-12 (o).

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *5-4-2021 Special City Council Budget Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *5-6-2021 Special City Council Budget Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *5-11-2021 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.4. - *5-13-2021 Special City Council Budget Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Committee/Commission/Board Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes

Port Commission, Council Member Springer- No report.

Planning Commission- No one available to provide a report.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board- No one available to provide a report.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Mayor DeWitt-A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member McCormick- Reviewed amendments to the sales tax ordinance and provided recommendations to the Council for consideration.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- No report.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Henderson- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Alaska Redistricting Presentation From The Alaska Redistricting Board's Deputy Director, TJ Presley

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-14: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 4.16.160 Sales Tax Exemptions And Limitations

Mayor DeWitt was determined to have a conflict of interest on this issue at a previous regular meeting by a majority vote of the members.

Motion to nominate Mark Springer as mayor pro tempore.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Mayor Pro Tempore Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Pro Tempore Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 21-14 was made at the April 27th Regular Meeting by Council Member McCormick and seconded by Council Member Henderson.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to amend to strike under 4.16.160 R: Costs incurred by owners/landlords for rental units, such as included utilities, fuel or any other expenses are not exempt unless the sales tax is paid by owners/landlords in the purchase of fuel and electricity with the costs of such purchase is provided as part of that total rental costs. And insert: Utility charges subject to sales tax that are paid by a tenant to the lessor, and that are part of a payment to use or occupy real property, are exempt if:

1. the lessor has paid sales tax on the purchase of such utilities;
2. the utility charges billed by the lessor to the tenant are the same or lower than those paid by the lessor; and
3. the utility charges billed by the lessor to the tenant are itemized per rental on the sales tax exemption form.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, CJ McCormick
Opposed:	Rose Henderson, Mark Springer
Results:	Motion does not carry

Motion to amend subsection R to strike the section entirely.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-20: Repealing Chapters 2.24 (Planning Commission), 2.25 (Public Safety And Transportation Commission), 2.52 (Boards, Committees And Commissions), And 14.04 (Port Commission) And Establishing Chapter 2.60 (Committees Commissions And Ad Hoc Committees) (Mayor DeWitt)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-20.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Conrad McCormick
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-21: Amending Chapter 5.20 (General Provisions Related To Taxicabs, Chauffeurs, And Dispatch Services) By Removing The Public Safety And Transportation Commission From That Chapter

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-21.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
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Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.4. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-22: Authorizing The Acquisition Of Interest In Land For A Utility Easement From Frank Jones Involving The Bethel Avenues Piped Water And Sewer Project - Phase I

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-22.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.5. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 20-12(n): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget- Fuel Tank Farm Review (City Manager Williams)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 20-12(n).

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-25: Extending And

Amending Emergency Ordinances 21-17, 21-10, 21-03, 20-38, 20-34, And 20-27
Establishing A Mandate Within The City Of Bethel That Masks Or Similar Face-
Coverings Be Worn Under Certain Conditions

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

Lorin Bradbury-Spoke in opposition to the continuation of the mask mandate.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 21-25.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Conrad McCormick
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to amend to insert under Subsection 4, Mandates for Vaccinated People,
Obtaining Services from a healthcare facility.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-23: Amending Bethel Municipal Code
Chapter 13.08 Sewer Services To Clarify The Responsibilities And Liabilities Of
Customers To Monitor And Maintain Sewage Holding Tanks

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-24 Amending Bethel Municipal Code To
Clarify Utility Rates For Extra Water Delivery And Extra Sewage Tank Evacuation

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 20-12(o): Amending The City Of
Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget To Allocate Funds For Rental Space For In Person
Meetings

Council Member Springer declared a conflict of interest on this item as the Executive Director for ONC. Mayor DeWitt confirmed the conflict of interest exists.

Council Member Henderson declared a conflict of interest on this item as an ONC tribal member. Mayor DeWitt confirmed Council Member Henderson does not have a conflict of interest on this issue.

Main Motion: Introduce Budget Ordinance 20-12(o).

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Conrad McCormick
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.5. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-25: Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2022 Beginning July 1, 2021 Ending June 30, 2022

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - AM 21-11: Authorizing The Relocation Of City Of Bethel Public Meetings From City Hall, 300 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway To The ONC Multi-Purpose Building

Council Member Springer declared a conflict of interest on this item as the Executive Director for ONC. Mayor DeWitt confirmed the conflict of interest exists.

Main Motion: Adopt AM 21-11.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.7. - *AM 21-12: Appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Members- John Jordan II- Public Works Committee

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *Personnel Leave- City Attorney- June 24 through July 1, and July 22

through August 9

Passed on the consent agenda.

11. REPORTS

Item 11.1. - Mayor's Report

Item 11.2. - City Manager's Report

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor DeWitt-Thanked City Attorney, City Clerk and City Manager for their participation this evening.

Council Member Leary-Encouraged people to wear their PFDs.

Council Member Springer- Wear the PFD. The weather is hot and dry; please be careful when riding dirt-bikes and motorcycles which can spark and start a fire. Please remember the best dust control is your rearview mirror.

Council Member Henderson-Reiterated the importance of PFDs on the river. Is excited for the opportunity to meet in person. Be safe on the roadways.

Council Member McCormick-Thanked Manager Williams for his comments about getting vaccinated. The second-best thing you can do right now is to encouraged other people to get vaccinated. Thanked everyone that has been picking up trash.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

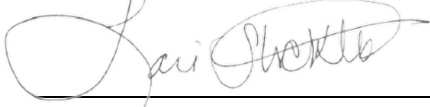
Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 8:27 p.m.


Michelle DeWitt (Jun 21, 2021 09:53 AKDT)

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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