

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
City Council Member Mark Springer City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Conrad McCormick City Council Member Alyssa Leary City Council Member Perry Barr Mayor Michelle DeWitt
Members Absent:
Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson
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

No one present to be heard.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None

Results: | Motion Carries

Amend the agenda to move Item 10.1, Ordinance 21-30 to follow Special Orders of Business.

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

Remove from Consent Agenda- Introduction of Ordinance 21-29, Mayor DeWitt.

Remove from Consent Agenda- Resolution 21-11, Mayor DeWitt.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *6-1-2021 Special City Council Budget Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *6-8-2021 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Port Commission, City Manager Williams- Discussed delinquent accounts.

Planning Commission- No one present to provide a report.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr-The committee will be reviewing an ordinance to have a portion of the marijuana tax transferred to the Community Action Grant Program.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Mayor DeWitt-The committee organized a Community Parks Cleanup event this weekend.

Finance Committee, Council Member McCormick- Some of the members may be at risk at losing their position on the committee because of their absences. Encouraged the members to attend.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 21st.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Henderson- Have not met since last meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Proclamation Affirming Our Commitment To Improve Diversity, Equity And Inclusion (Mayor DeWitt)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-27: Amending The Official Land Use Map Of Bethel By Adopting An Industrial Zoning Designation For 18.2 Acres Of Land Consisting Of Tract A And Tract B Of The Tower Road Subdivision, Section 14, Township 8 North, Range 72 West, Seward Meridian, Bethel, Alaska (Planning Commission)

Mayor DeWitt brought up the conflict of interest question considered previously related to Council Member Henderson being a Bethel Native Corporation shareholder. The Mayor considered a number of questions and overturned her initial ruling on the conflict of interest and determined Council Member Henderson does not have a conflict of interest.

*Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.
Ana Hoffman-Bethel Native Corporation, President and Chief Executive Officer, spoke in favor of Ordinance 21-27.
Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-27.

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-28: Bethel Municipal Code 4.16.170, Exemption Cards, To Remove The Bethel Residency Requirement For Senior Citizen Sales Tax Exemption Cards (Council Member Springer)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-28.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Perry Barr
In favor:	Perry Barr, 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 21-30: Extending The Declaration Of Emergency Issued Through Ordinances 21-16, 21-08, 21-02, 20-38, 20-32, 20-29, 20-11, 20-09 And 20-08 (Mayor DeWitt)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-30.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Perry Barr, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson,

	Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Dr. Ellen Hodges, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Elizabeth Bates, Director of Infection Control, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation.

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

Item 10.2. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-31: Extending Ordinance 21-18 Testing And Quarantine Mandates And Exemptions (Mayor DeWitt)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-31.

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

Item 10.3. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-32: Exempting 13.04.290 Of The Bethel Municipal Code To Prevent Water Shut Off For Non-Payment For An Additional 60 Days (Mayor DeWitt)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-32.

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

Item 10.4. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-29: Authorizing The Acquisition Of Interest In Land For A Utility Easement From Bethel Community Services Foundation, Inc. Involving The Bethel Avenues Piped Water And Sewer Project - Phase I (City Manager Williams)

Mayor DeWitt declared a conflict of interest as she is the Executive Director of Bethel Community Services Foundation.

Motion that Mayor DeWitt Does not have a conflict of interest on this issue.

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

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 21-29.

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

Item 10.5. - *Resolution 21-11: Responding To The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Repealing And Replacing Resolution 21-10, And Establishing Standards For In-Person Participation At City Meetings (Mayor DeWitt)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 21-11.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Conrad McCormick
In favor:	Perry Barr, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson,

	Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.6. - *Resolution 21-12: Providing Consent To The Planning Commission's Resolution 2021-04 Approving The Vacation Of Designated 50-Foot And 75-Foot Sections Of Width Along The 1,387-Foot Right-Of-Way Located On Ridgecrest Drive, Plat 2011-11, Within Section 8, T8N, R71W, SM, Petition Submitted By The Lower Kuskokwim School District To In Front Of The Bethel Regional High School, For Accommodating The Planned Construction Of The New Ayaprun School (Planning Commission)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - AM 21-17: Direct City Administration To Establish An Interest-Bearing Account For Community Action Grant Program Funds, In Which 20% Of City-Collected Alcohol Taxes Are Deposited At Least Quarterly, Including Amounts Owed To The Fund Since Its Intended Inception On November 25, 2017 (Community Action Grant Technical Review Board)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-17.

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

Item 10.8. - *Personnel Leave- City Clerk, June 30-July 6th, 2021 (Mayor DeWitt)

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 Attorney Bakalar for her reports.

Council Member Barr- Get vaccinated.

Council Member Leary- Get vaccinated.

Council Member Springer- Get vaccinated. Wear your PFD. Check your mesh size on your net. Happy to see the first day of summer.

Council Member Henderson- Thanked Attorney Bakalar for her help on the conflict of interest questions. Congratulated Chief Daron Solsebee on his appointment to the Fire Chief position. People need to be careful when riding around on four-wheelers; People need to drive carefully.

Council Member McCormick- Also concerned with four-wheeler safety. Thanked representatives from YKHC for attending the meeting and the work that they do. Encouraged the public to get vaccinated and share their story.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.


Michelle DeWitt (Aug 25, 2021 10:01 AKDT)

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Strickler", is written over a horizontal line.

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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