

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Ruth Abigail Miller- Spoke concerning the B&B ordinance.

Jaela Milford- Executive Director of Bethel Winter house. Introduced herself to the City.

Marsha Dunkley- Spoke concerning the B&B ordinance.

Andrew West- Spoke concerning the lack of boardwalks near the school.

Shane Iverson- KYUK general manager, Spoke about the need for a new AM transmission antenna.

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke about the Emergency Ordinances and the upcoming election.

Juanita Sosa- Spoke concerning the B&B regulations.

Rosie Thompson- Spoke concerning the B&B's in residential areas.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Motion to amend the agenda to move Ordinance 21-38, 21-39, and 21-40 to follow Reports of Standing Committees.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *7-20-2021 Special City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *7-27-2021 Regular City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Port Commission, Council Member Springer- The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th. The only item on the agenda is the approval of the meeting minutes.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- The next Commission Meeting is Scheduled for August 12th.

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

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Mayor DeWitt- The Committee met August 9th. The Committee wanted to publicly appreciate Antone Olson for his hard work at keeping the community parks looking nice. Wanted to draw attention to the YK Fitness center survey and encouraged the public to take the survey. There is one regular seat, and two alternate seats open on the committee. At the next meeting, the committee will be discussing the dog park, Log Cabin land, and FY22 goals.

Finance Committee, Council Member McCormick- The next meeting is scheduled for August 23rd; encouraged people to attend and participate in the public process.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- The next meeting is scheduled for August 18th. The committee will elect a new chair and chair, discuss gravel roads, and the Bethel heights water treatment system.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Henderson- The last meeting was August 4th. The Commission discussed issuing community surveys and went over Commission goals and priorities.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-37: Amending The BMC To Adopt Bed And Breakfast Provisions In The Residential Zoning District Following A Plan Review Permit Process (Planning Commission)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke in support of Ordinance 21-37.

Adrienne Gregory- Against the Ordinance limit of 3 bedrooms.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-37.

Moved by: Alyssa Leary
Seconded by: Rose Henderson

Primary Amendment: Motion to amend Section four to insert after unlawful: "but licensed" and insert after continue existing "until the structure operating as a Bed and Breakfast or Bed and Breakfast Homestay is removed, abandoned, substantially damaged, or sold, and/or the business operating on the premises is closed, sold, or not operating for a period of one year. Current licensed operators shall become into compliance with 18.32.090(B)(2)(e) and (f) and 18.32.090(D) within"

Moved by: Alyssa Leary
Seconded by: Conrad McCormick
In favor: Alyssa Leary, Michelle DeWitt, Conrad McCormick
Opposed: Haley Hanson, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson
Results: Motion Fails

Motion to Suspend the Rules to hear from Planning Director Meyer and Contractor LaQuita Chmielowski

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

Postpone to the next meeting.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Emergency Ordinance 21-38: Extending The Declaration Of Emergency Issued Through Ordinances 21-30, 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 Emergency Ordinance 21-38.

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

Motion to Suspend the Rules to hear from YKHC- Ellen Hodges Chief of Staff, COVID Response Center.

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

Motion to take a 5 minute break to allow Council Member Springer to rejoin the meeting due to connectivity issues.

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

Council Member Springer re-joins at 7:37 p.m.

Item 10.2. - Emergency Ordinance 21-39: Extending Ordinance 21-31 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 Emergency Ordinance 21-39.

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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from YKHC representatives.

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

Primary Amendment: Under Section 3. ii., to strike "age 10 and under" and insert "age 2 and under"

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

Mayor DeWitt opened a second Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor DeWitt closed the second Public Hearing.

Item 10.3. -

Emergency Ordinance 21-40: Establishing A Mandate Within The City Of Bethel That Masks Or Similar Face-Coverings Be Worn In Public In Indoor And Indoor-Adjacent Spaces, And Under Certain Conditions In Outdoor Spaces, During The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Mayor DeWitt)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 21-40.

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

Item 10.4. - Emergency Ordinance 21-41: 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 Emergency Ordinance 21-41.

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

Item 10.5. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-42: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 18.48.190 Disabled Parking Standard (Public Safety And Transportation Commission)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. -

*Resolution 21-15: Urging Inclusion Of A Pathway To Citizenship For Dreamers, Temporary Protection Status Holders, Essential Workers And Their Families (Mayor DeWitt)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - AM 21-23: Direct City Administration To Prepare A Letter To The

Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Expressing The City's Approval Of The State's Alternative Design For The Akakeek, Ptarmigan, And Delapp Streets-Heavy Use Road Improvement Project (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-23.

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

Item 10.8. - AM 21-24: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Lease Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And Alaska Marine Lines For The Unimproved Warehouse Building Located On The City Dock (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-24.

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

Item 10.9. - *IM 21-12: Presentation Of The City's Water And Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2021 To July 31, 2021 – Utilities Maintenance – Water And Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.10. - IM 21-13 City of Bethel Removal of Yukon Lodge Structure And Associated Debris- Permit Issued By Landowner (City Manager Williams)

Council discussed this item of business.

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 the City Manager and Department Heads for reports.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Encourage your friends and family to get vaccinated.

Council Member Springer disconnected from the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Council Member Leary- No Comment.

Council Member Henderson- Thanked the Public Works Director for all the road work. Please wear your masks and get vaccinated.

Council Member McCormick- Asked Employers to consider policies for employees to stay home if they have symptoms. If you are having any symptoms, please get tested. Reach out to YKHC if you have questions. Brought attention to the Line 3 Pipeline and asked the public to share their opinion with our Senators and Representative.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(1) Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity; And (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Pending Litigation, Bethel V. BSI, 4BE-20-000296CI (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session in Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(1) Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity; And (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Pending Litigation, Bethel V. BSI, 4BE-20-000296CI.

Those attending this item are City Clerk, Deputy Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager and City Council Members.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 10:24 p.m.


Michelle DeWitt (Aug 30, 2021 10:26 AKDT)

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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Final Audit Report

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