

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 630 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
City Council Member Perry Barr Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Conrad McCormick City Council Member Alyssa Leary (arrived after roll call 6:31 p.m.)
Members Absent:
Mayor Michelle DeWitt
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

Council Member Leary arrived at the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke In support Ordinance 21-37. Spoke in favor of continuing the voluntary junk vehicle removal program.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by: | Rose Henderson
Seconded by: | Alyssa Leary

In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Remove from Consent Agenda- Item 10.1 Introduction of Ordinance 21-37- Council Member McCormick.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *7-13-2021 Regular City Council 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- Nothing to report.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- Held two Public Hearings. Passed a recommendation to support the ordinance allowing Bed and Breakfasts in residential areas and a conditional use permit for a Marijuana retail store at 323 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- Gave timelines for submissions and encouraged the public to apply; especially for winter projects.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee- No one to report.

Finance Committee, Council Member McCormick- Welcomed the new recorder for the committee. Encouraged members to attend.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Welcomed three new members and had committee/commission training.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Henderson- No meeting since last meeting. Will discuss priorities, goals, 4-wheelers at the next meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-34: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapters Related To Discrimination And Harassment (Mayor DeWitt)

Vice-Mayor Hanson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Vice-Mayor Hanson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-34.

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-35: Authorizing The Acquisition Of Interest In Land For A Utility Easement From Lower Kuskokwim School District And From Arvin D. And Connie E. Dull Involving The Bethel Avenues Piped Water And Sewer Project - Phase I (City Manager Williams)

Vice-Mayor Hanson iterated that although Council Member Barr, Council Member Henderson, and Vice-Mayor Hanson are employees of LKSD, that there is not a conflict of interest in this matter.

Vice-Mayor Hanson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Vice-Mayor Hanson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-35.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson

In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(a): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2022 Budget- City Hall Roof Repair (City Manager Williams)

Vice-Mayor Hanson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Vice-Mayor Hanson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 21-26(a).

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction 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)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 21-37.

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

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

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

Council Member Henderson departed the meeting from 7:05-7:08 pm

Primary Amendment: 18.32.090 Strike "three rooms" and insert "four rooms"

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

Primary Amendment: Strike the fourth Whereas Statement and Insert a new SECTION 4 to Read:

Notwithstanding BMC 18.80.010 or any other provision of this Code, pre-existing lawful or unlawful nonconformities in existence upon the effective date of the provisions of this title shall be permitted to continue existing for one (1) year from the effective date. Such nonconformities should be discontinued or brought into conformity with the current requirements of this title within one (1) year of the effective date. As used in this section, "effective date" means the date stated in Subsection 5 of this ordinance.

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

Primary Amendment: Strike Subsection 18.32.090 (E)(2)(d) Failure to remit city sales tax or submit a report as required by BMC Chapter 4.16 and insert under a new subsection e. e. Any violation regarding sales tax remittance or business licensure shall be enforced by the Finance Director under Titles 4 and 5 of this Code, with the cooperation of the City Planner as necessary.

Moved by:	Alyssa Leary
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson,

	Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.2. - *Resolution 21-14: Support For Power Cost Equalization Program Funding And Fulfillment Of Pledge Made To Rural Alaskans (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *AM 21-20: Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute Two Agreements With The University Of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) And Make The Following Financial Contributions: (1) \$112,000 To The UAF Cooperative Extension 4-H Program, And (2) \$72,600 To The Kuskokwim Consortium Library (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *AM 21-21: Allowing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Alaska Communications To Procure Low-Earth Orbit (Leo) Satellite Internet Services (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - AM 21-22: Voluntary Junk Vehicle Removal Program (Planning Commission)

Main Motion: Adopt AM 21-22.

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

Item 10.6. - *IM 21-11: Limited Legal Services For USDA Grant Compliance And Bonding (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *Personnel Leave- City Manager-August 26th-29th (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

Vice-Mayor Hanson- CDC changed guidelines today; we are moving toward wearing masks again. Congratulated the Gold medal swimmer Lydia Jacoby from Seward.

Council Member Barr- Thanked the Planning Commission for all their work. Concerned with Bethel Heights water issues. Requests the city to have a percentage of the marijuana tax to fund the Community Action Grant Committee.

Council Member Leary- Encouraged the public to get the vaccine. Hospitals are getting full again. We should all mask up. It's easy and safe. The vaccine sign-up reward program is working.

Council Member Springer- Discussed City Water issues. It is time to have an ONC joint meeting. Congratulated Zack Brink on becoming the new ONC CEO.

Council Member Henderson- Discussed Bethel heights water issues. We need to find a solution to long standing water quality problems. 4-wheeler issues will be discussed at the next Public Safety Transportation Commission meeting for those interested.

Council Member McCormick- Congratulated Ethan Lincoln, Kaylee King, and Jamin Crow who got national recognition for being finalists in NPR's Podcast Challenge. Stated that we are in high transmission area for COVID. Hospitalization rates are high. COVID rates are high for children right now. Please get vaccinated.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Union Negotiations (Mayor Dewitt)

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Union Negotiations. Those attending are Council, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk, Human Resource Director James Harris.

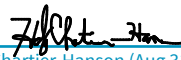
Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 10:22 p.m.


Haley Chartier-Hanson (Aug 31, 2021 10:50 AKDT)

Haley Hanson,
Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:


Kevin Morgan (Aug 31, 2021 09:31 AKDT)

Kevin Morgan,
Deputy City Clerk

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