

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the ONC Multipurpose Building, 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 Perry Barr Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) Mayor Michelle DeWitt City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Conrad McCormick (telephonically)
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Peter Williams, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

Motion to suspend the rules to move Approval of the Agenda to the next Item of Business.

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

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

	Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to amend the agenda to move New Business Item 10.1 Pontifex Classification Study Review to follow approval of the agenda.

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

Item 10.1. - Pontifex Consulting Group, Classification, And Compensation Study Review (Mayor DeWitt)

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Pontifex Representative.

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

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Gary Watson City of Bethel Union Employees -Spoke in opposition to the City Manager's implementation of the mandatory vaccination policy due to the timeline associated with the roll out of the requirement.

Corbin Ford, City Employee, Union Employee-

Suspend the rules to hear from members of the public for an additional two minutes.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Conrad McCormick
In favor:	Perry Barr, 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 members of the public for an indefinite amount of time.

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

Spoke in opposition to the City Manager's implementation of the mandatory vaccination policy due to the timeline associated with the roll out of the requirement. Suggested the employees should have been informed of the Policy and included in the development of the Policy.

James Marion- Spoke in opposition to the City Manager's implementation of the mandatory vaccination policy due to the timeline associated with the roll out of the requirement. Suggested the employees should have been informed of the Policy and included in the development of the Policy.

Caleb Sleppy, Vice President of the Employee Union-Spoke in opposition to the City Manager's implementation of the mandatory vaccination policy due to the timeline associated with the roll out of the requirement. Suggested the employees should have been informed of the Policy and included in the development of the Policy and that the City provide education to the employees on COVID-19 and the vaccinations.

Jonathan Phillip-Spoke in opposition to the City Manager's implementation of the mandatory vaccination policy due to the timeline associated with the roll out of the requirement. Suggested the employees should have been informed of the Policy and included in the development of the Policy and that the City provide education to the employees on COVID-19 and the vaccinations.

Jared Karr-Stated he received calls from City employees, worried about the effects of the Vaccine Policy on individuals working for the City. Suggested Administration put additional thought into the implementation of the Policy.

Jess Schroeder- Provided concerns about the City's roll out of the mandatory vaccination policy. Suggested working with the employees to help them make educated decisions.

Frances Harpak-Spoke in opposition to the City Manager's implementation of the mandatory vaccination policy due to the timeline associated with the roll out of the requirement. Suggested the employees should have been informed of the Policy and included in the development of the Policy.

Dr. Ellen Hodges-Stated the medical system in the State of Alaska is in crisis.

Anny Cochrane-Thanked YKHC for the work they have done for the community. Stated concerns related to the recent decision of the Planning Commission in their denial of the Appeal of Dawn and Dan Hackney. Provided comments on the Police Officer being located at the school.

Shane Iverson, KYUK- Provided some information on a capital project KYUK has been working on, the tower, and requested tribal governments and the City of Bethel join together to support this regional project.

Dr. Liz Bates, YKHC- Gave an report on the state of COVID trends in the Region.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *8-24-2021 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *8-30-2021 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Port Commission, Council Member Springer- Nothing to report.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- Met on the 9th. Held a Public Hearing and approved a Conditional Use Permit for a Pizza, Beer, Wine Business on 401 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- Received one grant application. It will be presented at the next Council Meeting. Next grant opening will be Oct. 13th-Nov. 12th.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Mayor DeWitt- No quorum at last meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member McCormick- No meeting since last meeting.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Next meeting is September 15th.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Henderson- No quorum at last meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(b): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2022 Budget- Leased Property, Court Complex- Hauled Water- Finance Department- Clerk's Office (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 21-26(b).

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(c): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2022 Budget-Police Officer II- YK Fitness Center Repairs (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *IM 21-16: Presentation Of The City's Water And Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2021 To August 31, 2021 – Utilities Maintenance – Water And Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Personal Leave- City Clerk- November 24th to December 3rd

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 those who spoke at people to be heard.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- No comment.

Council Member Barr- We are responsible for doing our civic duty. Volunteering is an important part of our community. Suggested, following the comments made by the city employees, it is a time for us to consider how we can do things a bit better. It is a dangerous time of year to go boating due to colder weather; please dress appropriately.

Council Member Leary- Thanked the city employees that spoke this evening. Please do research and learn about how to get vaccinated.

Council Member Springer- Thanked YKHC for the excellent radio advertisement they put together. Thanked KYUK for their input this evening. Encouraged people to get vaccinated to reduce the strain on our healthcare system.

Council Member Henderson- Agreed with other comments by other members. Encouraged members of our community to get involved with the council's recommending bodies.

Council Member McCormick- No Comment.

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 (Mayor DeWitt)

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session for:

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. and

Item 13.2 , 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 Item 13.1 are Council Members, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, Deputy City Clerk.

Those attending Item 13.2 are Council Members, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, Deputy City Clerk.

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

Item 13.2. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Union Negotiations (City Manager Williams)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

The meeting ended at 10:08 p.m.


Michelle DeWitt (Sep 30, 2021 13:43 AKDT)

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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Final Audit Report

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