

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at 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 City Council Member Alyssa Leary 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)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Darren Lieb, Athletic Director at the Bethel Regional Highschool- Discussed the mitigation plan for incoming travelers with other athletic directors from around the state. Presented concerns about the Molecular Testing requirement presented in Ordinance 21-47 since there are many communities from the state that may not have access to the Molecular testing option.

Bill Howell- Presented concerns related to the Council's emergency ordinances related to COVID. Identified his interest in the Council eliminating the masking mandate and the testing and quarantine mandates. His granddaughter is unable to wrestle because she hasn't received her vaccination.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *9-28-2021 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- Nothing to report.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- The Commission will meet Thursday, September 14th.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- The Community Action Grant application period will be October 14th through November 12th.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Mayor DeWitt- Discussed feasibility study for Phase 2 of the YK Fitness Center. Reviewed Kids Vote program proposal from the City Clerk's Office.

Finance Committee, Council Member McCormick- On October 25th at 6:30 the committee will be talking about goals and priorities, and attendance.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Next meeting will be on October 20th.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Henderson- Finalized a survey. Discussed 4-wheelers.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Review Canvass Board Certificate Of Election, October 5, 2021- Not Available Until After The Canvass Board October 7, 2020 (Mayor DeWitt)

Item 8.2. - Resolution 21-18: Certifying The Results Of The October 5, 2021 Regular City Election- Not Available Until After The Canvass Board October 7, 2021- (Mayor DeWitt)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 21-18.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
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

Item 8.3. - Oath Administered To Newly Elected Council Members (Mayor DeWitt)
Oaths were administered to the newly elected Council Members.

Council Member Whitney departed the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Emergency Ordinance 21-46: Extending The Declaration Of Emergency Issued Through Ordinances 21-38, 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 21-46.

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

Item 10.2. - Emergency Ordinance 21-47: 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 21-47.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Perry Barr, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	Beth Hessler
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.3. - Emergency Ordinance 21-48: 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 21-48.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Perry Barr
In favor:	Perry Barr, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	Bethel Hessler
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.4. - Emergency Ordinance 21-49: Temporarily Suspending Bethel Municipal Code 13.04.290 To Prevent Water Shutoff For Non-Payment Of Charges For Certain Account-Types And Dollar Amounts (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 21-49.

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

Item 10.5. - *Resolution 21-16: Establishing A Standing Procedure For The City Manager, City Attorney, And City Clerk To Request Personal And Administrative Leave (Mayor Dewitt)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *Resolution 21-17: City Of Bethel Priorities For The SFY 2023 State Of Alaska Capital Budget (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *IM 21-17: Presentation of the City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared to Budget from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 – Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *Personal Leave- City Attorney- Oct. 20th-22nd (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 the outgoing council members for their service to the City of Bethel. Thanked the City Clerk's Office for their work on the Election. Encouraged people to get vaccinated and use trusted sources.

Council Member Barr- Mentioned concerns related to testing requirements that were brought up by members of the public under people to be heard. Confirmed, the council did consider amendments to the testing and quarantine requirements but decided to not uphold the amendments based off of the information provided by YKHC at the Special Meeting. It is getting cold and dark outside, Reminded people to wear reflecting clothing. Thanked the outgoing council members for their civic duties. Asked the administration to begin posting press releases,

Council Member Springer- Encouraged people to watch for kids around the school bus stops. Congratulated the newly elected members and thanked Council Member Leary and Vice Mayor Hanson for their hard work.

Council Member Henderson-Congratulated the newly elected council members. Encouraged the stores to enforce the mask mandate. Agreed with the need to have the Police and Fire Department to provide press releases to the public.

Council Member McCormick-Thanked all of the election officials for their hard work. Congratulated the newly elected council members. Agrees that there should be more consistent press releases. Informed the public that Bethel Friends of Canines has three adorable dogs available for adoption. If residents have questions related to COVID-19, there are many reliable resources available to the public.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked the individuals that voted for her, and for the hard work of the election officials. Thanked the two individuals that spoke under people to be heard. Looks forward to working with the body.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.


Michelle DeWitt (Oct 27, 2021 17:48 AKDT)

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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