

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Springer called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Mayor Mark Springer Council Member Michelle DeWitt City Council Member Rose Henderson Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Beth Hessler
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Peter Williams (telephonically), City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically), Deputy Clerk Kevin Morgan

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Anna Rose MacArthur- Asked that Resolution 21-19 be amended to permit the media to participate in-person.

Lorin Bradbury- Opposed to Resolution 21-19. In favor of the public attending meetings in-person.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by: | Beth Hessler

Seconded by: | Michelle DeWitt

Remove from consent agenda- Resolution 21-19, Vice-Mayor McCormick

Remove from consent agenda- Introduction of Ordinance 21-50, Council Member Henderson

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *10-12-2021 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *10-18-2021 Special 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 Hessler- Met on October 18th. Discussed the downsizing of dock operations for winter, seawall repair, outgoing fuel fees, and the possible dredging of brown slough during the winter.

Planning Commission, Council Member Henderson- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- Application period is now open, encouraged interested people to apply.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Next meeting is November 8th. There is an open seat, encouraged members of the public to apply.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- Held a meeting on October 26th. The finances seem to be in order.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- Discussed the responsibilities of building codes.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Appreciation For Outgoing City Council Members (Mayor Springer)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-50: Clarifying And Superseding Prior Ordinances Regarding Funding Of The Yukon-Kuskokwim Fitness Center And Requiring One Half Of One Percent (0.5%) Of The Tax Rate Added To Any Sales Price And Remitted To The City To Be Deposited Into An Interest-Bearing Account Used Exclusively To Fund The Development, Expansion, And Operations Of The Yukon-Kuskokwim Fitness Center (Council Member Dewitt)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 21-50.

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

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(d): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2022 Budget- City Clerk's Office-Legal Fees-Other Purchased Services (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Resolution 21-19: Responding To The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Establishing Standards For In-Person Participation At City Meetings (Mayor Springer)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 21-19.

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

Primary Amendment: Insert under Section 4 members of the media may attend in person.

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

Results: | Motion Carries

Primary Amendment: Strike Section 2.

Moved by: | Beth Hessler
Seconded by: | None

Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.

Primary Amendment: Insert under Section 6 after "fully vaccinated" or have proof of a negative COVID-19 test in accordance with the City's testing and quarantine mandates.

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

Secondary Amendment: Insert after "quarantine mandate" Proof of a negative PCR test must be presented at the meeting.

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

Primary Amendment: Under Section 8 strike "10" and insert 12.

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

Primary Amendment: Strike Section 9.

Moved by: | Beth Hessler
Seconded by: | None

Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.

Item 10.4. - *AM 21-32: Accept And Approve The 2021 State Homeland Security Program Award Of \$78,500 And Direct City Manager To Sign Grant Agreement (City Manager Williams)

Mayor Springer called for a ten minute break.

Council member Hessler departed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

This Item passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - AM 21-33: Cancellation Of Regular City Council Meetings- November 23rd And December 28th (Mayor Springer)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-33.

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

Item 10.6. - AM 21-34: Amend The City Of Bethel's Spending Plan For The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Grant To Include The Purchase Of Prepaid Gift Cards And Lift Station Capital Funds And Authorize City Manager To Modify It As Needed To Meet Evolving Needs Brought About By The COVID-19 Pandemic (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-34.

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

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 Springer- Congratulated KYUK on their fall fundraiser; thanked those that donated. Went down to the river and there were boats braking though ice. Make sure water and sewer connections are clear before snow fall.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- Thanked the First Responders that contained a recent structure fire. Announced the opportunity for vaccinated people to get a booster shot.

Council Member DeWitt- No comment.

Council Member Barr- Encouraged people to be safe as the weather gets colder and the nights get darker.

Council Member Henderson- Congratulated everyone on their new positions. Brought up concerns about 4-wheeler safety.

Council Member Whitney- It is fire safety month. Brush your chimney out if you have a wood stove, test your smoke detectors, and change your batteries.

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 (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Postpone.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:17 p.m.


Mark Edward Springer (Nov 20, 2021 09:26 AKST)

Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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