

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.
Mayor Springer 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 Council Member Michelle DeWitt City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Beth Hessler (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick Mayor Mark Springer
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

Ruth Abigail Miller- Not in support of Budget Ordinance 21-26(d). Spoke about the Hackney Case. Wants Ethics Board to investigate the Planning Commission. Discussed interactions between the Planning Director and Hackneys. Would like more transparency from the Police Department.

Ellen Hodges- In favor of extending Emergency Ordinances. Vaccination is the primary method of prevention. Encouraged flu shots to reduce the strain on the health system. Gave an update on COVID-19 in the region.

Anny Cochrane- Spoke on Budget Ordinance 21-26(d). Spoke against the City's position on the Hackneys. In favor of testing, masks, and water/sewer Emergency Ordinances.

Fritz Charles- Would like the local governing body to recognize Veterans.

Bruce Claypool- In favor of removing the Emergency Ordinance mandates.

Adrianne Gregory- Discussed the B&B ordinance in Bethel. Not in favor of Budget Ordinance 21-26(d). Concerned about the legal costs spent by the City.

Fred Broerman- In favor of removing the Emergency Ordinance mandates.

Stephanie Butte- In support of current B&B regulations.

Written email Comments

Ron Bowerman- In favor of removing the Emergency Ordinance mandates. In favor of allowing in-person public meetings.

Christopher Schroeder- Not in favor of using tax dollars for the Hackney case.

Jeremiah Caywood- Suggested the Hackney B&B to be grandfathered in and is not in favor of Budget Ordinance 21-26(d).

Jess Schroeder- Not in favor of Budget Ordinance 21-26(d) Not in favor of supporting action against the Hackneys.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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

Remove from Consent Agenda: Resolution 21-20 under New Business 10.5.- Mayor Springer

Motion to amend to move New Business Items 10.1-10.4, Emergency Ordinances 21-51, 21-52, 21-53, 21-54 to follow Reports of Standing Committees.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by:	Conrad McCormick
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. - *10-26-2021 Regular City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- No meeting since last meeting. The next meeting is November 15th.

Planning Commission, Council Member Henderson- No meeting since last meeting. The next meeting is November 18th.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- The Committee will be reviewing applications in the coming weeks and will present the council with the recommended proposals on December 14th.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- The Committee reviewed the feasibility study.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- No meeting since last meeting. The next meeting will be on November 22nd.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- No meeting since the last meeting. The next meeting will be on November 17th.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- The meeting was cancelled due to lack of public notice. The next meeting will be December 1st.

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

Item 10.1. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-51: 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, 20-08, 21-38, 21-46 (Mayor Springer)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard,

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 21-51.

Moved by: | Eric Whitney

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

Item 10.2. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-52: Extending Ordinance 21-31 Testing And Quarantine Mandates And Exemptions (Mayor Springer)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

Ellen Hodges- Encouraged the Council to continue to mandate testing and quarantine.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 21-52.

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

Suspend the Rules to Hear from Dr. Ellen Hodges.

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

Item 10.3. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-53: 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 Springer)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

Liz Bates- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 21-53.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 21-53.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by:	Eric Whitney
In favor:	Perry Barr, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Eric Whitney

Opposed: | Beth Hessler
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 10.4. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-54: 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 Springer)

*Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard,
Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 21-54.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Report From BDO (City Manager Williams)

Sam Thompson, BDO Representative, presented the audit review.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing 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)

*Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard,
Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-50.

Moved by: | Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by: | Eric Whitney

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing 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)

*Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard,
Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.*

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

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.5. - *Resolution 21-20: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council Responding To The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Establishing Standards For In-Person Participation At City Meetings (Mayor Springer)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 21-20.

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

Motion to amend to strike PCR from Section 1, subsection2.

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

Motion to amend to insert under Section 6. to allow written public testimony.

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

Item 10.6. - AM 21-35: Approve The Sale Of Abandoned And Surplus Property In The Possession Of The Bethel Police Department By Sealed Bid (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve Action Memorandum 21-35.

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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Police Chief Simmons.

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

Motion to take a ten minute break.

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

Item 10.7. - *AM 21-36: Accept And Approve The FY 2022 State Of Alaska, Designated Legislative Grant, Approved By The 32nd Legislature For The Design Of The Yukon Kuskokwim Fitness Center Gym And Track In The Amount Of \$500,000 (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *AM 21-37: Direct Administration To Prepare And Submit An FY 2023 Public Transit (5311) Grant Application To Fund The Operation Of The Bethel Transit System With A Pledge Of \$85,000 In Local Cash Match From The City's FY 2023

Budget (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.9. - *AM 21-38: Appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Members.
Deshan Foret- Public Safety And Transportation Commission (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.10. - *IM 21-18: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services
Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2021 To October 31, 2021 – Utilities
Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Williams)

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 Springer- Keep your water fill clear. Knock the ice off your over-flow. Be careful on the river. Looking to make an ordinance on decorum in public testimony.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- Take time on Thursday to reflect on Veterans. Recommended visiting the memorial cemetery and thanking veterans that you might know. Thanked David Trantham for his service.

Council Member DeWitt- No comment.

Council Member Barr- Reflected on his recent visit to Normandy, France and the sacrifice by the soldiers who fought and died there. Thanked the Veterans for their service.

Council Member Henderson- Thanked the Public Works Department for keeping our roads and parking lots safe in the icy conditions. Please dress warm with the dropping temperatures. Also, please wear reflective clothing when walking along the road as it is

getting dark outside. Glad to be back in Chambers.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked Building maintenance for making council chambers safer to hold meetings. Started newly elected training. Special thank you to those who called in and wrote emails for people to be heard.

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- Report of Findings by Rachel Gernat (Mayor Springer)

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- Report of Findings by Rachel Gernat. Those attending this item will be the City Attorney, City Manager, City Council, and City Clerk.

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 this item will be City Attorney, City Manager, City Council, City Clerk, Deputy Finance Director Mason, and Human Resource Director Harris.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
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 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

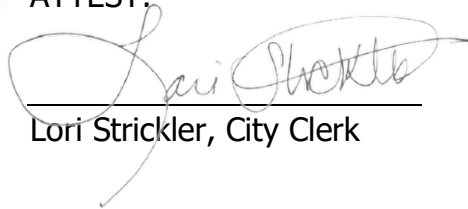
Main Motion: Adjournment.

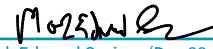
Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 10:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk

[Mark Edward Spriger \(Dec 22, 2021 14:20 AKST\)](#)

Mark Springer, Mayor

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Final Audit Report

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