

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Barr 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:
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Council Member Cece Franko City Council Member Alyssa Leary City Council Member Mark Springer City Council Member Michelle DeWitt Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson Mayor Perry Barr

Members Absent:

Council Member Fred Watson

Also in attendance were the following:

Acting City Manager Bill Howell, City Clerk Lori Strickler
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4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Eric Middlebrook- as a former Council Member, advised against the Council's hiring of a city attorney and would prefer they hire a firm.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Consent Agenda And Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *1-28-2020 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission-
No one available to provide a report.

Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson
The Commission will be reviewing the Code to discuss potential changes that may need to be made.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr-
The application period for the CAG program is open until February 29th. The next meeting for review of the application will be March 3rd. Expect to present the application funding request on March 24th.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt-
The Committee is requesting Administration look at engineering reports to address repairs as well as an evaluation of contract development to help prevent damage/harm in the future. Raised additional concerns of having an electrician look at the spa at the facility and the length of time it is taking to have that issue resolved. The Committee will be meeting with the Finance Committee to evaluate the Pool Facility Budget. The Committee has asked to follow up with the Administration to consider the concept of a phase two gym.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko-
Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Reviewed the current process for alcohol tax collection. Review of some City contracts.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary-
The Committee has not held a meeting since the last City Council Meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer-
A quorum of the body has not been established, a meeting has not been held.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Recognizing The City Of Bethel Employees Of The Year (Acting City Manager Howell)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 19-11(m): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2020 Budget- Recruitment Costs (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 19-11(m).

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *AM 20-03: Appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Members. Nita Gregory- Public Works Committee (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *AM 20-04: Authorizing The Acting City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Lease Amendment Number 15 With The State Of Alaska Department Of Administration, Department Of Law, Leasing Space At 200 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, To Increase The Lease Rate For The Space To Accommodate An Increase In Janitorial Services (Acting Manager Howell)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *IM 20-03: Presentation Of The City's Water And Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2019 To January 31, 2020 – Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (Acting City Manager Howell)

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 Barr-

Last weekend, took a ride with an elder to Kwethluk. During their ride, the elder used a Yupik term to describe the recent temperature fluctuations; "the weather is hunting people", where you get used to the warm temperature and then the temperature drops. As an LKSD employee, thanked the City of Bethel for their partnership in the application of a school resource officer. Thanked Bill Howell for his time as City Manager.

Vice-Mayor Hanson-
No comments.

Council Member Leary-

Thanked Joseph Conover, Water Treatment Plant Coordinator, who gave a really great tour of the water treatment plant.

Thanked Bill Howell for stepping up and filling the City Manager role well.

Council Member Franko-
No comments.

Council Member Springer-

Appreciated Eric Middlebrook's comments. Many of his comments were the sentiments of the Council which is why the Council considered the hiring of an attorney.

Encouraged people to dress warm and be prepared for trips prior to departure. Provided condolences to the families of those who died in the plane crash near Tuntutuliak. In Nunam Iqua, pleased with of the outcome of the search for the children.

Council Member DeWitt-

Pleased with the candidate interviews last night. There are a number of vacancies on our committees and commissions. Thanked staff for their support.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - AS 44.62.310 (C) (2) Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person - City Manager And City Attorney Review and Employment Agreement Development (Note, All City Manager and Attorney Candidates May be Discussed During the Executive Session) (Mayor Barr)

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session AS 44.62.310 (C) (2) Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person - City Manager And City Attorney Review and Employment Agreement Development. Those attending were City Council, City Manager, City Clerk and Sarah McKee GovHR Representative.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to direct the Administration and the City Clerk to negotiate employment agreements with Libby Bakalar and VInny Corazza as directed by the Council.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

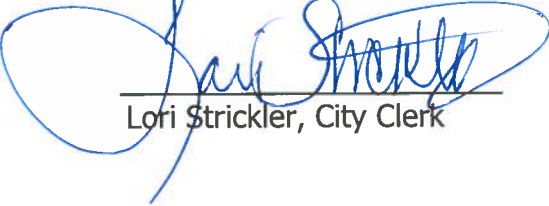
Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.



Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk