

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 14, 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 Rose Henderson City Council Member Eric Whitney Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick Council Member Michelle DeWitt Mayor Mark Springer City Council Member Beth Hessler (arrived after roll call 6:33 p.m)
Members Absent:
City Council Member Perry Barr
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

Dr. Elizabeth Bates- Spoke in favor of the City's emergency ordinances for the Mask Mandate and the Quarantine Mandate.

Council Member Hessler joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Eileen Arnold- In favor of Budget Ordinance 21-26(e) to support Bethel Friends of Canines.

Dr. Ellen Hodges- Spoke in favor of the City's emergency ordinances for Mask Mandate, Quarantine, and Testing. The Omicron Variant has been identified in Alaska.

Theresa Quiner- In favor of Budget Ordinance 21-26(e) to support Bethel Friends of Canines.

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke in opposition to the emergency ordinance for the Mask Mandate, and the exemptions for the payment of utilities during COVID. Discussed Bethel Heights water usage and the Police Department's reporting of incidents.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Remove from Consent Agenda- 10.6 *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-56- Council Member Henderson.

Remove from Consent Agenda- 10.14 *AM 21-42- Council Member Henderson.

Remove from Consent Agenda- 10.10 *Resolution 21-22- Council Member DeWitt

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *11-9-2021 Regular City Council Meeting

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- The Commission accepted the resignation of one of the members.

Planning Commission, Council Member Henderson- Next meeting is on the 16th.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board- No one to provide a report.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- The committee is looking at ways to stay budget neutral. The committee discussed possible reductions in operations/expenses and increased revenues.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- A meeting was held but the item on the agenda was not discussed as the person presenting wasn't available to provide a report.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- No quorum at last meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- Discussed surveys related to public safety that will be distributed to the community. Reviewed the report on the Police Department regarding Sexual Assault cases.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-57: 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, 21-51 (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 21-57.

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

Item 10.2. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-58: Extending Ordinance 21-31 Testing And Quarantine Mandates And Exemptions (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 21-58.

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

Item 10.3. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-59: 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.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 21-59.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Conrad McCormick

Motion to table.

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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Dr. Hodges.

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

This item was removed from the table during the Mayor's Report and was postponed to a special meeting or the next regular meeting, whichever may come first.

Item 10.4. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 21-60: 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 21-60.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by:	Eric Whitney

Motion to table.

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

This item was removed from the table during the Mayor's Report and was postponed to a special meeting or the next regular meeting, whichever may come first.

Item 10.5. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-55: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.60 Composition Of Committees, Commissions, And Ad Hoc Committees (Council Member Hessler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-56: Dedicating 20% Of The Revenue Generated From Marijuana Tax To The Health, Public Safety And Social Service Uses (Council Member Barr)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 21-56.

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

Item 10.7. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-61: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.04 To Expand Opportunities For Public Comment (Council Member Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(e): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2022 Budget- Administration-Community Services-Planning Department -Municipal Dock (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.9. - *Resolution 21-21: Authorizing The Application For And Execution Of Two State Revolving Fund Loans (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.10. - *Resolution 21-22: Supporting The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program's Tundra Ridge Road Improvement Project (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 21-22.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson

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

Item 10.11. - AM 21-39: Authorize And Direct City Administration To Issue One Check To Gladys Jung Elementary School In The Amount Of \$10,602 As The Year 4, Quarter 4 Community Action Grant Awardee Based On The Recommendation Of The Community Action Grant Committee (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-39.

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

Item 10.12. - AM 21-40: Approving The Regular City Council Meeting Dates For 2022 (Mayor Springer)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-40.

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

Item 10.13. - *AM 21-41: Re-Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.14. - *AM 21-42: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Construction Contract With The One Company That Responded To The City's Request For Proposals For The Rehabilitation Of The City's Bus Barn Building (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-42.

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

Item 10.15. - *AM 21-43: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With The Company That Received The Highest Score From The Review Team For The Purchase Of One Industrial Shredder (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.16. - City Administrative Review Of Alaskabuds, LLC Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #18735 Located At 660 3rd Ave, Suite B (City Manager Williams)
Council reviewed this item of business

Item 10.17. - City Administrative Review Of Marina Inc. Doing Business As Fili's Pizza Liquor License Renewal Application #5445, Located At 110 Osage Street (City Manager Williams)
Council reviewed this item of business

Item 10.18. - *IM 21-19: City Administration Intends To Use \$1.5 Million In Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds To Hire A Contractor To Construct An EPA-Approved Building For The Safe Storage Of Chemicals Used In City Water Treatment Plants (City Manager Williams)
Passed on the consent agenda.

11. REPORTS

Item 11.1. - Mayor's Report

Motion to postpone Ordinance 21-59 and Ordinance 21-60 to a special meeting or the next regular meeting, whichever may come first.

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

Item 11.2. - City Manager's Report

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Springer- ONC is holding a meeting on December 28th to discuss a proposal they are submitting to NOAA for marine debris removal in Steamboat Slough. Be mindful of our winter weather. It is changing fast.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- Thanked all of the residents that reached out to him with their

concerns; encouraged people to reach out to him. This is the best and happiest time of year for many people, but it is also a tough time for others; please be there for those people.

Council Member DeWitt- Congratulated Mayor Springer on his election to be Vice-President of the Alaska Municipal League (AML.)

Council Member Henderson- Agrees with wearing masks but is looking for closure with COVID-19. Wished everyone Happy Holidays. Be safe on the river with the changing weather

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Would be interested in hearing from the members of council concerning the continuation of marijuana and alcohol licenses in our community. Enjoyed the experience of the AML Conference. Congratulated Mayor Springer for being elected to the position of Vice President of AML

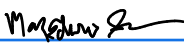
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.


Mark Edward Springer (Jan 25, 2022 14:26 AKST)

Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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