

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 11, 2022 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 (telephonically) Mayor Mark Springer Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) City Council Member Rose Henderson Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick (telephonically) City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Beth Hessler (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

Patrick Snow- Presented opposition to the City's Vaccination Policy for city employees.

Jonathan Landgren-Presented opposition to the City's Vaccination Policy for city employees.

Dr. Elizabeth Bates, Director of Infection Control at YKHC-Spoke in opposition to AM 22-02.

Henry Peter- Presented opposition to the City's Vaccination Policy for city employees.

Connie Peter-Presented opposition to the City's Vaccination Policy for city employees.

Dr. Ellen Hodges, Chief of Staff at the YKHC-Spoke in opposition to AM 22-02.

Alyssa Leary-Spoke in favor of Ordinance 21-26(e) and the funding for the Bethel

Friends of Canines. Spoke in opposition to AM 22-02.

Item 4.1. - WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ron Bowerman- Presented opposition to the City's Vaccination Policy for city employees.

Fred Broerman- Presented opposition to the City's Vaccination Policy for city employees.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Regular and Consent Agenda.

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

Remove from Consent Agenda-Introduction Of Ordinance 21-55- Council Member Henderson

Remove from Consent Agenda -IM 22-02- Council Member DeWitt

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *12-14-2021 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *12-20-2021 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- A meeting was not held.

Planning Commission, Council Member Henderson- Nothing to report at this time.

Suspend the Rules to return to People to be Heard for Written Public Comment.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
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

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- Application Period is now open.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- A special meeting will be held on Monday.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- December meeting was cancelled.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- Two seats are open, please apply.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- Discussed surveys for community feedback, progress reports to be made on the Garnet Report, the Transportation inspector report, and will schedule an annual special meeting to discuss transportation in Bethel.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-55: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.60 Composition Of Committees, Commissions, And Ad Hoc Committees (Council Member Hessler)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-55.

Moved by: | Beth Hessler
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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-61: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.04 To Expand Opportunities For Public Comment (Council Member Henderson)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-61.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

Theresa Quiner, Board Member of Bethel Friends of Canines- Supported the adoption of Ordinance 21-26 (e).

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

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

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-01: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 3.08 To Provide For Council Review Of Certain Personnel Policies Affecting Employment (Council Member Hessler)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 22-01.

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

Item 10.2. - *AM 22-01: Appointment And Re-appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - AM 22-02: Direct City Administration To Repeal Personnel Policy #51-20, Covid-19 Vaccination Policy For The City Of Bethel, Effective September 13, 2021, And Reinstate Personnel Policy #51-19, COVID-19 Vaccination Policy With Testing Exemptions, Effective August 13, 2021 (Council Member Hessler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-02.

Moved by: | Beth Hessler
Seconded by: | None

Action Memorandum is not adopted due to a lack of a second.

Item 10.4. - *IM 22-01: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2021 To November 30, 2021 – Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report. (City Manager Williams)
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *IM 22-02: Review Of Year-To-Date Financial Statements And Determination Of Future Necessary Action (Council Member Dewitt)
Suspend the rules to hear from the Deputy Finance Director, Xavier Mason.

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

Item 10.6. - *IM 22-03: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2021 To December 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- Provided condolences to the family and friends of Tootsie Guinn. Congratulated Anny Cochrane for being hired for the HR Director Position. Spoke about the need to prevent sexual assault in the community.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- Spoke about the need to respect victims of sexual assault. Grateful for our health care workers. Asked the public to avoid large gatherings during this pandemic.

Council Member DeWitt- No comment.

Council Member Barr- Search and Rescue is trying to mitigate their response by reaching out to the public and keeping them informed. Please don't drink and drive.

Council Member Henderson- No comment.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked everyone for having discussions on things the community cares about.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.


Mark Edward Springer (Feb 4, 2022 10:31 AKST)

Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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Final Audit Report

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