

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 25, 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 Beth Hessler City Council Member Rose Henderson Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick (telephonically) Mayor Mark Springer City Council Member Perry Barr Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) City Council Member Eric Whitney (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 – Five minutes per person

Council Member Whitney joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Bill Howell- Addressed the accuracy of COVID tests.

Mandaree Sorg- Spoke against mask mandates.

Dr. Elizabeth Bates- Spoke to continue mask mitigation.

Eric Jung- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Peter Crow- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Dolly Boney- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.
Spoke about an increase in vandalism in the community.

Ana Hoffman- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Pamela Conrad- Spoke to continue mask mitigation.

Martin Smith- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Zachariah Pleasant- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Aiden Kuhne- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Melanie Fredricks- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Regina Lieb- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Patrick Snow- Would like to know current data about COVID-19.

Tania Ericson Grant- Spoke to continue mask mitigation for sports.

Jeannie Smith- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Ryan Wheeler- Spoke in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Steven Boney- Spoke against mask mandates.

Susan Herron- in favor of mask mandate exemption for sports activities.

Item 4.1.

Written Comments were submitted to the Council and posted on the website from:

Francesca Sosa- Wrote in favor of mask exemptions for student athletes while playing.

Marybeth Whalen- Wrote to continue mask mitigation for sports.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by: Rose Henderson

Seconded by: Perry Barr

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

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Remove from Consent Agenda: Ordinance 22-02, and Resolution 22-02- Council Member Hessler

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *1-11-2022 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 regular meeting was not held and a special meeting was called, but there was no quorum.

Planning Commission, Council Member Henderson- Discussed Kasayuli Subdivision Zoning.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- Deadline for the next grant period is February 28th. Please apply.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Held a special meeting due to lack of quorum at the regular meeting. Discussed YK Fitness Center Feasibility Study.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- Discussed electronic utility billing and sales tax filing penalties.

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

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- Released a survey to the public. Will discuss taxi cabs at the next meeting.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 22-03: Amending Prior

Emergency 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 To Add In An Exemption For School Sponsored Team Sport Activities (Council Member Hessler)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

Dr. Ellen Hodges-Spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 22-03.

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

Motion to amend to strike under Exemptions: "Persons participating in school sponsored team sport activities when the youth athlete is actively engaged in that activity" and insert:

"Exemption Active Cases in Bethel in the Past 7 Days

Persons actively participating in school sponsored varsity level games and matches during gameplay.

Persons coaching and refereeing school sponsored varsity level games during gameplay and matches when necessary. <50

Prior Exemption Plus

Persons actively participating in school sponsored junior varsity games and matches during gameplay.

Persons coaching and refereeing school sponsored junior varsity games and matches during gameplay when necessary. <40"

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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from YKHC and LKSD. Kimberly Hankins, Edward Pekar from LKSD. Dr. Ellen Hodges and Dr. Liz Bates from YKHC.

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

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Motion to amend to strike under Exemptions: "Persons participating in school sponsored team sport activities when the youth athlete is actively engaged in that activity" and insert new language: "Persons participating in school sponsored team sport activities when actively participating or officiating in matches or games."

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

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-02: Amending BMC 10.03.040 Governing The Operation Of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVS) On Public Roadways Within The City Of Bethel (Council Member Henderson)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 22-02.

Moved by: | Beth Hessler
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

Motion to refer to the Public Safety and Transportation Commission.

Moved by: | Beth Hessler
Seconded by: | None

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

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-04: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.60.060 To Expand Opportunities For Public Comment And Participation To Committees, Commissions, And Ad Hoc Committees (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(f): Amending The City Of Bethel

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget- (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *Resolution 22-02: Responding To The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency And Updating Standards For Public Participation For The City's Public Meetings (Mayor Springer)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 22-02.

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

Item 10.6. - *AM 22-03: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Springer)

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- Hopes for snow for the dog race. Thanks to the road crew for keeping the roads safe. Wear your mask; get vaccinated.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- Thanked all who came and spoke at people to be heard. Gave condolences to the family and friends of Gabriel Kylook.

Council Member DeWitt- No comment.

Council Member Barr- The river is smooth from the recent weather. Enjoy the outdoors. Listen to the BSAR reports for ice conditions.

Council Member Henderson- No comment.

Council Member Whitney- No comment

Council Member Hessler- Thanked all those who came and spoke at people to be heard.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.C(2)- Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion- City Manager Annual Evaluation (City Manager Williams)
Main Motion: Postpone until the next regular meeting.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment

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

Meeting ended at 10:12 p.m.


Mark Edward Springer (Feb 22, 2022 14:14 AKST)

Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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