

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.
Mayor Springer called the meeting to order at 6:34 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) <i>arrived after roll call, 6:40 p.m.</i> Mayor Mark Springer Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) City Council Member Rose Henderson (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick (telephonically) City Council Member Eric Whitney (telephonically) City Council Member Beth Hessler (telephonically)
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Peter Williams (telephonically) , City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Jonathan Landgren, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition of the mask and vaccine mandate.

Ivy Riley, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition of the mask requirement during youth sporting events.

Council Member Barr arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Rick Robb, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-02 banning of ATV's on state-owned roads.

Dolly Boney, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-06, the mask mandate.

Frits Charles, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-02 banning of ATV's on state-owned roads. Spoke in opposition to the mask mandate.

Steven Boney, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-06 the mask mandate. Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-02, banning ATV's on state-owned roads.

Patrick Snow, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to all three COVID Emergency mandates.

Dr. Ellen Hodges, Bethel Alaska- Supports the adoption of Ordinance 22-06 the mask mandate.

Carmen Muratt-Bethel, Alaska- Spoke in opposition to the mask requirement during youth sporting events.

Ana Hoffman-Bethel, Alaska- Spoke in opposition to all three COVID emergency mandates.

Spike Milligrock, Anchorage, Alaska- Program manager for the American Red Cross, provided an explanation of the opportunities provided by the American Red Cross.

Greg Sschiedler, Bethel Alaska -Presented council with complaints and suggested improvements to the utility operations.

Aidan Kuhne, Bethel Alaska-Spoke in opposition to all three COVID Emergency mandates.

Lorin Bradbury, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-02 ATV use on state highways. Spoke in opposition to all three COVID emergency mandates.

Pam Conrad, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-02 ATV use on state highways. Spoke in favor of Ordinance 22-06 mask mandate.

Andrew Shaell, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-06 mask mandate.

Denice Chaney, Bethel Alaska- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-06 mask mandate.

Item 4.1.

No written public comments were submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Beth Hessler
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. - *1-20-2022 Special City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *1-25-2022 Regular City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- No meeting since last meeting.

Planning Commission, Council Member Henderson- No meeting since last meeting.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- Application period is now open. The deadline is February 28th.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- No meeting since last meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- No meeting since last meeting.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- Nothing to report.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- Reviewed a survey about the Police Department. Planning on having more reports from the Transportation Inspector and discussions about taxi cabs.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing 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)
Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-02.

Moved by: Rose Henderson
Seconded by: Perry Barr

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

Moved by: Rose Henderson
Seconded by: Beth Hessler
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, to include consideration of ATV on the roadways with other legal vehicles.

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 9.2. - Public Hearing 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)
Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-04.

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 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(f): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2022 Budget- (City Manager Williams)

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 (f).

Moved by:	Perry Barr
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

Motion for a ten minutes break.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
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. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 22-05: 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, 21-62 (Mayor Springer)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

Ryan Wheeler-Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-05.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 22-05.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
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 22-06: 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 22-06.

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

Motion to amend to add to the exemption list:

- 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.
- when the number of new Bethel cases in the past 7 days ≤ 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.
- when the number of new Bethel cases in the past 7 days is ≤ 40

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

Item 10.3. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 22-07: 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 22-07.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson

Removed from the table at 10:26 p.m.

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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Assistant Finance Director.

Moved by: | Perry Barr
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 table.

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

Item 10.4. - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 22-08: Extending Travel To Bethel Testing And Strict Social Distancing 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 22-08.

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

Motion to remove from the Table Emergency Ordinance 22-07.

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

Item 10.5. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 21-26 (g): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2022 Budget (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *AM 22-04: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *AM 22-05: E-911 Managed Services Agreement (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *IM 22-04: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2021 To January 31, 2022 – 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- Proud of the organizations that helped to mitigate pandemic in our community. Encouraged people to stay safe in the cold.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- Thanked the members of the public for their participation in the meeting this evening. Thanked the council members for the cordial debate. Encouraged the public to take part in Black History Month.

Council Member DeWitt- No comment.

Council Member Barr- Be sure to take safety measures when traveling in the cold.

Council Member Henderson- Wanted people in our community to have a choice to wear a mask and a choice to get tested. Thanked the mayor for the invitation to meet with the Governor. Encouraged everyone to stay safe in the cold weather.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Appreciates the way the Council has shown true care for the community throughout the pandemic. Thanked the council for the friendly debate.

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)
Motion to postpone.

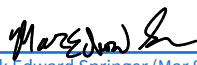
Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Eric Whitney
In favor:	Perry Barr, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

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 10:52 p.m.


Mark Edward Springer (Mar 8, 2022 09:14 AKST)

Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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Final Audit Report

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