

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 8, 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) City Council Member Rose Henderson (telephonically) City Council Member Eric Whitney (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick (telephonically) City Council Member Beth Hessler (telephonically) <i>arrived after roll call 6:36 p.m.</i> Mayor Mark Springer Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) <i>arrived after roll call 7:05 p.m.</i>
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Peter Williams, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

No one present to be heard.

Item 4.1.

No written testimony submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *2-22-2022 Regular City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning Commission, Council Member Henderson- The meeting was rescheduled to March 15th.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Barr- Provided a summary of the grant program and deadlines.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Mayor Springer spoke on behalf of Council Member DeWitt- Discussing the next steps of gym expansion feasibility and the expansion of recreational services through contracted services.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- A meeting was held but was unable to attend.

Council Member Hessler arrived at the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- A special meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- Discussion of soil samples, code enforcement employee, election of chair and vice-chair, and declaration of vacancy.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- Reviewed the results of the survey provided to the public. The commission reviewed the ATV ordinance 22-02 and they recommended to remove Akakeek from the restrictions and to postpone the ordinance to collect more data.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - City of Bethel Proclamation-Brain Injury Awareness Month (Vice-Mayor McCormick)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(h): 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(h).

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *IM 22-05: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2021 To February 28, 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- Happy Birthday to his daughter Theresa. Returned the thanks given to the Council by YKHC for their efforts against COVID-19. Encouraged the people in the community to be safe and wear PFD's when they are using snowmachines around water.

Council Member DeWitt arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- Happy International Women's Day. Also recognized and brought awareness to March 12th, Ashley Johnson-Barr Day. Requested everyone wear the color purple and encouraged the public to find ways to decrease sexual assault and violence against women and children.

Council Member DeWitt- No comment.

Council Member Barr- The ice road is open to Akiak but that doesn't mean dangerous conditions do not exist. We are living in a time that is hard to fathom with the situation that we are facing with Russia invading Ukraine. Provided heartfelt support to those in the Ukraine.

Council Member Henderson- Thanked everyone that continues to wear their masks.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- No comment.

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 Attorney Annual Evaluation (Mayor Springer)

City Attorney Bakalar requested a public discussion.

Motion to provide an annual increase in accordance with the employment agreement at a rate of 3%.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
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

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

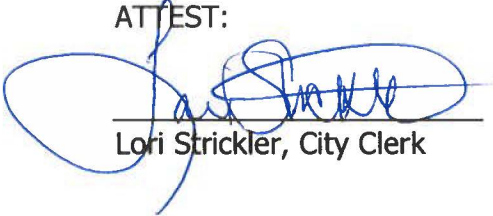
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.



Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk