

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Springer called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
Mayor Mark Springer Council Member Michelle DeWitt City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Eric Whitney Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick City Council Member Beth Hessler (telephonically) <i>arrived after roll call 6:38 p.m.</i> City Council Member Perry Barr <i>arrived after roll call 7:50 p.m.</i>
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Peter Williams, Deputy City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Reyne Athanas- Bethel Alaska- Thanked City Manager Williams and Public Works Director Arnold for supporting the Dumpster Art Program and re-capped the history of the Adopt a Dumpster Art Project.

Les Gara- Anchorage Alaska- Discussed his platform and mentioned that he will be visiting Bethel for his campaign for Governor.

Teresa Quiner- Bethel Alaska- Thanked the City for budgeting funds for Bethel Friends of Canines to contract the pound; it will help the rescue, the Police Department, and animal control issues in the City.

Council Member Hessler joined the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No written testimony was submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda.

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

Removal from Consent Agenda- Council Member Henderson- Item 10.5, IM 22-10.

Removal from Consent Agenda- Council Member McCormick- Item 10.4, IM 22-09.

Removal from Consent Agenda- Council Member DeWitt- Item 10.6, IM 22-11.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - May 17, 2022 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - May 24, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - May 26, 2022 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
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- Met with representatives from GCI and approved a Conditional Use Permit for a 95 ft. tower. A re-zoning of a property was also approved.

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

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Welcomed new committee member, Jessica Pew, and new recorder, Jeremy Brink. Discussed playground equipment from the Kids Vote program, Pinky's Park board walk repair, and plans for the 4th of July.

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

are currently two seats open.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- Will meet tomorrow. There are vacancies if you are interested in applying.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- Discussed the resolution for the Criminal Justice Task Force. The Transportation Inspector did a presentation on the new cab permits. Discussed the Comprehensive Plan and trails. Discussed Cab complaints regarding smoking.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Proclaiming June Alzheimer's Disease And Brain Awareness Month (Vice-Mayor McCormick)

Item 8.2. - Bethel Comprehensive Plan 2045 Update (City Manager Williams)

Kate Silber, the Land Use Planner from DOWL, presented the Bethel Comprehensive Plan Update.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-45: Authorizing The Disposal Of Property To Orutsararmiut Native Council Through Transfer Pursuant To BMC 4.08.030 (F) Disposal To Native Tribal Council Under Fee Simple Ownership (Mayor Springer)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 21-45 was made by Rose Henderson and seconded by Conrad McCormick at the April 12, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

In favor:	Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler
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Opposed:	None
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Results:	Motion Carries
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Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-14: Authorizing The Disposal Of Property Through Land Lease Agreement Pursuant To BMC 4.08.030 (B), Property Owned By The City Leased To The State Of Alaska, Department Of Transportation & Public Facilities For Department Of Fish And Game (City Manager Williams)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-14.

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 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-15: Authorizing The Disposal Of Property Through Lease Agreement For Office Space Pursuant To BMC 4.08.030 (B) Property Owned By The City To The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation & Public Facilities, Department Of Law (City Manager Williams)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-15.

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

Item 9.4. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-16: Authorizing The Disposal Of Property Through Lease Agreement For Office Space Pursuant To BMC 4.08.030 (B), Property Owned By The City To The State Of Alaska, Division Of Motor Vehicles (City Manager Williams)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-16.

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

Results: | Motion Carries

Item 9.5. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-20: Property Acquisition And Lease Termination Ben Kuntz and Sarah Angstman Lot 6A2, Block 1(City Manager Williams)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-20.

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

Item 9.6. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-21: Property Acquisition Deed Transfer Bethel Conference Of Churches 105 Ptarmigan (City Manager Williams)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-21.

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 9.7. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-22: Adopting The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating 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 Ordinance 22-22.

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

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Main Motion: Suspend the Rules to hear from the Finance Director, and Assistance Finance Director

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

Motion to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget as amended, line item 100-51-6335 to insert \$30,000 bringing the total appropriates for Administration to \$884,132.

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

Mayor Springer called for a 5 minute break at 7:36 p.m.

Item 9.8. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-23: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 4.16.160 Sales Tax Exemptions And Limitations, Subsection Y, Transportation (City Manager Williams)

No action was taken on this item and will be on the next regular agenda as unfinished business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Resolution 22-06: Authorizing The Application For And Execution Of A State Revolving Fund Loan To Retire The City's USDA-RD Sewer Lagoon Jetty Project Loan (City Manager Williams)

The meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

This item of business passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *AM 22-17: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract Between The City Of Bethel And Wilson Albers For The Provision Of Benefits

Management And/Or Human Resources Services Over The Three-Year Period Ending May 24, 2025 (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *AM 22-18: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement And A Lease Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And The University Of Alaska Fairbanks For The Provision And Management Of UAF Cooperative Extension 4-H Programs To Meet The Needs Of The Community (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *IM 22-09: Bethel Fire Department And Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation Develop MOA For Ambulance Transportation (City Manager Williams)

Vice-Mayor McCormick withdrew his request to pull this item from the consent agenda. No discussion took place.

Item 10.5. - *IM 22-10: Presentation of the City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared to Budget from July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 - Utilities Maintenance - Water & Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director.

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

Item 10.6. - *IM 22-11: City Manager Determination That A Public Health Emergency Exists Relative To The City's Ability To Fill Three Water Treatment Operator Level 1 Positions, One Or More Of Which Is Required To Operate The City Subdivision Water Treatment Plant (City Manager Williams)

The Council reviewed this item.

11. REPORTS

Item 11.1. - Mayor's Report

Council Member Barr arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Item 11.2. - City Manager's Report

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Springer- Be careful with fire this summer. Please help with the situation in St. Mary's if you can. Every little bit that can be done is helpful. Be careful on the river.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- Expressed gratitude to those who are helping and donating to the affected communities from the wildfire.

Council Member DeWitt- Thanked YK fitness for helping obtain free-access to those who had to relocate to Bethel from the wildfire.

Council Member Barr- No comment.

Council Member Henderson- Please read the advertisements on what is allowed and not allowed for those who drive 4-wheelers.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- No comment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

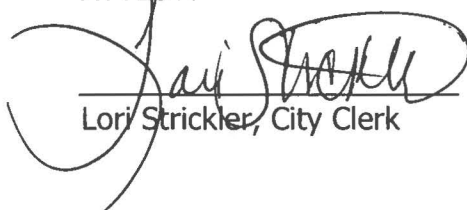
Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 8:24 p.m.



Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk