

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 23, 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 Michelle DeWitt (telephonically)
City Council Member Rose Henderson
City Council Member Beth Hessler (telephonically)
City Council Member Eric Whitney
Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick
Mayor Mark Springer
City Council Member Perry Barr (arrived after roll call, 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

Carole Jung- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 22-31.

Council Member Barr arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Jared Karr- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-31.

Henry Batchelor- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-31, unless there are clear guidelines for the amnesty and only have the amnesty program apply to penalties.

John Sargent- As an individual being audited by the City of Bethel, went through the details of the audit which was performed on his wife's COVID-19 mask making on behalf of the City.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No written comments were submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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

Remove from Consent Agenda- Item 10.3 Introduction of Ordinance 22-31- Council Member Henderson.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *8-9-2022 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- A visit from the Army Corps of Engineers was discussed.

Planning Commission, No one was present to provide a report.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- The application period for the Community Action Grant will close August 30th.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- A discussion was had on taxes and audits.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor McCormick- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 21-26(m): Amending The 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(m).

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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Duane Wright and Assistant Finance Director Xavier Mason.

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-26: Submitting To The Qualified Voters Of The City Of Bethel, On October 4, 2022, A Ballot Proposition Initiated Through Alcohol Local Option Petition (Mayor Springer)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-26.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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 Ordinance 22-27: Amending The Official Land Use Map Of Bethel By Adopting A General Use Zoning Designation To Land Owned By Jeannine Faulkner Consisting Of A 2.32-Acre Property Located At 2000 Bia Road; Tract A, Plat 83-42BS; Section 11, Township 8N, Range 72W, Seward Meridian, In The Bethel Recording District (Planning Commission)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-27.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-29: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Section 3.08.020, Personnel, General Provisions, Scope Of Coverage And Amendment To Rules (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-30: Amending The Official Land Use Map Of Bethel By Adopting A General Use Zoning Designation To Land Owned By Mersin Pellumbi Consisting Of A .46-Acre Property Located At 115 Hoffman Road, Lot 4, Block 1, Plat 80-14, Section 18, Township 8 North, Range 71 West, Seward Meridian (Planning Commission)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-31: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.16.290, Forgiveness Of Uncollected Taxes, Penalties, And Interest (Council Member Hessler)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 22-31.

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

Motion to suspend the rules to allow the Finance Director to speak.

Moved by:	Beth Hessler
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

Postpone the introduction of the Ordinance until September 27th.

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

Council took a ten minute break at 8:28 p.m.

Item 10.4. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 22-22(b): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (Community Parks And Recreation Committee)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *AM 22-22: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *AM 22-23: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract To Perform A Hydrographic Survey On The Kuskokwim River And Small Boat Harbor With The Company That Received The Highest Total Score On Their Proposal (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *IM 22-16: Certifications And Assurances By The Chief Executive Of The Applicant Government Form, And (2) City Of Bethel's FY 2022 Justice Assistance Grant Application And Relevant Supporting Documents (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *IM 22-17: Limited Legal Services For Outside Counsel To Assist With Sales Tax Collection (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

Council Member Hessler departed the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Springer- Condolences to the Engebretsen family for their loss. Thankful that the transfer of the land to ONC is near complete. Encouraged residents to run for city council.

Vice-Mayor McCormick- No comment.

Council Member Barr- On August 27th Bethel Search and Rescue will be holding a fundraiser. Addressed comments made during people to be heard related to the mask making business audit, and apologized to the resident. The City of Bethel has over 30 million in savings, which should be used towards services.

Council Member Henderson- Thanked the city employees for their work on the recent fire. Clarified a social media post explaining that the City Council does not get paid \$150,000 to be on the City Council and that it is a volunteer position. Wished the hunters luck and asked them to be safe this hunting season.

Council Member Whitney- Spoke about recent burglaries in the community; encouraged people to lock their doors. Encouraged people to pay their city taxes.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(1) Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity; And (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Litigation, Dan Hackney And Dawn Hackney, Plaintiffs, Vs. City Of Bethel And Ted Meyer, City Planner, Case No. 4BE-21-00251CI (Mayor Springer)

Motion to Move into Executive Session- In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(1) Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity; And (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Litigation, Dan Hackney And

Dawn Hackney, Plaintiffs, Vs. City Of Bethel And Ted Meyer, City Planner, Case No. 4BE-21-00251CI.

Those attending this item of business will be the City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, and City Manager.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

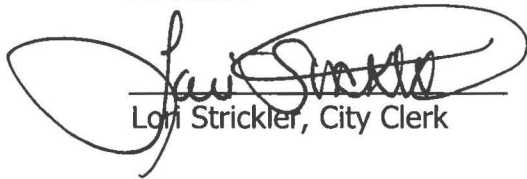
Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Eric Whitney
In favor:	Perry Barr, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Eric Whitney,
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.



Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk