

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 13, 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 Rose Henderson (arrived after roll call 6:44 p.m., telephonically)
City Council Member Perry Barr (telephonically)
City Council Member Eric Whitney
City Council Member Beth Hessler
Mayor Mark Springer
Members Absent:
Council Member Michelle DeWitt
Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick
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

John Sargent-Outlined fees associated with the audits performed by the finance department and provided suggested code amendments.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments.

No Written Comments were submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *8-23-2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Planning Commission- No one available to provide a report.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- A meeting is set for tomorrow to review the applications received.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee- No one available to provide a report.

Finance Committee, Council Member Whitney- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission- No one available to provide a report.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Introduction Of Ordinance 22-28: Adopting Fees And Rates For The YK Fitness Center And Establishing A "Pay What You Can" Policy (Council Member Barr)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 22-28.

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

Council member Henderson arrived at 6:44 p.m.

Motion to amend the proposed ordinance to reflect the changes proposed by the Community Parks and Recreation Committee.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
Seconded by:	Beth Hessler

In favor:	Perry Barr, Mark Springer, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Rose Henderson
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing 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)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-29.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing 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)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-30.

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

Item 9.4. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 22-22(b): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (Community Parks And Recreation Committee)

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

Motion to postpone.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-32: Amending Chapter 3.12, Administration And Maintenance Of The Classification Plans, Establishing A Pay Grade, Job Titles, And Compensation Plan For Non-Unionized City Employees (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-33: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 3.60, Leave, By Repealing Annual Leave And Sick Leave And Adopting Paid Time Off (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 22-22(c): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Resolution 22-10: Supporting The Bethel Taxiway, Apron, Fencing Improvements, And Service Road Project (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *AM 22-24: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *AM 22-25: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Torcsill So That They Can Cut Steel Plates, Install Helicals, And Weld The Plates To The Helicals To Form The Bases For The Boardwalk Light Poles To Be Attached (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - AM 22-26: Confirming The City Manager's Hiring Of Leonard "Peter"

Hicks As Chief Of Police (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-26.

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

Council Member Barr experienced intermittent connectivity at 7:10 p.m. and did not vote on this item.

Item 10.8. - *IM 22-18: The City Of Bethel Signed The Last One-Year Extension Permitted By The Original Contract With Delta Western For The City's Purchase Of Bulk Fuel (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.9. - *IM 22-19: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2022 To August 30, 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- Provided condolences to the families of the recent tragedies on the river.

Council Member Barr- Thanked the community for supporting Search and Rescue during the two search efforts. Stated interest in seeing future legislative changes to the tax code.

Council Member Barr experienced intermittent connectivity and was disconnected.

Council Member Henderson- Looking forward to having the boardwalk light project

completed. Received mixed emotions about our tax collecting; reminded the public of the good tax collections will bring to our community.

Council Member Whitney- Happy to hear of Mary Peltola's election to the House of Representatives; enjoyed working with her on council.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked Bethel Search and Rescue for their efforts, and provided condolences to the families.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

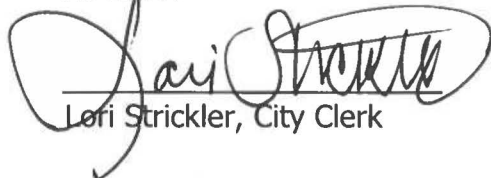
Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Eric Whitney
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.



Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk