

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 11, 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 Eric Whitney (telephonically) City Council Member Beth Hessler Mayor Mark Springer Council Member Rose Henderson Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick Council Member Perry Barr (telephonically) Council Member Michelle DeWitt
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

Fred Broerman, Bethel- Detailed a dog attack and the handling of the dog by the City and Bethel Friends of Canines(BFK9). Suggested an ordinance to mirror the state code for euthanasia, better communication between the city and dog bite victims, and to improve the procedure of aggressive dogs between BFK9 and the city.

Sam Santistevan, Bethel- Gave an update on 4-H programs and mentioned their ability to host in-person programing again.



Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments can be submitted by opening your phone camera and hovering over this URL code. The link to the submission form will appear. You may also go to www.cityofbethel.org.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve 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

Remove from the Consent Agenda, IM 22-20- Council Member Hessler

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *9-27-2022 Regular City Council Meeting

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

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- The application period for the fourth quarter deadline is November 11th.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Reviewed the request for proposal that went out for the YK Fitness Center Operations and Maintenance program. The committee reviewed: community trails; the pay-what-you-can policy adopted by the council; and City Employee Fitness Center memberships.

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

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- The Commission was introduced to Chief Hicks, and discussed: permitting for taxi cabs; inpoundment

of vehicles; and tow charges.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Review Canvass Board Certificate Of Election, October 4, 2022- Not Available Until After The Canvass Board October 6, 2022 (Mayor Springer)

Item 8.2. - Resolution 21-11: Certifying The Results Of The October 4, 2022 Regular City Election- Not Available Until After The Canvass Board October 6, 2022- (Mayor Springer)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 21-11.

Moved by:	Beth Hessler
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 8.3. - Oath Administered To Newly Elected Council Members (Mayor Springer)
Michelle DeWitt, Perry Barr, Rose Henderson, and CJ McCormick stepped down from office.
Rose Henderson, Sophie Swope, Patrick Snow, and Henry Batchelor were sworn into office.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.
Xavier Mason, provided suggested amendments.
Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-32.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Henry Batchelor

In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor,
Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Amend to strike Assistant Finance Director and insert Deputy Finance Director.

Moved by: Rose Henderson
Seconded by: Beth Hessler
In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor,
Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

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

Moved by: Rose Henderson
Seconded by: Beth Hessler
In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor,
Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Motion to amend to change the pay class for the Deputy Finance Director to M2 and the Finance Director to an M3.

Moved by: Beth Hessler
Seconded by: Henry Batchelor
In favor: None
Opposed: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor,
Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Results: Motion Fails

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-34: Establishing A Short-Term Amnesty Program Requiring Compliance With The Sales Tax And Business Licensing Codes For The Payment Of Delinquent Taxes And Allowing The Forgiveness Of Fees, Penalties And Interest To Incentivize Voluntary Compliance (Council Member Hessler)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-34.

Moved by: Beth Hessler
Seconded by: Patrick Snow
In favor: Mark Springer, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow
Opposed: Rose Henderson, Henry Batchelor, Sophie Swope
Results: Motion Carries

Suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Duane Wright.

Moved by:	Beth Hessler
Seconded by:	Sophie Swope
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Council Member Whitney departed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Springer calls for a 10 minute break at 8:11 p.m.

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 22-22(d): Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 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(d).

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Henry Batchelor
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-35: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Section 2.05.150, Conflicts Of Interest (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - AM 22-27: Direct City Administration To Issue Checks Totaling \$85,430 To Year 5, Quarter 3 Community Action Grant (CAG) Awardees Based On The Recommendation Of The Community Action Grant Committee (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-27.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Henry Batchelor
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.3. - *AM 22-28: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With The Lowest Qualifying Bidder On The Bethel Floodwater Detention Basin Construction Project (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *IM 22-20: City Manager To Act According To BMC 4.20.150 Waiver Of Formal Bidding Procedures And Waive Formal Bidding Procedures For Purchases Associated With Hiring Hauled-Utility Drivers For Water And Sewer, Because It Is In The Best Interest Of The City (City Manager Williams)

Council Reviewed this item of business

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- Reminded people to vote in the upcoming election. Welcomed the newly elected council members.

Council Member Henderson- Welcomed the new council members. Thanked Police Chief Hicks for his work.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked Fred Broerman for bringing to light the dog bite issue. Glad to hear the vaccine mandate for city employees is lifted. It was a pleasure to serve with Barr, DeWitt and McCormick. Welcomed all of the new faces.

Council Member Swope- Excited and honored to serve the community.

Council Member Snow- Thanks for the warm welcome and looking forward to working with everyone.

Council Member Batchelor- Thanked everyone for the warm welcome as well and thanked everyone who wrote him in.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

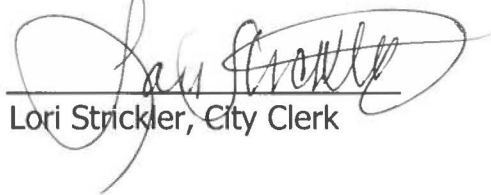
Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Beth Hessler
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.



Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk