

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Henderson 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 Sophie Swope City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Eric Whitney Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor Mayor Rose Henderson City Council Member Beth Hessler (arrived after rollcall at 6:33 p.m)
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

No one present to be heard.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments Submitted

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Remove from the Consent Agenda, New Business Item 10.1 and 10.2- Council Member Snow

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *10-11-2022 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *10-17-2022 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- No meeting due to lack of quorum.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- Held a special meeting. Nothing to report.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Have not had a meeting yet.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- Have not had a meeting yet..

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- The committee discussed the Council's Delinquent Sales Tax Amnesty program.

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

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- A meeting will be held Wednesday November 2nd.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-35: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Section 2.05.150, Conflicts Of Interest (City Manager Williams)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-36: Authorizing The Disposal Of City Property Through Lease Agreement In Accordance With 4.08.030, Disposal To Entity Providing Necessary Public Service: University Of Alaska Fairbanks, Cooperative Extension, 519 Mission Drive (City Manager Williams)

Motion to introduce Ordinance 22-36.

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

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-37: Amending Bethel Municipal Code By Creating A New Section 5.08.200, Application Of State Law (City Manager Williams)

Motion to introduce Ordinance 22-37.

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

Item 10.3. - AM 22-29: Cancellation Of Regular City Council Meetings; November 22nd And December 27th (Mayor Henderson)

Motion to adopt Action Memorandum 22-29.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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

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 Henderson- Encouraged members of the community to join one of our committees and commissions.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Looked for community suggestions and ideas to connect community members together.

Council Member Springer- No comments.

Council Member Whitney- It is getting cold outside and snowing.

Council Member Hessler- Glad the plexiglass divider in Chambers has been removed.

Council Member Swope- No comment.

Council Member Snow- Discussed priorities as a council member, including business licenses and the collection of sales taxes. Believes it is important for the residents to have our confidence.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Union Negotiations (City Manager Williams)

Vice-Mayor Batchelor declared a conflict of interest because his wife is an employee

of the finance department which is in the union.

Mayor Henderson determined Vice-Mayor Batchelor has a conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session- In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Union Negotiations. Those participating in the executive session will be the City Council, except for Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, the Deputy Finance Director Mason and Finance Director Wright.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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

Meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor
BETHEL, ALASKA