

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 8, 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 Patrick Snow City Council Member Beth Hessler City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Mark Springer City Council Member Sophie Swope Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor Mayor Rose Henderson
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

Duane Wright, Finance Director City of Bethel- Presented concerns related to the City's fiscal operation.

Raina Antalan, representative from Qasgirmiut Dance Group- Spoke in favor of AM 22-30 and will be present to answer questions.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No written comments were submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Vice-Mayor Batchelor presented a conflict of interest on Ordinance 22-22(e). Mayor Henderson determined that it will be addressed at the Public Hearing as it is on the consent agenda for introduction.

Motion to move Item 10.3 to be the first item under New Business.

Moved by: | Mark Springer
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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *10-25-2022 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 Swope- A meeting will be held on the 10th of November.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council meeting.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- Next meeting will be held on the 14th of November.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council meeting.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- Next meeting will be November 16th.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- Cab violations were discussed and ended in a revocation of a chauffeur's license. The Commission approved a budget modification to modify personnel within the Police Department.

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 22-36: 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)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-36.

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-37: Amending Bethel Municipal Code By Creating A New Section 5.08.200, Application Of State Law (City Manager Williams)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-37.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 22-22(e): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-38: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.20, Purchasing (Council Member Hessler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - AM 22-30: Authorize And Direct City Administration To Issue A Check In The Amount Of \$20,000 To The Bethel Community Services Foundation On Behalf Of The Qasgirmiut Dance Group And The Community Action Grant Award Approved By Council (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-30.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
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

Suspend the Rules to hear from the Finance Director and Raina Antalán from Qasgirmiut Dance Group.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
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

Item 10.4. - AM 22-31: Direction Administration To Include A Summary Statement Of Bids And Quotes In The Monthly Management Team Report (Council Member Hessler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-31.

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

Motion to Suspend the Rules to hear from the Finance Director.

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

Item 10.5. - *IM 22-21: City Manager Signed A Five-Year Contract With Long Building Technologies, Inc. For Emergency Repair Of Air Conditioning Units In The

Server Room At The Police Station And Ongoing Maintenance And Repairs (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *IM 22-22: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget For Oct 2022 – Utilities Maintenance And Oct 2022 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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director.

Moved by:	Patrick Snow
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

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson- It is very slick today. Please salt or sand driveways and public walkways. Stay off the river and lakes; the ice is unsafe right now.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- No comment.

Council Member Springer- Provided a summary of the election day turnout. Suggested kids stay off of the ice with the warm weather.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Appreciated the robust exchange of debate and the diversity of opinions on council.

Council Member Swope- Thanked the City Clerk's Office for organizing the Kids Vote Election. Thanked Peter for his responsiveness and thanked Mayor Henderson for her work as Mayor.

Council Member Snow- Thanked Council Member Springer for knowing the rules of order and the Finance Director for finance rules. Would like to see more transparency with the City's finances.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(2) Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion- Finance Director's Concerns Regarding Conflict Of Interest, And Employment Agreement- City Clerk (Council Member Hessler)

The City Clerk requested that the discussion be held in open session.

Item 13.2. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(2) Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion- Finance Director'S Concerns Regarding Invoice Procedures And Processes In The Finance Department- City Manager (Council Member Hessler)

The City Manager requests a closed session.

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session- In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(2) Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion- Finance Director's Concerns Regarding Invoice Procedures And Processes In The Finance Department- City Manager.

Those attending will be the City Council and City Manager.

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

Vice- Mayor Batchelor declared a possible Conflict of Interest as his wife works in the Finance Department.

Mayor Henderson rules that Vice- Mayor Batchelor has a Conflict of Interest.

Motion that Vice-Mayor Batchelor does not have a conflict of interest.

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

The Council takes a 10 minutes break at 9:11 p.m. before going into Executive Session.

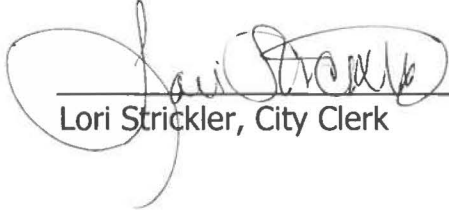
14. ADJOURNMENT

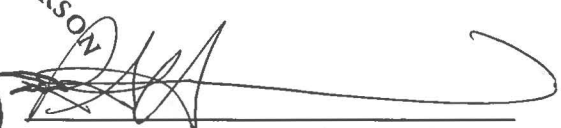
Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 9:51 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk



Rose Henderson, Mayor