

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.
Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 Sophie Swope City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) 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

Sam Santistevan and Tina Uta, representatives of Bethel 4H- Provided a summary of the Bethel 4H program for the coming months.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Removal from Consent Agenda-10.3, Appointment and Reappointment of Committee/Commissions- Council Member Snow

Removal from Consent Agenda-10.8, IM 22-23-Council Member Hessler

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *11-8-2022 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- Discussed the outgoing 6% throughput and a grater for the port. Referred playground equipment to the Community Parks and Recreation Committee.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- Received testimony from residents on projects; discussed changing the road in front of VFW to commemorate the VFW, calling it Veterans Way.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- 11 applications for community action grants were received and reviewed. The Action Memorandum in the packet reflects the request recommended by the committee.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- Accepted the resignation of committee member Judy Wasierski; Discussed the park plan for Larson Park and the temperature of the pool.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

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 was not held due to a lack of posting an Agenda.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 22-22(e): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (City Manager Williams)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 22-22(e).

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

Item 9.2. - Public Of Hearing Ordinance 22-38: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.20, Purchasing (Council Member Hessler)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 22-38.

Moved by:	Beth Hessler
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

Primary Amendment: Amend Subsection 2 under 4.20.190 and 4.20.240 to insert behind less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) "but twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more."

Moved by:	Beth Hessler
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

10. NEW BUSINESS

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

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - AM 22-32: Approving The Regular City Council Meeting Dates For 2023 (Mayor Henderson)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-32.

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 10.3. - *AM 22-33: Appointment And Re-Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years. (Mayor Henderson)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-33.

Moved by:	Patrick Snow
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

Item 10.4. - AM 22-34: Direct City Administration To Issue Four Checks Totaling \$27,500 To Year 5, Quarter 4 Community Action Grant (CAG) Awardees Based On The Recommendation Of The Community Action Grant Committee (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-34.

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

Item 10.5. - *AM 22-35: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute The First Amendment To The Cooperative Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) That Requires The City To Provide Snow-Plowing And General Road Maintenance Services To Designated Cul-De-Sacs In Bethel Heights In Exchange For Payment To The City (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - AM 22-36: Direct Administration To Prepare And Submit An FY 2024 Public Transit (5311) Rural Transit Grant Application To Fund The Bethel Transit System With A Pledge Of \$156,164 In Local Cash Match From The City's Planned FY 2024 Budget To Cover Operating And Capital Purchases (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-36.

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

Motion to amend to strike \$156,164 and insert \$166,949 and to make the total grant request to \$952,221 of which \$255,567 is for operating funds and \$696,654 is for capital spending.

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

Item 10.7. - AM 22-37: Direct Administration To Hire Xavier Mason As Finance Director At The Salary Of \$130,000 Per Year Per Alaska Statute 29.20.360. (City Manager Williams)

Vice-Mayor Batchelor declared a conflict of interest as his wife works in the Finance Department under Xavier Mason. Mayor Henderson ruled that Vice-Mayor Batchelor has a conflict of interest.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor departed the meeting.

Main Motion: Approve AM 22-37.

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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Xavier Mason.

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

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 10.8. - *IM 22-23: 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)

*Vice-Mayor Batchelor rejoined the meeting.
Council reviewed this item.*

Item 10.9. - *IM 22-24: Bethel Transit System In The Process Of Using The City'S FTA Transit CARES Act Grant To Purchase One New Transit Vehicle From The Washington State Department Of Transportation'S Pre-Bid Joint Contract With The Vendor, Schetky Bus Sales (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 Henderson- Temperatures are going to be dropping so be careful. Enjoyed her time at the Alaskan Municipal League.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Announced that we have an excellent police and fire department, and encouraged people to get involved through committees and commissions. Encouraged people to wear reflective tape.

Council Member Springer- Apologized to Xavier Mason for the way the vote went on his confirmation for Finance Director.

Council Member Whitney- Apologized to Xavier Mason for the way the vote went.

Council Member Hessler- Appreciated the AML Conference. Suggested it is important

for city officials to be open and transparent.

Council Member Swope- Apologized to Xavier for the way the vote went. Hoped everyone has had a safe holiday season.

Council Member Snow- Wished Veterans a Happy Veterans Day.

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- Pending Delinquent Sales Tax Litigation (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: 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- Pending Delinquent Sales Tax Litigation.

Those attending this item are the City Council, City Attorney Bakalar, City Clerk Strickler, and Deputy Finance Director Mason.

Moved by:	Sophie Swope
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 direct the City Attorney to file superior court litigation against delinquent tax payers and/or pursue collections and third party audits as may be deemed necessary or appropriate.

Moved by:	Sophie Swope
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

14. ADJOURNMENT

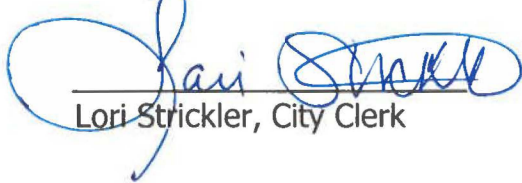
Main Motion: Adjournment.

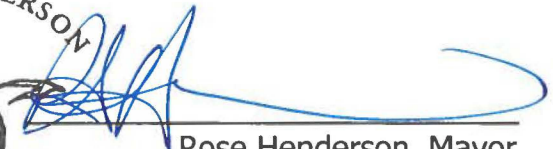
Moved by:	Sophie Swope
Seconded by:	Patrick Snow
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler, Henry Batchelor,

Opposed: Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Results: None
Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk



Rose Henderson, Mayor