

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
January 24, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 24th, 2023 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 Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Sophie Swope City Council Member Patrick Snow Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor Mayor Rose Henderson City Council Member Beth Hessler (arrived after roll call at 6:35 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

Eileen Arnold, Bethel- Requested the Finance Department to have regular business hours as they are currently open from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

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:	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

Council Member Hessler arrived at 6:35 p.m.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *1-10-2023 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- 11 customers are using the storage facilities at the Port.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- The January meeting was canceled due to lack of public notice.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- A meeting has not yet been set up.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- Nothing to report.

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- The next meeting will be held February 1st.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Police Department Employee Of The Year And Officer Of The Year (City Manager Williams)

Police Chief Hicks presented two awards to employees in the Police Department.

*Jonathan Smith, Dispatch Supervisor, received the Employee of the year Award
Tristen Evan received the Thomas Dylan Officer of the year Award*

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-02: Amending Chapter 14.03.410, Port Of Bethel, General Provisions, Revenues (Port Commission)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - City Administrative Review Of Alaskabuds, LLC Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #18735 Located At 660 Third Ave, Suite B (City Manager Williams)

The Council reviewed this Item.

Item 10.3. - City Administrative Review Of Essenkay, LLC dba Kusko Kush, Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #21227 Located At 781 Third Avenue (City Manager Williams)

The Council reviewed this item.

Item 10.4. - City Administrative Review Of Good Vibes Bethel LLC Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #30563 Located At 323 Chief Eddie Hoffman Hwy (City Manager Williams)

The Council reviewed this item.

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- Welcomed all the K300 mushers. Be careful on the river; don't get stuck in a snow drift.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Thanks to the first responders for putting themselves on the line for everybody. Encouraged the public to take part in the community and tell us what you think.

Council Member Springer- Congratulations to CJ McCormick who is serving as the chair for the Community of Regional Affairs, Tribal Affairs, Education Health and Social Services, and Fisheries Committees. Looking forward to the Joint meeting with ONC next month.

Council Member Whitney- Encouraged people to stay safe on the river; there are drifts.

Council Member Hessler- Happy that the police chief is recognizing our Heroes.

Council Member Swope- No comment.

Council Member Snow- Encouraged the public to be engaged in the community and to speak at people to be heard, send the council emails, and join committees.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

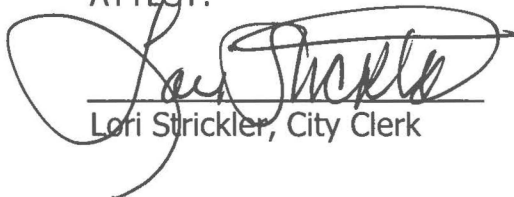
14. ADJOURNMENT

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 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor

