

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

There was a delay due to internet connectivity. The meeting preceded in-person only. Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:54 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 City Council Member Beth Hessler Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Sophie Swope Mayor Rose Henderson Council Member Springer (telephonically)
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

Tina Uta, 4-H- Updated the community on 4-H Activities for the Month of March.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments Submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *2-14-2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Mayor Henderson, Finance Committee- John Hamilton was elected Committee Chair. The committee approved the meeting dates for 2023 and approved an ordinance for code revision for sales tax penalties.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- A meeting is scheduled for March 8th.

Council Member Springer, Public Works Committee- A meeting wasn't held; the committee does not have enough members to hold a meeting.

Council Member Whitney, Community Parks and Recreation Meeting- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

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

Council Member Swope, Planning Commission- A meeting was not held due to a lack of proper public notice.

Council Member Snow, Public Safety and Transportation Commission- No meeting since last meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Broadband And Digital Equity Presentation By Rasmuson Foundation Representatives And State Of Alaska Broadband Office (Mayor Henderson)
Presenters canceled due to a scheduling conflict. Rescheduled to present on March 28th.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 22-22(h): 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(h).

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-03: Adopting The City Of Bethel Capital Improvement Budget For Fiscal Year 2024 Beginning July 1, 2023, Ending June 30, 2024 (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - AM 23-03: Permit City Attorney To Perform Limited Outside Employment (Mayor Henderson)

Main Motion: Approve AM 23-03.

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

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- No comment.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Our economy is tied to the oil industry, especially in the State of Alaska. The City will need to look at ways to become more self-sufficient.

Council Member Springer- Thanked Mayor Henderson, Vice-Mayor Batchelor, and Council Member Swope for going to Juneau to lobby on behalf of the City.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- No comment.

Council Member Swope- Intrigued with seeing the process of government on the state level. Glad to have met Representative Maxine Dilbert and to have met Representative CJ McCormick's staff member, Callan Chythlook-Sifsof. Reiterated the importance of self-sufficiency and the importance of grassroots organizations.

Council Member Snow- No comment.

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- City Clerk Annual Evaluation (Mayor Henderson)
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- City Clerk Annual Evaluation (Mayor Henderson)

Moved by:	Beth Hessler
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

Council went back on the record at 8:51 p.m.

Motion to provide the City Clerk with an annual increase of 3% based on her evaluation by the City Council.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

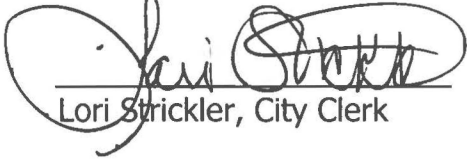
Main Motion: Adjournment.

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 8:53 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor
