

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 14, 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 Sophie Swope City Council Member Beth Hessler City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Patrick Snow 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

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Grace Haas - Asked the council members if they would be willing to volunteer for the Cama-i Dance Festival.

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: Sophie Swope

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

Motion to suspend the rules to go back to People to be Heard.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
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. - *2-28-2023 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- The next meeting will be held on March 20.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- A meeting was held last week. The Commission has one alternate seat open. The Commission met with the City's contractor DOWL on the comprehensive plan.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- Discussed the possibility of an addition to the fitness center as a gym.

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

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- A meeting has not been held due to lack of membership.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- Commission discussed duties and obligations. Reviewed a draft amendment on animal licensing.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-03.

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

Motion to amend the proposed ordinance to insert an allocation for Fire to 388,524; Simon to \$300,000 and moving the allocation of the Bethel Heights and City Sub water treatment plants from the enterprise fund to ARPA.

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 Ordinance 23-04: Ordinance #23-04 An Ordinance By The Bethel City Council Amending And Adopting Fees And Charges For The City Of Bethel (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - Amend Something Previously Adopted- Ordinance 22-33- To Add Section G .Employees Affected By This Transition Policy May Combine Annual Leave, Sick Leave, And Personal Time Off To Account For The Required 80 Hours Of PTO Mandatory Usage Within The Fiscal Year, July 1, 2022, Through June 30, 2023 As Required In BMC 3.60.010 E. (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Amend Something Previously Adopted- Ordinance 22-33- To Add Section G .Employees Affected By This Transition Policy May Combine Annual Leave,

Sick Leave, And Personal Time Off To Account For The Required 80 Hours Of PTO Mandatory Usage Within The Fiscal Year, July 1, 2022, Through June 30, 2023 As Required In BMC 3.60.010 E.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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 10.3. - *Resolution 23-05: Requesting That The United States Department Of Transportation, Essential Air Service Program, Complete A Service Needs Assessment To Determine If The Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Region Has Adequate Passenger Flight Services To Meet The Needs Of Travelers To And From The Region (Council Member Swope)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - Negotiate And Execute Updated City Attorney Employee Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And City Attorney Bakalar (Mayor Henderson)
Main Motion: Approve the Changes to the updated City Attorney Employee Agreement.

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

Motion to table until after the Executive Session.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
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 23-05: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget For February 2023 – Utilities Maintenance And February 2023 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

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson- Encouraged the public to apply for one of the City's recommending bodies.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- We need people to sit on our committees and commissions.

Council Member Springer- Would like to see people apply for appointment and exercise their rights. There are some areas in town that have some ice that will cause some issues during the thaw. Noticed the housing development by the Winter House has begun. Thanked Michelle DeWitt, Bethel Community Service Foundation, and the Bethel Winterhouse for developing the project. Thanked Dr. Nick Johs and the staff at Providence Hospital for recent medical treatment he received.

Council Member Whitney- Submitted a question about double taxation concerning garbage.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked Grace Haas for encouraging people to volunteer for the Cama-i Festival.

Council Member Swope- We have about 40 minutes left of sunlight and we are almost done with our meeting.

Council Member Snow- Reiterated the appreciation for the public participation that has already been made.

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 Attorney Annual Evaluation (Mayor Henderson)
Libby Bakalar requested the evaluation be held in open session.

Motion to take a 6 minute break.

Moved by:	Eric Whitney
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

Motion to pull from the table item 10.4.

Moved by: Mark Springer
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

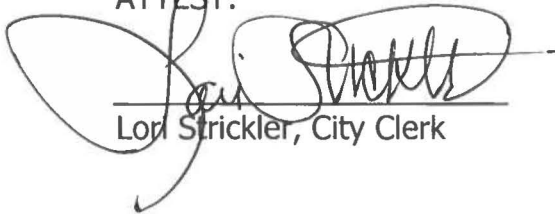
14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:44 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


MAYOR HENDERSON
Rose Henderson, Mayor
BETHEL, ALASKA