

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 28, 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**

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| <b>Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:</b>                                                                                        |
| City Council Member Mark Springer<br>City Council Member Beth Hessler<br>City Council Member Patrick Snow<br>City Council Member Sophie Swope<br>Mayor Rose Henderson |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>                                                                                                                                                |
| City Council Member Eric Whitney<br>Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor                                                                                                        |
| <b>Also in attendance were the following:</b>                                                                                                                         |
| City Manager Peter Williams, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)                                                                  |

**4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person**

*Representative CJ McCormick- Provided a summary of legislative issues.*

Main Motion: Move into Committee of the whole to provide Council an opportunity to ask questions to Representative McCormick.

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

Main Motion: Move out of Committee of the whole

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

*Ken Eggleston, Lions Club Representative- Advocated for the City to renew their lease*

*with the Lion's Club at the previous rate.*

**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.

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

-Remove from the Consent Agenda, Item 10.1 Introduction of Ordinance 23-05-Mayor Henderson

**6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Item 6.1. - \*3-14-2023 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- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- Next meeting is April 13th.

Community Action Grant Committee- No one available to provide a report.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee- No one available to provide a report.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- The committee reviewed an amendment of the Bethel Municipal Code concerning transient lodging.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- The Committee has not held a meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- Next meeting will be held Wednesday April 5th

## 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)

*Melissa Kookesh and Hadasha Knight from the State Broadband Office spoke to the Bethel City Council.*

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Item 9.1.** - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-04: Amending And Adopting Fees And Charges For The City Of Bethel (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 23-04.

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

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

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

Motion to amend the fee and rate schedule under Public Works to strike "Utility Customers" and insert "Non-Commercial" under vehicle disposal.

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

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**Item 10.1.** - \*Introduction Of Ordinance 23-05: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.60 Committees, Commissions, And Ad Hoc Committees To Provide For

Compensation (Council Member Hessler)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 23-05.

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

**Item 10.2.** - \*Introduction Of Ordinance 22-23(i): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget (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- Thanked everyone that volunteered at the Cama-i Festival this weekend organized by the Southwest Alaska Arts Group. It is amazing what this small group is able to put together. Encouraged people to stay off the river; it is unsafe due to the recent weather and rainfall.

Council Member Springer- Great performances at Cama-i.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked the council for the discussion. Happy Easter.

Council Member Swope- The organizers of Cama-i did such a great job. Encouraged young women to run for Ms. Camai.

Council Member Snow- Thanked the council for the conversation about Committee membership. Encouraged the public to help find solutions to city problems on a committee. Happy Easter.

## **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- Annual Evaluation, City Manager (City Manager Williams)

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- Annual Evaluation, City Manager.

Those present will be: The City Council and the City Manager.

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

Council entered executive session at 8:30 p.m.  
Exited Executive session at 9:21p.m.

Motion to provide the City Manager a 3% annual increase in accordance with the employment agreement.

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

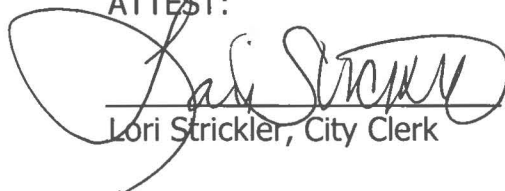
#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

*Meeting ended at 9:24 p.m.*

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
Rose Henderson, Mayor  
  
MAYOR HENDERSON  
BETHEL, ALASKA