

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
City Council Member Sophie Swope City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Beth Hessler City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Mark Springer 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

Aadika Singh, Resident of Anchorage- Encouraged the council to pass a resolution to protect our residents' reproduction rights and reproductive health care in regards to the drug mifepristone.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments Submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Patrick Snow
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

Council Member Snow, Remove from the Consent Agenda Item 10.1, Introduction of

Ordinance 23-06.

Council Member Hessler, Remove from the Consent Agenda Item 10.6, IM 23-06.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *3-28-2023 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- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting. Next meeting will be Monday, April 17.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting. Next meeting will be Thursday, April 13.

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- A meeting was held and discussed the same items as last month.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting. Next meeting will be Monday, April 24.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- The Commission considered and approved a code amendment related to the licensing and impoundment of animals.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 22-22(i): Amending The City Of Bethel

Fiscal Year 2023 Operating 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 Ordinance 22-22 (i).

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 amend to strike 22-23 and insert 22-22 in the document title.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-06: Amending BMC 2.50.190 Initiating Council Waiver Approval Of A Former Council Member To Be Employed By The City Within 12 Months Of Their End Of Office (Mayor Henderson)

Council Member Springer declared a conflict of interest on the ordinance as the passage may provide him with the ability to apply for City employment.

Mayor Henderson found there to be a conflict of interest.

Council Member Springer stepped down from the council desk and did not participate in discussion or voting.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 23-06.

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

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-23(j): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget (Mayor Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *AM 23-04: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - AM 23-05: Authorizing The Sole Source Procurement In Accordance With BMC 4.20.250, Purchase Of EK35 Emulsifier To Bind Road Material From Polar Supply, The Only Authorized Distributor In Alaska (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 23-05.

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. - AM 23-06: Authorizing The City Clerk's Office To Initiate And Organize The Recruitment Process For The City Manager Position (Mayor Henderson)

Main Motion: Approve AM 23-06.

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

Item 10.6. - *IM 23-06: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget For March 2023-Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Williams)

Council discussed 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- Thanked Council Member Whitney for the work on the Ice Classic tripod. Suggested the weather is going to clear up. Congratulated Former Bethel Police Officer Gwen Drake on her recent promotion to Sargent with the Anchorage Police Department.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- No comment.

Council Member Springer- Congratulated Police Officer Jesse Poole for passing the FBI Academy and praised Chief Hicks for also being an Alumni of that program. Concerned with the RUBA program's funding of water and sewer projects in the State.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked the City Manager for his diligence on RUBA. Excited about the new road project for dust control discussed in the meeting.

Council Member Swope- Hoped Mayor Henderson is correct on the weather clearing up.

Council Member Snow- Thanked Robert Lekander for volunteering for the Public Works Committee.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

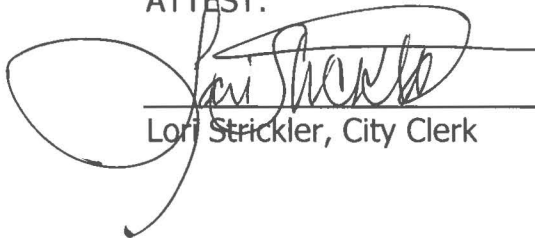
14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor


MAYOR HENDERSON
BETHEL, ALASKA