

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 City Council Member Patrick Snow Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor Mayor Rose Henderson City Council Member Mark Springer (arrived after roll call 6:47 p.m.)
Members Absent:
City Council Member Sophie Swope
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

No one present to be heard.

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

Remove from the Consent Agenda New Business Item 10.2

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *4-18-2023 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *4-20-2023 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *4-24-2023 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.4. - *4-25-2023 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.5. - *4-27-2023 Special 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.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- No meeting since the last meeting.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- Recommended Administration look at options to transition the YK Fitness Center budget to a general fund budget instead of an enterprise fund. Recommend the city not proceed with the trails through the STIP Trail project because the quote came in much higher than necessary. Recommended the city consider waste heat options for the YK Fitness Center.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-07: Amending Bethel Municipal Code

Chapter 4.16.350, Audits, To Clarify The Process For Sales Tax Audits (Finance Committee)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-07.

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

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

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-08: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 6.04 Licensing And Impoundment Relating To Care, Restraint, Impoundment, And Destruction Of Animals (Public Safety And Transportation Commission)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-09: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.05.190, Employment Prohibited, Expanding Opportunity For City Employment Following City Council Member Service (Mayor Henderson)

Council Member Springer arrived at 6:47 p.m.

Council Member Springer declared a conflict of interest because of his intent to apply for a city position.

Mayor Henderson determined Council Member Springer has a conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 23-09.

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

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 22-22(k): Amending The City Of Bethel

Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Resolution 23-07: Support Update For City Of Bethel Application To Community Transportation Program To Fund Donut Hole Road Project (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *Resolution 23-08: Support Update For City Of Bethel Application To Transportation Alternatives Program To Fund ADA-Compliant City Sub-YK Trail Project (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *Resolution 23-09: Support Update For City Of Bethel Application To Transportation Alternatives Program To Fund ADA-Compliant Pinky's Park Boardwalk Conversion Project (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *AM 23-09: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Five-Year Contract With KNIK Construction Company, Inc. For The Purchase Of Crushed Gravel (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *AM 23-10: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Ahtna Infrastructure & Technologies, LLC To Construct A Snowmelt/Rain Detention Pond At The Cost Of \$590,973 (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.9. - *IM 23-08: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget For April 2023 – Utilities Maintenance – 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

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Police Chief Peter Hicks.

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

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

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

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson- The river is not safe to travel on. Encouraged property owners to prepare for possible flooding. Encouraged people on bikes to try to stay on the bike trails when they are available.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Encouraged people to stay off the river. We need people in the community to participate in their local government.

Council Member Springer- Concerned with possible flooding from break up. Will be testifying on behalf of the Alaska Municipal League, tomorrow on SB98, related to PERS for State and Municipal Employees. Thanked KYUK for their contributions to the community and the region, and glad to know the new AM tower is going up.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Great to live in Bethel. Looking forward to the roads being treated with a new chemical this summer and hopes that it proves effective.

Council Member Snow-Happy Mother's Day.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

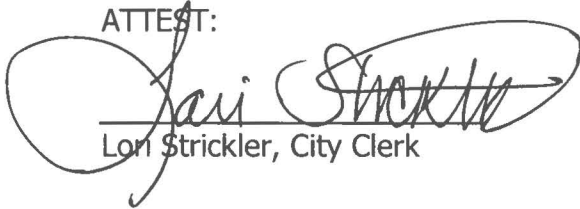
Main Motion: Adjournment.

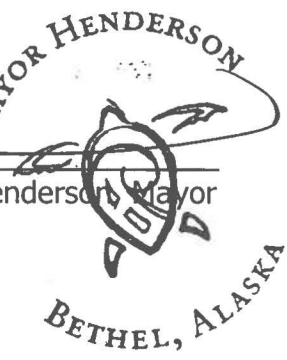
Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Eric Whitney

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

Meeting ended at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor

MAYOR HENDERSON
BETHEL, ALASKA