

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:29 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 City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Sophie Swope Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor Mayor Rose Henderson
Members Absent:
City Council Member Beth Hessler
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Peter Williams, City Clerk Lori Strickler

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Lorin Bradbury, Bethel Resident- Spoke in opposition to the Council's adoption of Resolution 23-06.

Aadika Singh, Anchorage Resident- Spoke in favor of Council's adoption of Resolution 23-06.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No written comments were submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Remove from the Consent Agenda, 10.4 AM 23-08, Mayor Henderson
Remove from the Consent Agenda, 10.2, Resolution 23-06, Council Member Snow.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *4-6-2023 Special City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *4-11-2023 Regular City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *4-12-2023 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, No one is available to provide a report.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope - Reviewed and approved a conditional use permit for a church in Kasayuli.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Reviewed the applications for the grant and presented a request for approval to the council.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- Unable to provide a report as she attended a Special Council Meeting which was held at the same time.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- Will hold a meeting next month.

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 22-22(j): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget (Mayor Henderson)

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(j):

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

Motion to amend to strike \$30,000 and insert \$50,000.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-07: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.16.350, Audits, To Clarify The Process For Sales Tax Audits (Finance Committee)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Resolution 23-06: Directing The City To Join As Amicus In Federal Litigation Supporting The Availability Of Mifepristone In The City Of Bethel And The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region (Council Member Springer)

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-06.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Eric Whitney
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Henry Batchelor, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	Patrick Snow
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Aadika Singh.

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

Item 10.3. - AM 23-07: Authorize And Direct City Administration To Issue Two Checks In The Amount Of \$3,820 And \$6,028 To Year 5, Quarter 1 Community Action Grant Awardees Based On The Recommendation Of The Community Action Grant Committee (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *AM 23-08: Authorizing Administration To Enter Into A Contract With The City Of Bethel And The Friends Of Canine To Take Care Of Animals At The City Of Bethels Dog Pound (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 23-08.

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

Item 10.5. - *IM 23-07: Waiver Of Formal Bidding Procedures, Per BMC 4.20.150, For Public Works Department To Purchase An Upgrade To The Filtration System In Each Water Treatment Plant (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- Glad the weather is warming up. Provided condolences to the

Sundown family on the recent passing of Robert Sundown.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- No comment.

Council Member Springer- Provided condolences to the Sundown family about the recent passing of Robert Sundown.

Council Member Whitney- Condolences to the Sundown Family. His loss will leave a big hole in the community.

Council Member Swope- Provided condolences to the Sundown family. Also advised people not to drive over the ditch in front of the AC Parking lot.

Council Member Snow- Thanked the Council for their words on Robert Sundown's passing and shared the sentiment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310 (C)(1): Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity And AS 44.62.6310 (C)(4): Matters Involving Consideration Of Government Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure- Potential Litigation- Duane Wright V. City Of Bethel (Mayor Henderson)

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session- In Accordance With AS 44.62.310 (C)(1): Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity And AS 44.62.6310 (C)(4): Matters Involving Consideration Of Government Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure- Potential Litigation- Duane Wright V. City Of Bethel.

Those in attendance are the City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, and representatives from Alaska Public Entity Insurance.

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

Council moved into executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Council went back on the record at 8:59 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Eric Whitney

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

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor

MAYOR HENDERSON
BETHEL, ALASKA