

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
June 27, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 27, 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:
Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Eric Whitney City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Sophie Swope (telephonically) Mayor Rose Henderson City Council Member Beth Hessler (<i>arrived after roll call 6:40 p.m.</i>)
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

No one present to be heard.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *June 13, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Committee/Commission Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes

Port Commission- No one available to provide a report.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Held a meeting last week and will be presenting a number of recommendations from the body.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- Nothing to report.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- A quorum of the body was not met, a meeting was not held.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- A meeting was not held due to technical difficulties. A special meeting will be held on July 6, 2023.

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 Budget Ordinance 22-22(I): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (City Manager Williams)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to adopt Budget Ordinance 22-22 (I)

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

Council Member Hessler arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-12: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 4.20.240, Professional Services, Correcting Source Selection Language (Council Member Hessler)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-12.

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 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-13: The Disposal Of Property Through Transfer Pursuant To BMC 4.08.030(B), Disposal To Entity Providing A Necessary Public Service (Council Member Springer)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-13.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Patrick Snow

Motion to refer to the Planning Commission.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-03 (a): Amending The Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Budget (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction of Ordinance 23-14: Disposal Of Municipal Land Through Land Lease To The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation For Less Than Fair Market Value 324-325 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway (City Manger Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-15: Disposal of Municipal Land and Building Through Lease To The University Of Alaska Fairbanks, Cooperative Extension, For Less Than Fair Market Value, 519 Mission Drive (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-16: Amending The Bethel Transit System Fee And Rate Schedule (Vice-Mayor Batchelor)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *Resolution 23-15: Authorizing The Negotiation And Execution Of An Agreement With The Governmental Finance Officer's Association For Consulting Services For The Bethel City Council (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 everyone to be safe on the Fourth of July.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Hopes everyone has a Happy Fourth of July and is responsible on the river.

Council Member Springer- Expressed condolences to the family of Joli Morgan for their loss.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Happy Fourth of July.

Council Member Swope- Hoped everyone had a great summer solstice.

Council Member Snow- Addressed statements made at the last city council meeting. Wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

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 (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Hackney v. City of Bethel 4BE-21-00251CI (Council Member Springer)

Mayor Henderson provided notice to the public that she is related to Brayton Lieb however the relation doesn't fall under the definition of immediate family member. It has been previously determined that there is not conflict of interest.

Council Member Hessler stated her daughter started working for the Hackneys. Mayor Henderson ruled council member Hessler does not have a conflict of interest.

Motion to move into executive session for Items 13.1, 13.2, and 13.3. Those attending will be the Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Manager, and Klye Harding from the City's Insurance Company, APEI. Outside Council from the Insurance Company, Will Earnhart and Zoe Eisberg, will attend Item 13.2.

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

Council moved into executive session at 7:38 p.m.

Council moved back on the record at 8:19 p.m.

Motion to authorize the settlement as presented in Hackney v. City of Bethel 4BE-21-00251CI.

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

Motion to authorize the settlement as presented in the potential litigation Duane Wright v. City of Bethel.

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 authorize the settlement as presented in Brayton Lieb v. City of Bethel 4BE-22-00032 CI.

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 13.2. - 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 (City Manager Williams)

Item 13.3. - 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 (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Settlement Offer- Brayton Lieb V. City of Bethel 4BE-22-00032 CI (City Manager Williams)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Henry Batchelor
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 8:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor

