

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 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 Patrick Snow City Council Member Sophie Swope 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:
Interim City Manager Alan Lanning, 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: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Remove from the Consent Agenda- Item 10.2 AM 23-15- Council Member Snow

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *6-5-2023 Special City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *6-27-2023 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- Discussed increasing the Small Boat Harbor Permit Fee.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- Next meeting will be held on the 13th.

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting. Recommendations will be available for the next city council meeting.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- Discussed the delay of the installation of new playground equipment.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- Held a meeting to discuss the utility rate study.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- A quorum of the body was not established.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-03 (a): Amending The Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement 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 23-03(a).

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-14.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-15.

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

Item 9.4. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-16: Amending The Bethel Transit System Fee And Rate Schedule (Vice-Mayor Batchelor)

*Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-16.

Moved by:	Henry Batchelor
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

10. NEW BUSINESS

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

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *AM 23-15 Approve Arctic Foundations, Inc. As The Sole Source Provider Of Passively And Actively Cooled Thermosyphon Systems For Ground Cooling And Permafrost Maintenance (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Approve AM 23-15.

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 10.3. - *AM 23-16: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A One-Year Contract With The One Company For The Purchase Of Culverts, Sleeves, And Flares For The Streets And Roads Division. (City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *IM 23-11: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget For
June 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

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson- Welcomed new Interim City Manager Alan Lanning. Expressed happiness to see the police department in the 4th of July parade. Encouraged the community to get involved in City Council. Excited with all the fishing that has been happening. If anyone wants to be a volunteer fire fighter, contact Chief Solsbee.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Encouraged people to run for city council, and to serve on the committees and commissions. Be safe on the river.

Council Member Springer- Your best dust control tool is your rearview mirror. If you are making dust, slow down.

Council Member Whitney- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked and praised the fire department for their hard work and collaboration during the fires a few weeks ago. Thanked the water truck drivers, the police department and police chief for their efforts during the fire. Thanked everyone that was involved.

Council Member Swope- Reiterated the importance of slowing down on the freshly graded roads. Stated the salmonberries are going to be ready in about a week and a half. Encouraged people to volunteer for municipal government. Thanked Alan Lanning for working as interim city manager.

Council Member Snow- Thanked all of the first responders for their efforts. Encouraged people to step up and consider running for city council.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

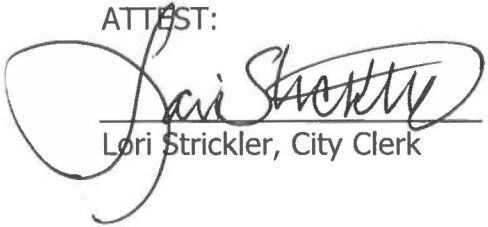
14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor

MAYOR HENDERSON
BETHEL, ALASKA