

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 26, 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 Mark Springer Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor Mayor Rose Henderson City Council Member Eric Whitney (<i>arrived after roll call 6:42 p.m.</i>)
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Ray Watson, Bethel resident- Filed a damage claim against the City related to water damage. He has not heard back from the Administration on his appeal.

Laure Ellsworth, Bethel resident, SouthWest Alaska Arts Group (SWAAG) Director- Spoke against Resolution 23-16.

Theresa Quiner, Bethel resident, Kuskokwim Consortium Library- Spoke against Resolution 23-16.

Jaella Milford, Bethel resident, Executive Director of the Winter House Homeless Shelter- Spoke in opposition to Resolution 23-16.

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

Remove Resolution 23-16 from the consent agenda- Council Member Springer.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *9-12-2023 Regular City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *9-13-2023 Special City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Hessler- No meeting due to lack of quorum. Updated the council that a new storage area is being rented out and the Port is receiving new revenue from the throughput code change.

Planning Commission, Council Member Swope- Passed a recommendation for Ordinance 23-13 to include a reverter clause for the disposal of 161 Atsaq Street.

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

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- No meeting since the last meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Henderson- No meeting due to lack of quorum.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- No meeting due to lack of membership.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- At their last meeting, they passed a recommendation in favor of amending the contract with BFK9.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-03(d): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-03(d).

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-11(a): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-11(a).

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-13: Authorizing 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.

John Hastie, Representative of AVCP- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 23-13.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 23-13 was made on the June 27th, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

Moved by: | Mark Springer

Seconded by: | Patrick Snow

Amend under Section 2. Terms of Disposal, Method of Disposal, to strike "Gift deed transfer under fee simple ownership without reverter" and "Insert BMC 4.08.030 (B): Disposal to entity providing necessary public service, with conditional reverter"

Moved by: | Sophie Swope

Seconded by: | Henry Batchelor

Motion to postpone to allow the City Attorney to meet with AVCP to discuss the effect of a reverter clause on their operation.

Moved by: | Mark Springer

Seconded by: | Sophie Swope

In favor: | Henry Batchelor, Sophie Swope, Patrick Snow, Beth Hessler, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney

Opposed: | None

Results: | Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-17: Amending Bethel Municipal Code By Creating A New Section 9.15.010, Prohibiting Abuse Of The 911 System (Public Safety And Transportation Commission)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Resolution 23-16: Placing A Hold On Issuance The Of Community Action Grant Distributions Until The Second Quarter 2024 (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Mayor Henderson declared a conflict of interest because she is an employee of SWAAG.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor determined, Mayor Henderson has no direct substantial conflict of interest.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor declared a conflict of interest because he sells his art at the SWAAG Gift Shop

Mayor Henderson determined there is no direct substantial conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 23-16.

Moved by: | Patrick Snow

Seconded by: | Eric Whitney

Postpone until the next meeting.

Moved by: | Henry Batchelor

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

Item 10.3. - City Administrative Review Of Good Vibes Bethel Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #30563 Located At 323 Chief Eddie Hoffman Hwy, Bethel Alaska 99559 (Interim City Manager Lanning)

The council reviewed this item.

Item 10.4. - City Administrative Review Of Kusko Kush Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #21227 Located At 781 3rd Avenue, Bethel Alaska 99559 (Interim City Manager Lanning)

The council reviewed this item.

Item 10.5. - *IM 23-14: Presentation of the City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared to Budget for August 2023 – Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *IM 23-15: Chemical Building Foundation Work Waiver (Interim City Manager Lanning)

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 people to wear reflective clothing as it is getting dark. Thanked all the people who were involved in cleaning up Ridgecrest Cemetery.

Vice-Mayor Batchelor- Be aware of the low visibility in the evening. Invited the public to take part in the Green Ribbon walk run on Sunday in honor of National Depression Education and Substance Abuse Awareness Month.

Council Member Springer- Condolences to the family of Gene "Buzzy" Peltola Jr.

Council Member Whitney- no comment

Council Member Hessler- Thanked those who spoke under people to be heard. Enjoying the fall weather.

Council Member Swope- Highschool Regions will be hosted by Bethel this weekend. Encouraged residents to get involved in local government.

Council Member Snow- Encouraged people to take the extra time to make sure their windows are clear in the morning and to drive slowly; especially with all the little ones going to school in the morning.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

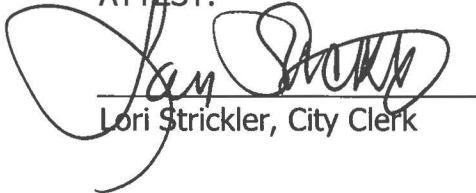
14. ADJOURNMENT

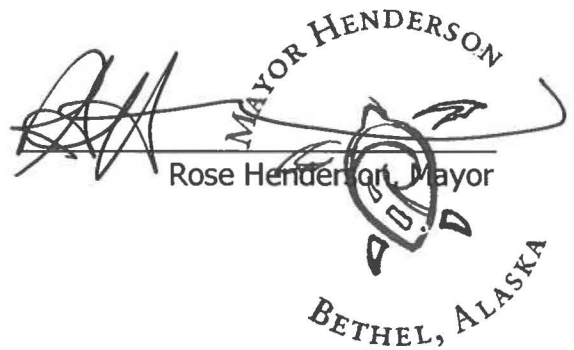
Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor
BETHEL, ALASKA