

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 10, 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 Mark Springer Mayor Rose Henderson City Council Member Eric Whitney (telephonically) City Council Member Beth Hessler Vice-Mayor Henry Batchelor City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Sophie Swope
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Interim City Manager Lanning, Deputy City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Clerk Lori Strickler (telephonically) , City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Eva Malvich, Bethel Resident, Board member of the Bethel Winter House- Spoke in opposition to Resolution 23-16.

Theresa Quiner, Bethel Resident, Kuskokwim Consortium Library Director- Spoke in favor of AM 23-27.

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

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Council Member Springer- Remove New Business Item 10.1, Ordinance 23-11(b) from the consent agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *9-26-2023 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- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

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

Community Action Grant Committee, Vice-Mayor Batchelor- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Whitney- No one available to provide a report.

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

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Snow- Postponed a discussion item on recruitment and retention.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Review Canvass Board Certificate Of Election, October 3, 2023- Not Available Until After The Canvass Board October 5, 2023 (Mayor Henderson)

Council reviewed this item.

Item 8.2. - Resolution 23-17: Certifying The Results Of The October 3, 2023 Regular City Election- Not Available Until After The Canvass Board October 5, 2023 (Mayor Henderson)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 23-17.

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

Item 8.3. - Oath Administered To Newly Elected Council Members (Mayor Henderson)

Council Member Batchelor and Council Member Whitney stepped down from their seats.

Mark Springer, Beth Hessler, Teresa Keller, and Mikayla Miller took their oaths of office and took their seats on the Council.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - 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.

No one present to be heard.

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

The motion to amend was made on the September 26, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

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.

Moved by: Mark Springer
Seconded by: Patrick Snow
In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope,
Mikayla Miller, Teresa Keller
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-17.

Moved by: Patrick Snow
Seconded by: Mark Springer
In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Beth Hessler, Mikayla Miller,
Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

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

Moved by: Patrick Snow
Seconded by: Mark Springer
In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope,
Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Item 9.3. - Resolution 23-16: Placing A Hold On Issuance The Of Community Action Grant Distributions Until The Second Quarter 2024 (Interim City Manager Lanning)

The Motion to Adopt Resolution 23-16 was made at the September 26, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting

Moved by: Patrick Snow
Seconded by: Eric Whitney

Motion to Postpone.

Moved by: Mark Springer

Seconded by:	Beth Hessler
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-11(b): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 23-11(b).

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Beth Hessler

Amendment 1. Strike serial number 23-11 (b) and insert serial Number 23-03 (e).

Amendment 2. Strike Operating and insert Capital in the title of the ordinance.

Amendment 3. Strike line 100-70-9596 and insert 100-70-6890.

Amendment 4. Strike \$37,355 under approved appropriation, proposed amendment, and proposed total appropriations and insert: \$7,313 carried over under approved appropriation, \$60,000 under proposed amendment, and \$67,313 under proposed total appropriations.

Amendment 5. Strike Other Processional Services and insert Lagoon Study and strike \$56,101 under approved appropriations and insert 0.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Beth Hessler
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Beth Hessler, Mikayla Miller, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.2. - *AM 23-27: Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute Two Agreements With The University Of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) And To Authorize The Contributions From The FY2024 Budget (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Passed on the Consent Agenda.

Item 10.3. - AM 23-28: Direct Administration To Explore Options For Acquiring Bentley's Bed And Breakfast (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Main Motion: Approve AM 23-28.

Moved by:	Patrick Snow
Seconded by:	Beth Hessler
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope,

	Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.4. - City Administrative Review Of Alaskabuds, LLC Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #18735 ,Located At 660 Third Ave, Suite B Bethel Alaska 99559 (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Council reviewed this item.

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- Condolences to the family of Robert Beans. Spoke about the hazards of cars and 4-wheelers who do not have any lights on at night. Wishes that reflective tape for pedestrians was more accessible. Spoke about the tragedy of the recent boating accidents. Be careful on the river.

Council Member Springer- Congratulated the newly elected city Council Members. Made note that there are now five women on city council. Thanked ONC Tribal Council for hosting the joint meeting a few weeks ago. Check your headlights and taillights; it is getting dark outside. Remembered Robert Beans from Mountain Village and spoke about his accomplishments to our area.

Council Member Hessler- Hoped the finances for the CAG program could be more accountable. Thanked Council Member Whitney and Batchelor for their service to the city.

Council Member Swope- Encouraged people to be more visible and reflective in the dark.

Council Member Snow-Thanked Alan Lanning for his time with the City. Welcomed the new council members. Stay safe in the dark.

Council Member Keller- No comment.

Council Member Miller- No comment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.2. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Interim City Manager Personnel Matters (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Main Motion: To move into execute session for both items and address Item 13.2 first. in Accordance With AS 44.62.310(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Interim City Manager Personnel Matters. Those attending this item are the City Council, Interim City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Sophie Swope
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Council Entered Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

Moved out of Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

Motion to permit the Interim City Manager to complete his contract remotely.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Sophie Swope
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Beth Hessler, Mikayla Miller, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Union Negotiations (Interim City Manager Lanning)

Main Motion: In Accordance With AS 44.62.310(C)(3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Union Negotiations. Those attending this item are the City Council, Interim City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Sophie Swope
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

*Council Entered Executive Session at 8:41 p.m.
Moved out of Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.*

Motion to direct the city manager to make the Union Agreement offer as presented.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Sophie Swope
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

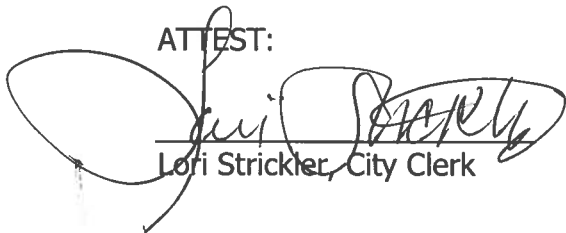
14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Sophie Swope
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor
