

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.
Mayor Springer 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:
Mayor Mark Springer City Council Member Beth Hessler City Council Member Patrick Snow (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope (telephonically) City Council Member Teresa Keller City Council Member Mikayla Miller (telephonically)
Members Absent:
City Council Member Rose Henderson
Also in attendance were the following:
Interim City Manager Lanning (telephonically) , City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Bria Pavil- Bethel- Spoke about her daughter being bitten by a loose dog and the lack of Police response.

Ray Watson- Bethel- Still waiting to get a response from the City regarding his appeal concerning water damage. Presented concerns about drug use in the community.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments Submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Results: | Motion Carries

Remove Item 10.4, AM 23-30, Mayor Springer.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *10-10-2023 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *10-11-2023 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *10-16-2023 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, Council Member Henderson- A meeting has not been held.

Planning Commission, Council Member Hessler- A meeting has not been held.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Keller- A meeting has not been held.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Swope- A meeting has not been held.

Finance Committee, Council Member Snow- Discussed senior discounts and provided suggested amendments.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- A meeting has not been held.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Miller- A meeting has not been held.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Appreciation For Outgoing City Council Members (Mayor Springer)

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 (Mayor Springer)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer 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
In favor:	None
Opposed:	Mark Springer, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Results:	Motion Fails

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

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
In favor:	None
Opposed:	Mark Springer, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Results:	Motion Fails

Item 9.2. - 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
In favor:	Mark Springer, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Brent Hartzell, Interim Finance Director.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-03(e): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget (Interim City Manager Lanning)

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

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

Moved by:	Beth Hessler
Seconded by:	Teresa Keller
In favor:	Mark Springer, 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(c): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Council Member Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-18: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.60.030 Committees, Commissions, And Ad Hoc Committees, Appointment, Term, Vacancy, And Removal Of Members, Prohibiting Members From Being Absent From The City For More Than 90 Days Within A Calendar Year Without First Being Excused (Council Member Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *AM 23-29: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Council Member Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *AM 23-30: Authorize The City Clerk And City Attorney, On Behalf Of The City Council, To Negotiate And Execute An Agreement For Contract Interim City

Manager Services Between The City Council And Alan Lanning Beginning November 1
(Council Member Hessler)

Main Motion: Approve AM-23-30.

Moved by:	Beth Hessler
Seconded by:	Patrick Snow
In favor:	Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Teresa Keller
Opposed:	Mark Springer, Sophie Swope, Mikayla Miller
Results:	Motion Fails

Item 10.5. - *IM 23-16: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget For September 2023 – Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (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 Springer- Provided condolences to the family of Victor Fisher and summarized Fisher's active life of public service. Encouraged people to drive carefully; rain is on the way.

Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope- On Saturday, met Representative Mary Peltola at AFN.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked those that came in to speak under people to be heard. Thanked Henry Batchelor and Eric Whitney for their service. Enjoyed the Wetdown ceremony for the new Fire Engine at the Fire Department.

Council Member Snow- Thanked Henry Batchelor and Eric Whitney for their service. Thanked Ray Watson for his comments; agreed the community needs to do more on the issue of drug use.

Council Member Keller- Thanked those that came to speak under people to be heard.

Would like to see the dog code enforced. Also drug use is an issue that affects the whole region.

Council Member Miller- Thanked those that came in to speak under people to be heard. Provided an explanation of the City's K9 unit and their ability to detect drugs. Also explained to the Public the code regarding dog bites.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

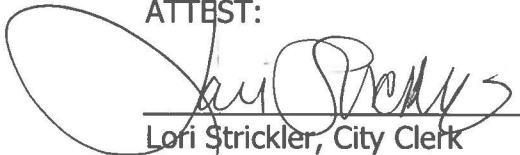
Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 7:37 p.m.


Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk