City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Watson 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:
Council Member Leif Albertson Council Member Perry Barr Council Member Mitchell Forbes Mayor Fred Watson Vice-Mayor Thor Williams (Telephonically)
Members Absent:
Council Member Carole Jung-Jordan Council Member Fritz Charles
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Williams, City Attorney Patty Burley, City Clerk Lori Strickler

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Mary Peltola- Spoke in favor of the Blue Sky Subdivision Agreement.

John Cochran- Questioned the Council on the funding for the City's audit.

Mary Nanuwak - Is concerned about the audits and the financial statements for the City. Has additional concerns on the financial state of the State and the Federal Government. As far as water and sewer systems go, the housing at Lulu Heron doesn't have enough water pressure.

Kent Crandell, Architect YKHC Project Manager- Spoke in favor of the Blue Sky Subdivision as the community is growing and is in need of housing.

Eileen Arnold- Thanked Council Member Albertson and Council Member Williams for speaking to her personally on her audit concerns. Explained to the Council the situation the City is in with regard to the finance staff. The Tundra Women's Coalition could be facing the same situation. The Tundra Women's Coalition may be obtaining funding to help offset training for TWC staff and the City.

Carleen MItchell, Deputy Director of Alaska Public Entity Insurance- Introduced herself and provided a summary of what APEI does. The City is a member of APEI, she was in town to provide training to City staff.

Beverly Hoffman- Thanked the City Council, Pete Williams, and Public Works for their hard work on the flooding in Housing. Identified that the City Council has a lot of conflict right now, suggested the Council take a training on how to resolve some of the differences to help make the organization run more smoothly. Continued to address some of the actions the City Council has taken and suggested the Council start working together. Encouraged everyone to go work out at the YK Fitness Center.

Lisa Wimmer- Spoke in favor of the Blue Sky Subdivision Agreement. Addressed the importance of home ownership, and the health risks caused by overcrowding in our community and Region. As a manager in this community, she has had a difficult time recruiting people to move here because there is a lack of housing.

Casey Burke- Spoke in favor of Budget Ordinance 18-12 (h).

Lyman Hoffman, Owner/Developer of Blue Sky Subdivision- Spoke in favor of the Blue Sky Subdivision Agreement.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.

Moved by:	Leif Albertson
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes

Remove Item 10.1, Introduction of Budget Ordinance 18-12 (h) from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Watson

Remove Item 10.4 Personal Leave Request for the City Attorney from the Consent Agenda. Council Member Albertson

Remove Item 10.5 Personal Leave Request for the City Clerk from the Consent Agenda. Vice-Mayor Williams

Remove Item 10.6 Administrative Leave Request for the City Manager from the Consent Agenda. Vice-Mayor Williams

In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *January 22, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *January 29, 2019 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on consent Agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes Of Committees And Commissions
Finance Committee, Council Member Barr- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council meeting.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Albertson - The application period is now open, the Board will be meeting in March to consider the applications.

Public Works Committee- No one available to provide a report.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member Forbes- The Committee met last night and found a number of discrepancies in the financial statements. The Committee will be bringing recommendations back to the City Council.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Williams- The Commission will be meeting on Thursday to review an amendment to small turbine regulations.

Port Commission, Mayor Watson- 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 Ordinance 19-01: Reaquiring City Property From Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Identified As 1.12 Acres And 1.43 Acres Located At Plat 93-32, Lagoon Parcel Bethel Native Corporation ANCSA 14 (C) Survey, Situated Within A Portion Of Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 71 West, Seward Meridian, In Accordance With 4.08.020
(City Manager Williams)
Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 19-01.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 19-02: Approving A Subdivision Agreement Between Blue Sky Mke, LLC And The City Of Bethel (Planning Commission)

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.
Lyman Hoffman, Developer of Blue Sky Subdivision-spoke in favor of the Agreement.
John Cochrane- Spoke in favor of the Blue Sky Subdivision Agreement.
Mark Springer- Spoke in favor of the Blue Sky Subdivision Agreement.
Mary Nanuwak- Spoke in favor of the Blue Sky Subdivision Agreement.
Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 19-02.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Contract Engineer Chase Nelson, DOWL.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to postpone until the first meeting in April.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Amend the main motion to insert "and ask the Planning Commission to supplement their resolution with additional findings of fact.

Moved by:	Leif Albertson
Seconded by:	Thor Williams
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.3. - Introduction Of Ordinance 18-02: Amending Chapter 4.16.160 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Sales And Use Tax, Tax Exemptions For Isolated Sales
(Council Member Forbes)
Motion to Introduce Ordinance 18-02 was made at the January 9, 2018 Meeting by Council Member Forbes and seconded by Council Member Springer.

In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 9.4. - City Of Bethel Delinquent Federal 941 Tax Payments And Best Practices Score (Vice-Mayor Williams)

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 18-12(h): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2019 Budget-Finance And Police Department
(Council Member Forbes)
Introduce Budget Ordinance 18-12 (h).

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.2. - *AM 19-18: Appointment And Re-Appointment Of Committee-Commission Members. Juan Delgado- Public Works Committee. Tracy Beans- Planning Commission (Mayor Watson)
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *IM 19-02 Presentation Of The City's Water And Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2018- January 31, 2019- Utilities Maintenance- Water And Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Williams)
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Personal Leave Request-City Attorney- February 22 (1/2 day); March 1 (1/2 day); March 4; May 2,3,15-30; October 9-23
(Mayor Watson)
Motion to approve personal leave request for the City Attorney.

Moved by:	Leif Albertson
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Amend to insert March 5th and to extend the October leave to October 25th.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.5. - *Personal Leave Request-City Clerk- April 11, 12, 15; May 3,6-8; July 29-August 2; September 16-18 Leave Totals 15 Days/120 Hours
(Mayor Watson)
Motion to approve the City Clerk's Leave Request.

Moved by:	Thor Williams
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.6. - *Administrative Leave For The City Manager To Attend The Alaska Municipal League Winter Conference February 18-22, 2019
(City Manager Williams)
Motion to approve the Administrative Leave.

Moved by:	Leif Albertson
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes
Opposed:	Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Results:	Motion does not carry

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

Council Member Perry Barr
Bethel Search and Rescue has announced the ice roads are very dangerous.
Finance Committee will meet February 25th, looking for volunteers for that Committee.

Council Member Mitchell Forbes
Thanked Administration for their work on the Finance items and their response to the storm situation.

Council Member Leif Albertson
Thankful to see the State working on the highway to fix the potholes. Drivers must be careful to stay clear of pedestrians and the pedestrian walkways.
Having growing concerns on council member attendance.
Community Action Grant deadline is a month away.

Vice-Mayor Thor Williams
Working on legislative issues in Juneau, it appears the State's budget is going to be a hard one. PCE may be going away, PERS and TERS may be increased, and other items that will cost local communities heavily.
Provided an update on the Speaker of the House vote in Juneau.
Thanked the Public Works Employees for their work this past week.
Roads have become a life and death issue with first responders and we are causing a lot of damage on our trucks because of the road conditions.
Hopes that KYUK doesn't have bias anymore in their reporting.

Mayor Fred Watson
Reiterated what Council Member Barr said on the river condition, the ice road isn't safe.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.
Moved by: Leif Albertson
Seconded by: Perry Barr
In favor: Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

City Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Fred Watson, Mayor