

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
November 28, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 28th, 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:
City Council Member Teresa Keller City Council Member Mikayla Miller City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Beth Hessler Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope Mayor Mark Springer
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Arnold, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Sage Smiley, new News Director for KYUK- Introduced herself to the City Council.

Laura Elsworth, Southwest Alaska Arts Group, Director- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 23-11(c).

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: Rose Henderson

Seconded by: Sophie Swope

In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope,
Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller

Opposed: None

Results: | Motion Carries

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *11-14-2023 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 Henderson- No one available to provide a report.

Planning Commission, Council Member Hessler- A meeting has not been held due to a lack of a quorum.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Keller- No meetings scheduled.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Swope- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Finance Committee, Council Member Snow- No actions were taken by the committee.

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 since the last city council meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Reconsideration Of Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-11(c): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Council Member Henderson)
(Reconsideration sponsored by Council Member Snow)

Main Motion: Reconsider Ordinance 23-11(c)

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

Results: | Motion Carries

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

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

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

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

Motion to amend: Strike \$97,875 and to insert \$410 in the first and third whereas statement.

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

Motion to amend: In Section C-1, Strike \$73,460 and insert \$31,700 under 100-72-6430; and to strike the entire lines of 100-72-6507 and 100-10100.

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-11(d): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Council Member Henderson)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

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

Moved by: | Rose Henderson

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-19: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 3.04, 3.16, 3.48, 3.60 To Establish Telework Opportunities For Non-Unionized Employees (Acting City Manager Arnold)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-19.

Moved by: Patrick Snow
Seconded by: Rose Henderson
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(e): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Acting City Manager Arnold)

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- Recognized Andre Jacobs, a former council member, who is working on a Congressional task-force. Would like to express irritation about the letter from the

State of Alaska Attorney General stating that libraries could be charged with felonies for providing young people with certain books.

Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope- Encouraged people to be safe on the ice and to wear reflective gear at night.

Council Member Henderson- No comment.

Council Member Hessler- Have a wonderful evening.

Council Member Snow- No comment.

Council Member Keller- No comment.

Council Member Miller- Reminded people to donate to Bethel Gives and to support the nonprofits in town. Thankful that the Cama-i funding got figured out.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

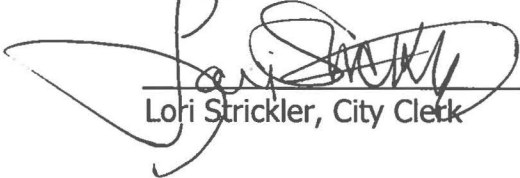
Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 7:58 p.m.


Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk