

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 14th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

In the absence of the Mayor and Vice-mayor being present in the chambers, Clerk Strickler 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 Beth Hessler City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Mikayla Miller City Council Member Teresa Keller City Council Member Rose Henderson Mayor Mark Springer (telephonically)
Members Absent:
Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Arnold, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

Motion to elect Council Member Henderson as Mayor Pro tempore to preside over the meeting.

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

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

No one present to be heard.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Public Comments.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Council Member Snow, Remove from the Consent Agenda, Item 10.2 Introduction of Ordinance 23-19.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *10-24-2023 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *10-31-2023 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *11-2-2023 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 since the last city council meeting.

Planning Commission, Council Member Hessler- Received a report from the Planning administrative assistant. Postponed the consideration of an amendment to the Draft Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 8.

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

Finance Committee, Council Member Snow- A meeting has not been held.

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

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Miller- A special meeting was held on November 8th; housing is a major issue with recruitment of staff.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

*Council Member Henderson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Council Member Henderson closed the Public Hearing.*

The action does not carry due to a lack of a motion to adopt.

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing 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)

*Council Member Henderson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Council Member Henderson closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 23-18.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-11(d): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Council Member Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 23-19: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 3.04, 3.16, 3.48, 3.60 To Establish Telework Opportunities For Non-Unionized Employees (Acting City Manager Arnold)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 23-19.

Moved by: | Patrick Snow

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

Item 10.3. - *AM 23-31: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Springer)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *IM 23-17: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget For October 2023-Utilities Maintenance - Water & Wastewater Activity Report (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- Encouraged the people to drive carefully on the icy, snowy roads.

Council Member Henderson- Disappointed that the budget modification didn't get approved. Encouraged people to wear reflective gear and/or use a light at night.

Council Member Hessler- Excited to be an American. Thankful for Thanksgiving and how that represents our country's beginning.

Council Member Snow- Would like to review the Community Action Grant Funds. Thanked the Veterans.

Council Member Keller- Encouraged the public to use crosswalks as those parts of the road have better lighting.

Council Member Miller- Thought the budget amendment was on the consent agenda, apologized for the oversight.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

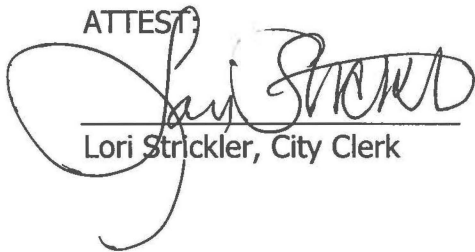
Moved by:	Mikayla Miller
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:05 p.m.



Rose Henderson,
Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk