

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 9, 2024 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 Patrick Snow City Council Member Beth Hessler City Council Member Mikayla Miller City Council Member Rose Henderson Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope Mayor Mark Springer
Members Absent:
City Council Member Teresa Keller
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

Ana Hoffman- Stressed the importance of long range planning and encouraged the City to seek funding for infrastructure funds for the port.

Frank Mazarro- Presented concerns over increases in the cab permit fee by the cab companies.

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, Mikayla Miller
Opposed:	None

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *12-12-2023 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *12-14-2023 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- YKHC presented their housing structure project: the commission approved the request. Code amendments were discussed to address additions to buildings and to address the housing shortage.

Community Action Grant Committee- Meetings are currently paused.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Swope- Was not able attend the meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Snow- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- A quorum was not established.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Miller- Discussed housing shortages for first responders. Transportation fee concerns were brought up by members of the public. Joy Anderson was elected to be Chair of the Commission.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *AM 24-01: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For

A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Springer)
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- Thanked the City's Streets and Roads crew for their hard work. Asked residents to make sure their headlights are working.

Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope- People should be keeping their dogs on a leash and refrain from using violence on loose dogs.

Council Member Henderson- Encouraged parents to put reflective gear on their kids clothing. The river is still unsafe. Don't take vehicles on the river. Happy Slaviq.

Council Member Hessler- Thanks to Ana Hoffman and Frank Mazarro for speaking at people to be heard.

Council Member Snow- No comment.

Council Member Miller- Thanked Frank Mazarro for coming and speaking to the City Council. Wished everyone to have a Happy New Year.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(1) Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity; And (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Anticipated Litigation: Larisa Bogunovic v. Bethel (Mayor Springer)

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.(C)(1) Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity; And (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential- Anticipated Litigation: Larisa Bogunovic v. Bethel.

Those attending this item are the City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, Acting City

Manager, and outside council Will Earnhart and Zoe Eisberg.

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

Council exited executive session at 7:24 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

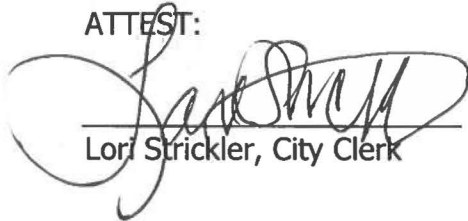
Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 7:26 p.m.


Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk