

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

With the Mayor participating telephonically and the Vice-Mayor Absent, Clerk Strickler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Main Motion: Nominate Council Member Henderson to act as Mayor Pro Tempore.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Alan Kress-Bethel Resident- Provided an explanation about drainage in the area of Mallard Drive and how it is impacting his property.

Jason Fox and Matt Ostrum- Want to produce a show about the Bethel Police Department and would like the topic placed on the agenda.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No written comments were submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *3-12-2024 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- A recommendation was considered and will be presented to the City Council at the next council meeting.

Planning Commission, Council Member Hessler- Considered a Site Plan Permit application for a triplex. Welcomed new Commission member Sundi Scott.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Keller- A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee- No one available to provide a report.

Finance Committee, Council Member Snow- A meeting was not held due to the Agenda and Packet not being posted.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- Recommend the utility rate study come before the City Council.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission- No one available to provide a report.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 23-11(g): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Acting City Manager Arnold)

Mayor Pro Tempore Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.
Mayor Pro Tempore Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

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

Moved by: Patrick Snow
Seconded by: Beth Hessler

Motion to postpone.

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 24-03: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 4.16.170, Exemption Cards, To Remove The Expiration Date On Senior Exemption Cards (Council Member Snow)

Mayor Pro Tempore Henderson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Pro Tempore Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 24-03.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Resolution 24-04: Supporting Changing The Precinct Location For Bethel Precinct No. 1 From The Lower Kuskokwim School District Board Room To The Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center (Mayor Springer)

Mayor Pro Tempore Henderson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Pro Tempore Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 24-04.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Resolution 24-05: Authorizing Administration To Amend The City Of Bethel Public Employees' Retirement System Participation Agreement To Exempt The Position Of Grant Manager (Acting City Manager Arnold)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *IM 24-04: Documentation That The Bethel City Council Received And Reviewed The Full Financial Budget Report And Water & Wastewater Activity Report For The Month Of February 2024 (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- No Comment.

Council Member Henderson- Hoping spring will come a little faster. Thanked all the people who contributed to the Camai Dance Festival and donated food for the event.

Council Member Hessler- Thanked the individuals that spoke under people to be heard.

Council Member Snow- No comment.

Council Member Keller- No comment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310(c)2: Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion – Annual Evaluation, City Attorney (Mayor Springer)

Attorney Bakalar requested the evaluation to be held in open session.

Main Motion: Provide an increase of 2.5% in accordance with the employment agreement.

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

Item 13.2. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310(c)2: Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion – Annual Evaluation, City Clerk (Mayor Springer)

Main Motion: In Accordance With AS 44.62.310(c)2: Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion – Annual Evaluation, City Clerk. Those present will be the City Council and City Clerk.

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

Council moved into executive session at 7:24 p.m.

Council exited executive session at 7:43 p.m.

Main Motion: Provide an increase of 2.5% in accordance with the employment agreement.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Teresa Keller

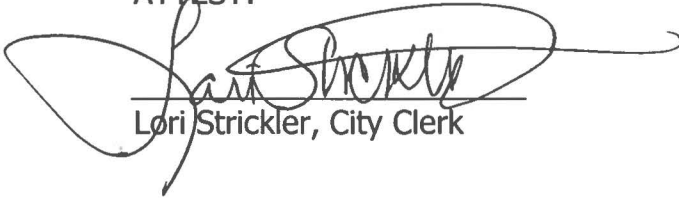
In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Patrick Snow, Teresa Keller
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.



Rose Henderson,
Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk