

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Swope called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

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| <b>Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:</b>        |
| Mayor Mark Springer ( <i>arrived 6:43 p.m., telephonically</i> )                      |
| City Council Member Rose Henderson                                                    |
| City Council Member Beth Hessler                                                      |
| City Council Member Patrick Snow                                                      |
| Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope                                                               |
| City Council Member Teresa Keller                                                     |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>                                                                |
| City Council Member Mikayla Miller                                                    |
| <b>Also in attendance were the following:</b>                                         |
| Acting City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar ( <i>telephonically</i> ) |

**4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person**

*Ethan Perry- Anchorage- Gave a summary from PND Engineers about AM 24-19 and is available to answer questions.*

*Tom Mortensen-Soldova- Available from PND Engineers to answer questions concerning AM 24-19.*

*Derrick Honurd- Anchorage -Available from PND Engineers to answer questions concerning AM 24-19.*

**Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments**

*No Written Comments Submitted.*

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA**

Main Motion: Approval of the Regular and Consent Agenda.

Moved by: | Rose Henderson

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

Remove from the Consent Agenda-  
Item 10.2, Introduction of Budget Ordinance 24-05(a)- Council Member Snow

## **6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Item 6.1. -** \*June 11, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

## **7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Port Commission, Council Member Henderson- Met twice in June. Discussed AM 24-19.

Planning Commission, Council Member Hessler- No meeting since the last meeting.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Keller- Meetings are still on hold.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Vice-Mayor Swope- No meeting due to lack of quorum.

Finance Committee, Council Member Snow- No meeting since last meeting.

*Mayor Springer joins the meeting at 6:42 p.m.*

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- No meeting since last meeting.

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

**Item 7.1. -** Committee/Commission Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes

## **8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Item 8.1. -** Legislative Update From Representative CJ McCormick (Mayor Springer)

*CJ McCormick addressed the Council.*

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**Item 10.1.** - \*Introduction Of Budget Modification 24-04 (a), Amending The Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget (Acting City Manager Strickler)

*Passed on the consent agenda*

**Item 10.2.** - \*Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 24-05 (a), Amending The City's Capital Budget Allocation For Fiscal Year 2025 (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 24-05(a).

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

Motion to Amend: Strike the first three whereas statements and strike "1,000,000" from the Animal Control Center line item.

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

**Item 10.3.** - \*Introduction Of Ordinance 24-06: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.60 Committees, Commissions, And AD HOC Committees To Reduce Voting Members Under Special Circumstances (Council Member Snow)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.4.** - \*AM 24-18 Negotiate And Execute A Contract Amendment With Alaska Communications For Additional Remote IT Services (Acting City Manager Strickler)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.5.** - AM 24-19 Authorizing the Administration To Sign Statement Of Non

## Objection For KNIK Dock, Seawall Expansion (Port Commission)

### Main Motion: Approve AM 24-19.

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

### Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Engineers from the KNIK Project.

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

## 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- Hoping for nicer weather, and hopes those on the Yukon will catch fish.

Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope- Would like to see more community involvement at the 4th of July festivities. Looking forward to the berry season. Be safe on the river.

Council Member Henderson- Thanked all the City Employees who took part in the 4th of July events. Enjoyed the "second chance" day on Saturday as well. Glad that the public got a chance to attend and set up booths on Saturday due to the weather. Thanked the Police Department for the increased traffic stops.

Council Member Hessler- Enjoyed the 4th of July in Bethel. In the future, would like there to be free community games/contests that people could take part in at the

fairgrounds. Good to see CJ McCormick again.

Council Member Snow- Shared a letter from a Resident that was received by the Clerk's Office that had suggestions to curb homelessness in Bethel.

Council Member Keller- Enjoyed the 2nd chance 4th of July held on Saturday. Encouraged people not to vandalize the park, pick up trash, and clean up after themselves.

### **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 Christopher Engebret, ET AL. vs City of Bethel (Acting City Manager Strickler)

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 Christopher Engebret, ET AL. vs City of Bethel. Attending this item will be the City Council and the City Attorney.

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

*Council took a 5 minute break and entered Executive Session at 7:54 p.m*

*Council exited Executive Session at 8:12 p.m*

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

*Meeting ended at 8:12 p.m.*

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,  
Acting City Clerk



Sophie Swope,  
Vice-Mayor