

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Springer called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
Mayor Mark Springer City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Beth Hessler <i>(arrived after roll call 6:51p.m. telephonically)</i> Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope City Council Member Mikayla Miller
Members Absent:
City Council Member Patrick Snow City Council Member Teresa Keller
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Lori Strickler, Acting City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar <i>(telephonically)</i>

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Jesslyn Elliott- Bethel- Gave the council an update on the condition of the city dog pound.

Eileen Arnold- Bethel- In favor of a new dog pound facility. Recommended that the new shelter be designed by an agency that designs animal shelters.

Nancy Elliott- Bethel- In favor of a new dog pound facility.

Susan Taylor- Bethel- In favor of a new dog pound facility. A 40 day feast will be held at the cultural center for those who passed away in a recent fire. Is sponsoring a Petition to limit campaign donations.

Susan Sookram- Bethel- In favor of a new dog pound facility.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments.

Council Member Hessler joins the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *7-9-2024 Regular City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Henderson- Many items from the last meeting will be on the next agenda due to lack of information.

Planning Commission, Council Member Hessler- Discussed fill for site permits and amendments to the fee schedule. Held a special meeting to approve a permit for a KYUK tower. It was approved with conditions.

Community Action Grant Committee, no one present to report.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Vice-Mayor Swope- No meeting since last meeting.

Finance Committee, no one present to report.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- Holding a special meeting on 7/24/2024.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Miller- "Crafting with a Cop" program was a success. The commission would like to meet monthly.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Oath Of Office- Chief Of Public Safety, James Harris (Mayor Springer)

Chief James Harris took the Oath of Office.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Budget Modification 24-04 (a), Amending The Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 24-04(a).

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

Amend to add line items: "City Subdivision Water Treatment Plant 510-84-6140 Chemicals \$75,000" and "Bethel Heights Treatment Plant 510-83-6140 Chemicals \$85,000."

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 24-05 (a), Amending The City's Capital Budget Allocation For Fiscal Year 2025 (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Mayor Springer opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Springer closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 24-05(a).

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

Motion to Amend: Re-insert the 1,000,000 line item and whereas statements for the Animal Control Shelter.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing 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)

Main Motion: Postpone until the next meeting.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Resolution 24-10: Authorizing The Disposal Of Two City Water Trucks And One Sewer Truck (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - AM 24-20: Accepting The Resignation Of Council Member Hessler Effective October 8, 2024 And Directing The City Clerk To Place The One-Year Term Seat On The 2024 City Of Bethel Regular Election Ballot (Council Member Hessler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 24-20.

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

Item 10.3. - *AM 24-21: Authorize Acting City Manager to Negotiate And Execute A

Contract For Electrical Services With Company A (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *IM 24-07: Documentation That The Bethel City Council Received And Reviewed The Full Financial Budget Report And Water & Wastewater Activity Report For The Month Of June 2024 (Acting City Manager Strickler)

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- Today is exactly 100 days until Halloween.

Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope- Hopes everybody is enjoying the nice weather and is getting berries.

Council Member Henderson- Please check on your elders and loved ones during the high temperatures; make sure that they are drinking enough water and are doing ok. Commended the Police Department for their presence on the roads. Drink lots of water and stand by your fan and pick lots of berries.

Council Member Hessler- Enjoying the sunshine and picking berries. Appreciates the fellow council members and enjoys seeing how much they care for the city.

Council Member Miller- Enjoy the weather while it's still here. Please be careful driving; there are accidents happening recently. Keep the dust down on the roads.

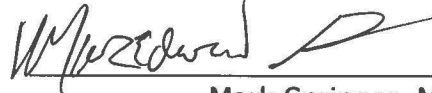
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

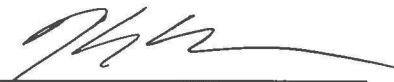
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In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Beth Hessler, Sophie Swope, Mikayla Miller
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:41 p.m.



Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,
Acting City Clerk