

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Swope 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:
City Council Member Rose Henderson City Council Member Patrick Snow Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope City Council Member Teresa Keller City Council Member Mikayla Miller
Members Absent:
Mayor Mark Springer City Council Member Beth Hessler
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Lori Strickler, Acting City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Krystin Williams-Bethel- Spoke about the difficulty of identifying land for sale in Bethel.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Regular and Consent Agenda.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Teresa Keller
In favor:	Rose Henderson, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

-Remove from Consent Agenda, Item 10.4, AM 24-22- Council Member Miller

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *6-25-2024 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *7-23-2024 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *8-6-2024 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- No Meeting since the last meeting.

Planning Commission- No one available to provide a report.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Keller- No meetings Scheduled yet.

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

Finance Committee, Council Member Snow- No meeting Since the last meeting.

Public Works Committee, No one available to provide a report.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Miller- No meeting due to technical difficulties.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - 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)
Vice-Mayor Swope opened the Public Hearing.

*No one present to be heard.
Vice-Mayor Swope closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 24-06.

Moved by: Patrick Snow
Seconded by: Rose Henderson

Motion to Postpone until the next meeting.

Moved by: Patrick Snow
Seconded by: Rose Henderson
In favor: Rose Henderson, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 24-07: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.60, Committees, Commissions And Ad Hoc Committees To Reduce The Meeting Schedule Requirement To Every Other Month (Acting City Manager Strickler)
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 24-08: Authorizing The Disposal Of City Property By Means Of Demolition Of The Building Located At 105 Ptarmigan In Accordance With BMC 4.08.030 (A), Property No Longer Necessary For Municipal Purposes (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 24-09: Authorizing The Disposal Of Municipal Land Through A Land Lease To The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation In Accordance With Bethel Municipal Code 4.08.030, Disposal To Entity Providing Necessary Public Service (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *AM 24-22: Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute Two Agreements With The University Of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) And To Authorize The Contributions From The FY2025 Budget: (1) \$112,000 To The UAF Cooperative Extension 4-H Program, And (2) \$72,600 To The Kuskokwim Consortium Library (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Council Member Miller declares a conflict of interest as this agreement is used to fund her position at the Library.

Vice-Mayor Swope rules that Council Member Miller has a conflict of interest. Council Member Miller steps down and does not take part in the discussion or the voting for this item of business.

Main Motion Approve AM 24-22.

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

Item 10.5. - *AM 24-23: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract For The Construction Of Two Three-Plexes As Part Of The City's \$3 Million Grant Award From The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Council Member Miller rejoins the meeting.

This Item 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

Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope- The days are getting shorter; wear reflective gear as it gets darker. Take advantage of the upcoming fish opening. There are open city council seats if you want to run for office.

Council Member Henderson- School starts tomorrow; hope the kids get a lot of rest. It is getting dark early; start wearing reflective gear. Due to construction at BRHS, there will be difficulty dropping students off at the school. Pay attention to BRHS notices for the parking situation. Hearing positive feedback from the public concerning the Police Department news updates. Congratulations to officer Zeus from the K-9 unit for his recent catch. There are Fire Department raffle tickets currently for sale to support the volunteer firefighter program.

Council Member Snow- No Comment.

Council Member Keller- No Comment.

Council Member Miller- No Comment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by: Rose Henderson

Seconded by: Mikayla Miller

In favor: Rose Henderson, Patrick Snow, Sophie Swope, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller

Opposed: None

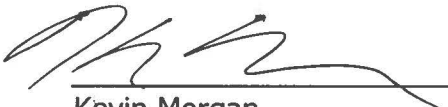
Results: Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:17 p.m.



Sophie Swope, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,
Acting City Clerk