

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 25, 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 Teresa Keller City Council Member Mikayla Miller (telephonically) City Council Member Beth Hessler City Council Member Rose Henderson Mayor Mark Springer Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope City Council Member Patrick Snow (<i>arrived after roll call 6:32 p.m.</i>)
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

No one present to be heard.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No written comments submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.

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

Remove the Legislative Update from the Agenda- Council Member Swope.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *6-11-2024 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 meeting was held on the 17th. Discussed the damage at the small boat harbor parking locations. At the special meeting on the 24th, considered the KNIK Seawall Extension project.

Planning Commission, Council Member Hessler- Unable to attend the last planning commission meeting.

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

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Vice-Mayor Swope- A meeting was not held since the last city council meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Snow- A member of the public presented questions and concerns about churches being required to hold business licenses. Amended the Finance Committee meeting schedule to change the start time to 5:30 p.m.

Public Works Committee, Mayor Springer- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Miller- A meeting was not held since the last city council meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Certificate Of Appreciation To The Harbor Park Sign Design Contest
Winners- Bethany Samuelson, Sally Peters, Susan Taylor (Mayor Springer)

The Council recognized the finalists for the 2024 Kid's Vote Sign Design Contest.

Item 8.2. - Legislative Update From Representative CJ McCormick (Mayor Springer)

This item was removed from the Agenda.

Item 8.3. - Human And Animal Health Project Presentation (Mayor Springer)

Maya Homsy King and Michelle Johannsen from the Wildlife Conservation Society provided an explanation of their goals in the community.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Resolution 24-09: Temporarily Suspending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 5.20.130, Regulations Pertaining To Taxicabs, Chauffeurs, And Dispatch Services, Renewal Of License Or Permit (Council Member Miller)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - AM 24-16: Transfer The Appointment Of Acting City Manager From Bill Arnold To Lori Strickler Between July 13-August 18, And Appoint Kevin Morgan To Acting City Clerk For The Same Period (Acting City Manager Arnold)

Motion to adopt AM 24-16.

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

Motion to amend to strike "July 13" and insert "effective immediately" and to strike "August 18" and insert "until a city manager has been hired through the recruitment process."

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

Results: | Motion Carries

Item 10.3. - *AM 24-17: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract To The Highest Scoring Proposal For The Last Frontier Housing Initiative Funds For Affordable Housing (Acting City Manager Arnold)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *IM 24-06: Documentation That The Bethel City Council Received And Reviewed The Full Financial Budget Report And Water & Wastewater Activity Report For The Month Of May 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- Nice to see a crane at KYUK; must mean the tower is getting ready for construction.

Vice-Mayor Sophie Swope- Congratulated Bethel Friends of Canines on their No Kill Animal Shelter award.

Council Member Henderson- Glad to see people wearing life jackets on the river. Congratulations to everyone who are catching fish. Warned of a windstorm that is on its way.

Council Member Hessler- No comment.

Council Member Snow- Happy Fourth of July.

Council Member Keller- Appreciated the new playground equipment at Pinky's Park; Encouraged people to keep the equipment nice. Recognized Bethel Friends of Canines for their award and designation of being a No Kill Shelter.

Council Member Miller-No comment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting ended at 7:11p.m.



Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk