

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
November 26, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Henderson 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 Mark Springer (telephonically) Mayor Rose Henderson Vice-Mayor Teresa Keller City Council Member Mikayla Miller City Council Member Alicia Miner City Council Member Pamela Conrad
Members Absent:
City Council Member WG Anaruk
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Lori Strickler, Acting City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Lorin Bradbury- Would like the council to revisit the business license and sales tax certificate code. In favor of meters, for water/sewer charges and that duplexes and triplexes should have the same commercial requirements for meters.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Mikayla Miller
Seconded by:	Alicia Miner
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *11-12-2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *11-13-2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Miner- No meeting since last meeting.

Planning Commission, Mayor Henderson- No meeting since last meeting.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Conrad- Held a meeting last night, will meet again on Dec.2nd to score applications and allocate awards.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Miller- No meeting since last meeting.

Finance Committee- No one to report.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- Nothing to report.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor Keller- No Meeting since last meeting.

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

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 24-05(d): Amending The Capital Improvement, Budget For Fiscal Year 2025, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 (Acting City Manager Strickler)

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 24-05(d).

Moved by:	Teresa Keller
Seconded by:	Alicia Miner
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - AM 24-33: Authorizing Administration To Apply For A Conditional Use Permit Through The Planning Department And The Planning Commission With The Intent Of Designating Lots 2 And 3 L Block 7 USS 3230 As Park Land Under The Public Lands And Institutions Zone (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 24-33.

Moved by:	Mikayla Miller
Seconded by:	Teresa Keller
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.2. - AM 24-34: Direct Administration To Prepare And Submit An FY 2026 Public Transportation Grant Application To Fund The Bethel Transit System With A Grant Request Of \$278,271 And A Pledge Of \$91,092 In Local Cash Match From The City's Planned FY 2026 Budget To Cover Operating Costs (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 24-34.

Moved by:	Mikayla Miller
Seconded by:	Alicia Miner
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.3. - Administrative Review Of Application For Restaurant Eating Place Alcohol License #6027, Ucp49 LLC, Doing Business As, UnCommon Pizza, Located at 401 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, Bethel, AK 99559 (Acting City Manager Strickler)
Council reviewed this item.

Item 10.4. - Negotiated City Manager Employment Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And Lori Strickler (Mayor Henderson)
Sarah McKee from MGT (formally GovHR) was present to discuss the Employment Agreement.

Motion to amend the agreement to approve a \$154,000 salary.

Moved by:	Teresa Keller
Seconded by:	Mikayla Miller
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to approve the contract with a start date of December 2, 2024 and to allow the attorney to amend the contract to reflect the employee and city contribution percentages.

Moved by:	Teresa Keller
Seconded by:	Alicia Miner
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.5. - *IM 24-11: Documentation That The Bethel City Council Received And Reviewed The Full Financial Budget Report And Water & Wastewater Activity Report For The Month Of October 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 Henderson- Thanked Search and Rescue for recovering the body of Mr Andrew and appreciates all the work that Search and Rescue does for the community.

Vice-Mayor Keller- No comment.

Council Member Miner- Would like to thank all the community members who take part and support in the Holiday events. Would like to thank the VFW for distributing turkeys to the community.

Council Member Conrad- Seconds everyone's comments.

Council Member Miller- Congratulations to the new city manager. Tomorrow is the Perfect Pie event. It supports the local non-profits.

Council Member Springer- Happy Thanksgiving. Congratulations to Representative Elect Nellie Jimmy and thanks to Representative CJ McCormick for his service to the community. Thanked those who voted for ranked choiced voting. Pay attention to Bethel Search and Rescue and what they say. Keep an eye out for Pedestrians on the side of the road; especially with the slippery roads.

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- City Manager Review and Employment Agreement Development (Note, All City Manager Candidates May be Discussed During the Executive Session) (Mayor Henderson)

Council did not enter executive session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Mikayla Miller
Seconded by:	Teresa Keller
In favor:	Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kevin Morgan,
Acting City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor

