

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Watson 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:
Council Member Carole Jung-Jordan Council Member Leif Albertson Council Member Perry Barr Council Member Fritz Charles Council Member Mitchell Forbes Mayor Fred Watson Vice-Mayor Thor Williams
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Bill Howell, City Attorney Patty Burley (telephonically), City Clerk Lori Strickler

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Beverly Hoffman- Summarized what the Council's duties are and provided a statement of opposition to the Council's termination of the former City Manager, Pete Williams.

Alyssa Gustafson - Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 19-05, City Council Compensation. Spoke in favor of Resolution 19-04, City Council Travel Policy.

Kellie Johnson, Staff of the University of Alaska 4H Program- Spoke in favor of the community's 4H program and encouraged the Council to continue to fund the program.

Danielle Craven- Spoke in opposition to the issuance of the Alaskabuds Marijuana license.

Mark Springer - Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 19-05.

David Trantham Jr. - Thanked the Council for their hard work.

Jim Chevigny - As a former Finance Director for the City of Bethel, summarized the City's issues with the limited revenues and increasing costs. Acknowledged there are other sources of revenues available if the City needs it.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Consent Agenda And Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Thor Williams
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Vice-Mayor Williams asked for the remove Items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 from the Consent Agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *April 16, 2019 Special City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *April 18, 2019 Special City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - * April 23, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.4. - *April 25, 2019 Special City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.5. - *April 26, 2019 Special City Council Meeting

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.6. - * April 30, 2019 Special City Council Budget Meeting Minutes

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.7. - *May 2, 2019 Special City Council Budget Meeting Minutes

Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes From Committees And Commissions.

Council Member Barr, Finance Committee - A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Kathy Hanson, Commission Chair, Planning Commission - Commission considered the ONC Subdivision Agreement which is presented for Public Hearing before the Council tonight. Considered and approved the Alaskabud's Conditional Use Permit which is presented to the Council tonight. The one concern related to parking is corrected with the Conditional Use Permit. The Commission also considered the Conditional Use Permit for the liquor license transfer to AC from Kusko Liquors, this item was postponed until June 13, 2019.

Council Member Carole Jung-Jordan, Public Works Committee - A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Mayor Watson, Port Commission- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Council Member Fritz Charles, Public Safety and Transportation Commission - Passed commission standards of conduct, received an update from the Chief of Police about the cell phone tracking. Also discussed the City putting location signs up at the boardwalk.

Council Member Mitchell Forbes, Parks Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Committee- A Land and Water Conservation Grant opportunity was reviewed to help improve our recreation space. Discussed 4th of July preparations and provided feedback to Administration on organizational needs for the event. The group is very excited about the owl park installation which is scheduled for the end of May. There will be a Community Clean Up Green Up event specifically for Pinky's Park and for

other areas as time allows. Bev Hoffman is working on a community wide event at the end of this week for many organizations in the community. Logistical items for the Fitness Center and the possibility of fencing of the Multi Use Field near the Fitness Center was discussed.

Leif Albertson- Community Action Grant- the application period is upon us, contact the City for more information.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Alaska Public Entity Insurance Overview of Policy and Benefits
Presented by Barbara Thurston, Executive Director APEI (Council Member Albertson)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 19-05: Amending Title 2.04 To Provide For Compensation And Benefits For Bethel City Council Members (Council Member Charles)

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.

Mark Springer- Spoke in opposition to the adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 19-05.

Moved by:	Fritz Charles
Seconded by:	Thor Williams
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Fritz Charles, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes
Results:	Motion Carries

Primary Amendment: Amending the effective date to insert "and only if the majority of the qualified voters voting on an advisory question summarizing this ordinance modification vote in the affirmative".

Moved by:	Leif Albertson
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Fred Watson, Thor Williams, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes

Opposed: | Carole Jung-Jordan, Fritz Charles
Results: | Motion Carries

Primary Amendment: Strike Subsection D and the corresponding portion of Subsection E.

Moved by: | Carole Jung-Jordan
Seconded by: | Fritz Charles
In favor: | Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes,
Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 19-06: Authorizing The Disposal Via Lease to General Communication Corp. (GCI) Of Lot 5A Block 9, US Survey 3230, Plat 98-6 (280 third Ave.) (City Manager Williams)

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 19-06.

Moved by: | Fritz Charles
Seconded by: | Leif Albertson
In favor: | Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes,
Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 19-07: Authorizing The Disposal Of Lot 2, Commercial Center Subdivision, Plat 96-15 (831 River Street) Via Lease BTP/Swanson's Hardware (City Manager Williams)

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 19-07.

Moved by: | Fritz Charles
Seconded by: | Carole Jung-Jordan
In favor: | Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes,
Fred Watson, Thor Williams

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 9.4. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 19-08: Approving A Subdivision Agreement Between Orutsarmuit Native Council And The City Of Bethel (Planning Commission)

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.

Calvin Cochroft, ONC Representative, spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 19-08.

Moved by: | Fritz Charles
Seconded by: | Mitchell Forbes
In favor: | Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 19-09: Disposing Of City Owned Vacant Building By Demolition, Known As The Old Laundromat, Located At 832 Ridgecrest (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 19-09.

Moved by: | Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by: | Leif Albertson
In favor: | Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 19-10: Disposing Of City Owned Property In The Form Of A Land Lease With AVCP Headstart Located At 161 Atsaq Street (City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 19-10.

Moved by: | Thor Williams
Seconded by: | Carole Jung-Jordan

In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion

Item 10.3. - *Resolution 19-03: Project Sponsorship For Community Transportation Program Administration And Maintenance Commitment (Acting City Manager Howell)
Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 19-03.

Moved by:	Fritz Charles
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.4. - *Resolution 19-04: Establishing A City Council Travel Policy (Council Member Albertson)
Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 19-04.

Moved by:	Leif Albertson
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes
Opposed:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Fritz Charles, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Results:	Does not carry

Item 10.5. - AM 19-29: Authorizing Administration To Apply For The Community Service Patrol Grant For Fiscal Year 2020 (Acting City Manager Howell)
Main Motion: Approve AM 19-29.

Moved by:	Fritz Charles
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.6. - AM 19-30: Confirming The City Manager Recruitment Process (Mayor Watson)
Main Motion: Approve AM 19-30.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.7. - Review Administrative Report And Marijuana Retail Store Application For Alaskabuds LLC. License Number 18735, Operation Location 660 Suite B. Third Avenue, Bethel AK. 99559 (Mayor Watson)

Suspend the Rules to hear from Alaskabuds Representative, Nicholas Miller.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.8. - *Personal Leave Request- Acting City Manager Howell- May 17th- 21st, 2019 (Mayor Watson)

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 Watson-

Emphasized the hazards of traveling on the river, with logs and ice, people should be very cautious and report people driving under the influence.

Vice-Mayor Williams-

Reminded everyone that it is Foster Parent Appreciation Month and recognized all the important work that they do. Expressed condolences to the crash victim families in Ketchikan. Congratulated Bev Hoffman for being inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame. Reminded people not to drink and drive on the river. Congratulated Randy Smith on winning the Triple Crown and all those who participated in a wrestling tournament in Wasilla. Congratulated Randy Hanson for being inducted into the Alaska School Activities Association, Alaska High School Hall of Fame. Reminded everyone that young people do pay taxes in Bethel by way of sales tax.

Council Member Albertson-

Referenced the statement with the Insurance Company, asked how the City Council could hire an attorney to review the termination issue as suggested by the Insurance Company. June 15th is the Bethel Half Marathon.

Council Member Forbes-

Thanked the public for coming to the meeting tonight and everyone for listening.

Council Member Barr-

Appreciated the productive meeting. Conveyed best wishes and good luck to the BRHS graduating class of 2019. Encouraged members of the public to join the Finance Committee.

Council Member Jung-Jordan-

Congratulated Paton Stanton and all of the graduates in Alaska and Bethel.

Council Member Charles-

Will be out of town for the first June meeting and is currently in training for his new job with AVCP. Condolences to Brian Spein and Family in Kwethluk. State of Alaska Fish and Game Working Group is meeting next Friday.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - Board Of Ethics Deliberative Session, Case Number 19-01 (Presiding Officer, Fred Watson)

Move to go into Executive Session.

Moved by: | Thor Williams

Mayor ruled the motion out of order.

Mayor Watson announced the Board of Ethics will hold their review of the Case in a closed deliberative session to evaluate the Board of Ethics Case #19-01. He identified that after a review of the facts presented in the case, two members, Council Member Albertson and Vice-Mayor Williams have a conflict of interest and are excluded from the Board of Ethics Review of Case #19-01.

Council Member Albertson and Vice-Mayor Williams departed the meeting as well as Acting City Manager Howell and the public. The Board of Ethics entered the closed deliberative session at 9:36 p.m.

The Board of Ethics adjourned the deliberative session at 10:44 p.m.

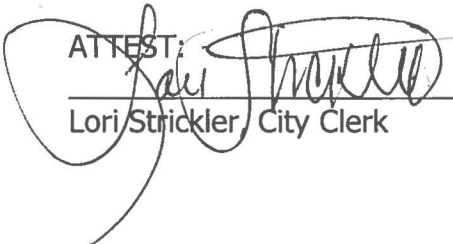
14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Fritz Charles
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 10:44 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk



Fred Watson, Mayor