

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 22, 2025 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 (telephonically) City Council Member Pamela Conrad City Council Member John Lloyd (telephonically)
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Lori Strickler, City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Jared Vaughn- Bethel, Alaska- Gave a summary of the 4-H program in Bethel. Requesting that the City of Bethel make a contribution to the 4-H program.

Kelsi Kime- Bethel, Alaska- Would like information on Bethel Potholes and would like to know more about the responsibility of the city and state to address them.

Kristin Hall- Anchorage, Alaska- Gave an update to the Council on how Federal funding will affect KYUK. Asks the city to oppose the rescission of funding to Public Broadcasting as it provides 70% of KYUK's operating funds. Spoke about how losing the funding would affect KYUK and the services that they provide to the city and the region.

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

Council Member Miller -Remove from the Consent Agenda, Item 10.3- Introduction Of Ordinance 25-08

Vice-Mayor Keller -Remove from the Consent Agenda, Item 10.2-Introduction Of Ordinance 25-07

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - 4-8-2025 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Port Commission, Council Member Miner- Nothing to report.

Planning Commission, Mayor Henderson- Discussed nuisance properties and the hearings that are coming up.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Conrad- Nothing to report. No meetings due to lack of funds.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Miller- Nothing to report.

Finance Committee, Council Member Lloyd- Waiting to make quorum.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- Not enough members to have a meeting.

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

Item 8.1. - Proclamation: Missing And Murdered Indigenous People Day May 5, 2025 (Mayor Henderson)

Mayor Henderson read the proclamation.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 24-04 (d): Amending The Adoption Annual Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2025, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-07: Amending Title 5.08.080 Alcoholic Beverages, Hours And Days Of Operation (Vice-Mayor Keller)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 25-07.

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

Council Member Springer disconnected at 6:54 pm

Motion to amend:

To strike the second whereas statement:

~~Whereas, the current hours of operations allow for the sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m.;~~

And insert: "Whereas, currently under BMC 5.08.080.A, a person may not sell, offer for sale, give, furnish, deliver, or consume an alcoholic beverage on premises licensed under AS 04.11.080 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m."

and

in the new section "D" to strike "posted" and to insert after closure "set forth in this section" and

in the new section "E" to insert after premises "between the hours of closure set forth in this section" and to strike "during the posted hours of closure"

Moved by: Teresa Keller

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

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-08: Providing For The Adoption Of The Annual Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2026, July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 And Appropriating Funds To Carry Out Said Budget (City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 25-08.

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

*Council Member Springer reconnected at 6:56 pm
Vice-Mayor Keller steps out at 7:31 p.m.*

Item 10.4. - AM 25-15: Approve Mayor Henderson's Travel Expenses For Alaska Walkability Action Institute (Mayor Henderson)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-16.

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

Vice-Mayor Keller rejoined at 7:33 p.m.

Item 10.5. - *AM 25-16: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *IM 25-04: Documentation That The Bethel City Council Received And Reviewed The Full Financial Budget Report And Water & Wastewater Activity Report For The Month Of March 2025 (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 Julie McWilliams for volunteering for the Community Action Grant Committee. Shared the public's frustration with the potholes. The city is doing the best that we can. Appreciates the Acting General Manager of KYUK for attending people to be heard and informing the council about the Federal funding situation. Encouraged the public to reach out to your congresspeople, especially Murkowski, by phone, email, websites or go to protectmypublicmedia.org. Be safe on the lakes and rivers; stay off the thin ice.

Vice-Mayor Keller- There are many committee/commission seats that need to be filled. If you know someone who might be interested, ask them.

Council Member Miner- No comment.

Council Member Conrad- Thanked the city employees that are working hard to keep the roads operational with all the melting ice and water.

Council Member Miller- Wanted the public to know that the City is working on concerns from the public. Please be patient and kind. Thanked everyone who spoke at people to be heard.

Council Member Springer- Thanked the Acting General Manager of KYUK for speaking at people to be heard. Encouraged the public to contact Representative Begich as the House of Representatives control the budget.

Council Member Lloyd- No comment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by: Mikayla Miller

Seconded by: John Lloyd

In favor: Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad, John Lloyd

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,
City Clerk



Rose Henderson, Mayor

