

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Keller 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 Vice-Mayor Teresa Keller City Council Member Mikayla Miller City Council Member Alicia Miner City Council Member Pamela Conrad City Council Member John Lloyd
Members Absent:
Mayor Rose Henderson
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

Gloria Simeon- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show.

Diane McEachern- Read a comment from Esther Green opposed to the police television show. Also opposed to the police television show. Offers free cross-cultural education for the Police department.

Dan Winkleman- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show.

Kathy Hanson- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show. In favor of a plastic bag ban.

Miranda Robb- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show.

Kelsi Kime- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show.

Brian Hottinger- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show.

Alyssa Leary- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show. In favor of plastic bag ban.

Jesslyn Elliott- In favor of plastic bag ban.

Theresa Quiner- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show. In favor of a plastic bag ban.

Gregory Hoffman Sr.- Bethel- As the ONC Vice-Chair, Tribal council opposed to the police television show.

Ana Hoffman- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show.

Eileen Arnold- Bethel- Opposed to the police television show. In favor of a plastic bag ban.

Lauren Martinez- Bethel- In favor of a plastic bag ban. Would like to see business brought into the process.

Jessica Pew- Bethel- In favor of a plastic bag ban.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

Kathy Hanson- Bethel- Opposed to the Police television show.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Primary Amendment: Move Item 10.10, AM 25-26, to be the first item of New Business

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

-Remove from the Consent Agenda, Item 10.10, AM 25-26, Council Member Springer
-Remove from the Consent Agenda, Item 10.3, Ordinance 25-13, Council Member Springer

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *7-8-2025 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 Miner- No quorum at the last meeting.

Planning Commission, No one present to report.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Conrad- Will meet on August 19th.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Miller- Discussed a possible dog park location: Riverside park. Discussed a Children's Park in Larson Subdivision.

Finance Committee, Council Member Lloyd- Discussed the Monthly budget report.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- Discussed some technical issues that have been on the agenda.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Vice-Mayor Keller- No Meeting due to lack of quorum.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-11: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 4.20.040, Competitive Sealed Proposals (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-12: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 10.15.010, Motor Vehicle Impoundment, Definitions (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-13: Banning The Use Of Single-Use Plastic Bags And Expanded Polystyrene Products By Amending The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 8.12, Plastic Bags And Polystyrene Containers (Community Parks And Recreation Committee)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 25-13.

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

Item 10.4. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-14: Amending The Pay Grade, Job Titles, And Compensation Plan For Non-Union-Represented City Employees To Add Accountant (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-15: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 3.64.050, Employment Of Immediate Family Members (Mayor Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 25-08(a): Amending The Adopted Annual Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2026, July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *Resolution 25-08: Acknowledging The City's Obligations Under The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's Last Frontier Housing Initiative Grant Program For Rural Professional Housing (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *Resolution 25-09: Authorization And Execution Of State Revolving Fund Loan Applications (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.9. - AM 25-25: Providing The Council With An Opportunity To Declare Council Member Lloyd's Seat Vacant Per BMC 2.04.130(A)(8) And Confirming The Process For The Council's Consideration Of Qualified Candidates To Fill The Vacancy If The Seat Is Declared Vacant (Council Member Lloyd)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-25.

Moved by:	Mikayla Miller
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Mark Springer
Opposed:	Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad, John Lloyd
Results:	Does not Carry

Item 10.10. - *AM 25-26: Authorize The City Manager To Proceed With Negotiating And Executing An Agreement With On Patrol Live (City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-26.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Mikayla Miller
In favor:	None
Opposed:	Mark Springer, Teresa Keller, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner, Pamela Conrad, John Lloyd
Results:	Does not Carry

Motion to Suspend the Rules to hear from the Chief of Public Safety, James Harris.

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

Item 10.11. - AM 25-27: Approve A Waiver Of The City Of Bethel's Nepotism Policy To Allow The Less-Than-Part-Time Employment Of The Community Parks And Recreation Director's Son As A Lifeguard At The City-Operated Swimming Pool, Under The Community Parks And Recreation Department (City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-27.

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

Item 10.12. - AM 25-28: Approve A Waiver Of The City Of Bethel's Nepotism Policy To Allow The Less-Than-Part-Time Employment Of The City Manager's Son As A

Lifeguard At The City-Operated Swimming Pool, Under The Community Parks And Recreation Department (City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-28.

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

Item 10.13. - *IM 25-07: Documentation That The Bethel City Council Received And Reviewed The Full Financial Budget Report And Water & Wastewater Activity Report For The Month Of June 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

Vice-Mayor Keller- Appreciates all the people who came out to speak at people to be heard.

Council Member Miner-There will be a summer reading event at the library. School is starting next week at all schools. Reach out to them for information. Kids will be walking to school; drive carefully. Thanked the people who organized the triathlon.

Council Member Conrad- No comment.

Council Member Miller- There will be a summer reading event on Saturday at the library. Has seen an increase in reading from last year; double the number of sign-ups and double the amount of reading.

Council Member Springer- Condolences to those who suffered losses in the last couple

of weeks. Thanked the EMS first responders. It's getting dark outside; bring a bright light when boating. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is visiting Bethel; if you see him, talk to him. Community development block grants are critical funding for this area. Imagine what it could be like in Bethel and the YK Delta without KYUK. If you see elected officials, tell them that you like KYUK. Do not forget how important KYUK is. Let's try to get them funds at their Fall fundraiser.

Council Member Lloyd- No comment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by: Mark Springer

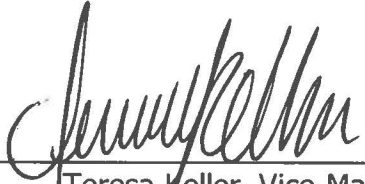
Seconded by: Alicia Miner

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

Opposed: None

Results: Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 8:26 p.m.



Teresa Keller, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,
City Clerk