

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.
Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 Mayor Rose Henderson Vice-Mayor Teresa Keller (<i>arrived after roll call at 7:04 pm</i>) City Council Member Mikayla Miller City Council Member Alicia Miner (telephonically) City Council Member John Lloyd (telephonically) (<i>arrived after roll call at 6:45pm</i>)
Members Absent:
City Council Member Pamela Conrad
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

No one was present to be heard.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

Jessica Glore- Bethel- Concerned with the dust conditions on the new Tundra Ridge Road.

Jesslyn Elliott- Bethel- In favor of plastic bag ban.

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, Rose Henderson, Mikayla Miller, Alicia Miner
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *8-12-2025 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 meeting since last meeting

Planning Commission, Mayor Henderson- Nothing to report.

Community Action Grant Committee- No one present to report.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Council Member Miller- Next meeting in September.

Finance Committee- No one present to report.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Springer- Meeting scheduled for August 20th. Next meeting in September.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission- No one present to report.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 25-11: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 4.20.040, Competitive Sealed Proposals (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 25-11.

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 25-12: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 10.15.010, Motor Vehicle Impoundment, Definitions (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 25-12.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

Beverly Hoffman- Bethel- In support of the ordinance. Suggests that the Community Action Grant can be used to get reusable bags to promote plastic-free messaging.

Alyssa Leary- In support of the ordinance.

Allen Stoller- Supports the movement. Recommends a uniform paper bag charge to be applied equally to all retailers.

Jessica Pew- Bethel- In support of the ordinance.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 25-13.

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

Main Motion: Postpone until the next Regular City Council Meeting.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	None

Motion fails due to lack of a second.

Council Member Lloyd joins online 6:45 p.m.
Vice-Mayor Keller joins in-person at 7:04 p.m.

Item 9.4. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 25-14.

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

Item 9.5. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 25-15: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 3.64.050, Employment Of Immediate Family Members (Mayor Henderson)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 25-15.

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

Item 9.6. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

If No one present to be heard.

Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 25-08(a).

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

Primary Amendment: Insert "Clerk's Office Advertising Budget A-9" to read as follows:

Clerk's Office Advertising Budget A-9

Whereas, starting January 1, 2026 due to budget constraints, KYUK will no longer be able to air the Regular City Council Meetings at no-cost.;

Whereas, to continue to air the City Council Meetings on KYUK, the City would have to pay KYUK's tier 3 hourly charge for non-profits, which is \$1000 per hour.;

Whereas, the Clerk Office estimates that the cost to air City Council meetings on KYUK from January 1st to June 30th (the remainder of the fiscal year) would be approximately \$16,000 based on the length of the 2024 City Council meetings;

Whereas, the exact length of City Council meetings can vary, so the proposed amendment is budgeted slightly higher than the estimate;

100-52-6502 Advertising \$20,000 (\$20,000) \$40,000

FY26 General Fund Operating Revenues over

Expenditures \$1,596,737 (\$20,000) 1576,737

Moved by: Mark Springer

Seconded by: Mikayla Miller

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

Opposed: None

Results: Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Resolution 25-10: Certifying The Annual Financial Statement Of Revenues And Authorized Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *AM 25-29: Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute An MOU With The Developers Of Blue Sky Subdivision, That Confirms The Release Of The Bond Following The Confirmation Of Additional Open Space Dedication (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - AM 25-30: Appointment Of Election Officials For The October 7, 2025 Regular City Election (City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-30

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

Item 10.4. - AM 25-31: Direct The City Clerk To Use Funds From The Advertising Budget To Purchase Radio Time For City Council Meetings (Council Member Springer)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-31.

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

Item 10.5. - *IM 25-08: Documentation That The Bethel City Council Received And Reviewed The Full Financial Budget Report And Water & Wastewater Activity Report For The Month Of July 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- There will be a Kusko-Song Club Open Mic at Uncommon Pizza on Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30pm. Hope everyone who had boat problems with the storm was able to rescue their boats with minimal damage. YUUT posted a schedule for road tests. Bethel Volunteer Emergency Association will hold a CPR first aid class in September. Be mindful of your trash when berry picking. Be mindful of school traffic; appreciates the officers who are there.

Vice-Mayor Keller- No comments.

Council Member Miner- No Comments

Council Member Miller- The Health Science building at KUC is complete. A reminder to council and to city employees on Committees and Commissions; be mindful of the volunteers' time and be on time for Committees and Commissions meetings. Race, sex, or gender does not affect someone's ability to do a job that they are qualified to do; Trans lives are human lives.

Council Member Springer- Perhaps the Finance Dept. can remind places to ask customers if they want to pay tax if they are exempt. Thanked Bev Hoffman and others who are fighting for a plastic free community. Some VIP's were in town recently. The FCC commissioner was in town; Olivia Trusty. Hope people reminded her about the importance of KYUK. Saw Lisa Murkowski, and had a chance to talk to her. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development was also in town. The AVCP convention is coming up. Encouraged the young folks and anyone with political aspirations to file as a write-in to run for city council.

Council Member Lloyd- No Comment

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,
City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor


MAYOR HENDERSON
BETHEL, ALASKA