

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 City Council Member Kelsi Kime City Council Member Greg Schiedler Mayor Rose Henderson City Council Member Pamela Conrad City Council Member Alicia Miner Vice-Mayor Teresa Keller
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

Theresa Quiner- Library Director- Discussed the Library Activity Report and the effects of the unhoused population using the Library and Cultural Center as a day shelter. Recommends that the City fund the Winter House to be open during the day.

Marybeth Whalen- Bethel- Spoke about the community's need for a day shelter. Asked the council to consider supporting a day shelter.

Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments

No Written Comments were submitted.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by: Mark Springer

Seconded by: Greg Schiedler

In favor: Mark Springer, Kelsi Kime, Greg Schiedler, Rose Henderson, Pamela Conrad, Alicia Miner, Teresa Keller
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Amend the Agenda to place Item 8.1, Donlin Gold Project Update, after the Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by: Mark Springer
Seconded by: Alicia Miner
In favor: Mark Springer, Kelsi Kime, Greg Schiedler, Rose Henderson, Pamela Conrad, Alicia Miner, Teresa Keller
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *11-12-2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Committee/Commission Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes
Port Commission, Council Member Conrad- No meeting due to lack of quorum. The EPA grant to clean up steamboat slough is still in place.

Planning Commission, Mayor Henderson- Did not attend the last meeting due to the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Conference. Nothing to report.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Miner- The committee met and is presenting the recommendations for funding on this agenda.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Vice- Mayor Keller- No meeting since the last meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Schiedler- No quorum at the last meeting. In need of two members.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Kime- Meeting tomorrow.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer- Discussed junk car removal. Mentioned witnessing an ice rescue; wanted to recognize the Police and Fire Department for their work.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Donlin Gold Project Presentation (City Manager Strickler)

This Item took place after the Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Donlin Gold General Manager Todd Dahlman presented an update on the Dolin Gold Project.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 25-19: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.16, Sales Taxes, To Define Bundled Transactions And Provide For The Remittance And Collection Of Sales Tax On Bundled Transactions (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 25-19.

Moved by: Kelsi Kime

Seconded by: Alicia Miner

In favor: Mark Springer, Kelsi Kime, Greg Schiedler, Rose Henderson, Pamela Conrad, Alicia Miner, Teresa Keller

Opposed: None

Results: Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-20: Amending Non-Codified Fees And Charges For The City Of Bethel (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 25-08(e): Amending The Annual FY25 Operating Budget Ice Road Support (Mayor Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Resolution 25-14: Updating Loan and Forgiveness Amount For The QFC #2 Lift Station Project (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Resolution 25-15: City Of Bethel Priorities For The SFY 2027 State Of Alaska Capital Budget (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - AM 25-38: Authorize And Direct City Administration To Issue A Checks Totaling \$45,300 To The Year 2025, Quarter 4 Community Action Grant (CAG) Awardees Based On The Recommendation Of The Community Action Grant Committee (Community Action Grant)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-38.

Moved by:	Greg Schiedler
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Mark Springer, Kelsi Kime, Greg Schiedler, Rose Henderson, Pamela Conrad , Alicia Miner, Teresa Keller
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.6. - *AM 25-39: Authorize The Acting City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract For QFC #2 Lift Station Improvements (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *AM 25-40: Appointment and Re-appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Henderson)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - AM 25-41: Approving The Regular City Council Meeting Dates For 2026 (Mayor Henderson)

Main Motion: Approve AM 25-41.

Moved by:	Teresa Keller
Seconded by:	Kelsi Kime
In favor:	Mark Springer, Kelsi Kime, Greg Schiedler, Rose Henderson, Pamela Conrad , Alicia Miner, Teresa Keller
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.9. - *IM 25-11: Documentation that the Bethel City Council Received and Reviewed the Full Financial Budget Report and Water & Wastewater Activity Report for the Month of October and November 2025. (City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.10. - City Administrative Review Of Good Vibes LLC, Doing Business As Good Vibes Bethel, Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #30563, Located At 323 Chief Eddie Hoffman Hwy Bethel, AK 99559 (City Manager Strickler)

City Council reviewed this item.

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- Would like to thank: Shadi Rabi, Louise Russell, Joy Anderson, Sean Glasheen, Carol Ann Willard, and Michael Meeks for re-applying to serve on a committee/commission. Please apply if you are interested in serving on a committee/commission. Excited to hear that we gaining sunlight. Thanked the City for the opportunity to attend AML.

Vice-Mayor Keller- No comments.

Council Member Miner left the meeting at 7:55 pm

Council Member Conrad- Thanked the city for allowing her to attend AML. Discussed how AML is addressing federal cuts. Commended the water and sewer drivers for doing a good job in the difficult weather. Merry Christmas!

Council Member Springer- Discussed the importance of AML and described the work that they do. We are back to Bethel winters; watch out for freezes with the changing weather.

Council Member Kime- Thanked the City for the chance to attend AML. Happy Holidays!

Council Member Schiedler- Thanked the city for the opportunity to attend AML. Learned about the different aspects of local government, Merry Christmas to all and be safe!

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by: Mark Springer
Seconded by: Teresa Keller
In favor: Mark Springer, Kelsi Kime, Greg Schiedler, Rose Henderson, Pamela Conrad, Alicia
Miner, Teresa Keller
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,
City Clerk



Rose Henderson, Mayor

