

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 14, 2026 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**

<b>Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:</b>
City Council Member Kelsi Kime City Council Member Greg Schiedler Mayor Rose Henderson City Council Member Alicia Miner (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Teresa Keller
<b>Members Absent:</b>
City Council Member Mark Springer City Council Member Pamela Conrad
<b>Also in attendance were the following:</b>
City Manager Lori Strickler, City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

**4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person**

*Albert Kawagley- Discussed cab drivers and cab service.*

**Item 4.1. - Written Public Comments**

*No Written Comments Submitted.*

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA**

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

**6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Item 6.1.** - \*3-24-2026 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, No one to report.

Planning Commission, Mayor Henderson- Discussed Nuisances Properties and the Planning Department transitioning to digital.

Community Action Grant Committee, Council Member Miner- No meetings to be held until next Fiscal year.

Community Parks and Recreation Committee, Vice-Mayor Keller- Discussed the dog park Ordinance that is on tonight's Agenda.

Finance Committee, Council Member Schiedler- No meeting since last meeting.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Kime- Do not have a quorum to meet.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, No one to report.

## **8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Item 8.1.** - Proclamation: April 2026 Month of the Military Child (Mayor Henderson)

*Mayor Henderson read and signed the Proclamation.*

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item 9.1.** - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 25-08(h): Amending The Adoption Annual Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2026, July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 (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 25-08(h).

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

Primary Amendment: Insert the suggested amendment from the packet which reads as follows:

**H-3 Police Department (IT Related)**

WHEREAS, the Police Department has experienced internet issues for weeks causing impacts to operational activities;  
WHEREAS, IT support team have come in to inspect the issue in person and acknowledged that they will be fixing the internet issue;  
WHEREAS, the Bethel Police Department's has budget savings from personnel cost Utility Benefit line item that may be used to transfer to an operating account, Other Purchased Services to fund this unexpected internet related expenditure;  
WHEREAS, the Police Department is requesting \$50,000 under line item 100-61-6335 Other Purchased Services to have Alaska Communication, the City's contracted IT service resolve the internet/antenna issue;

<b>H-3 Police Department</b>				
Line Item	Description	Approved Appropriations	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Total Appropriations
100-61-6041	Utility Benefit	\$131,784	(\$50,000)	\$81,784
100-61-6335	Other Purchased Services	\$66,500	\$50,000	\$116,500
Undesignated Fund Balance	No Negative Impact to the General Fund since this is a Budget Transfer across Personnel and Operating Costs		\$0.00	

**H -4 Vehicle and Equipment (V&E)**

WHEREAS, the Vehicle and Equipment team is responsible for the routine maintenance of generator facilities;  
WHEREAS, the Vehicle and Equipment team has staff turnovers over the years resulting to lack of personnel to perform routine maintenance on the City's generators;  
WHEREAS, the Vehicle and Equipment team has identified the need to hire an

outside contractor to perform the maintenance;  
 WHEREAS, the generators in high impact infrastructure need to be maintained to ensure reliable and functioning generators;;  
 WHEREAS, the original service estimate is \$36,000 and three quotes will be reviewed since it is above \$20,000 in accordance to BMC 4.20.190(A)(2) ;  
 WHEREAS, there are savings identified from Employee Group Benefits due to being understaff;  
 WHEREAS, the savings from the personnel cost Employee Group Benefits will be transferred to operating cost, Other Purchased Services line item to fund for the generator's boiler maintenance expenditure;  
 WHEREAS, there is no negative impact to the Vehicle and Equipment Fund and other departments since this is a budget transfer request and not budget increase request;

<b>H-4 Vehicle and Equipment (V&amp;E)</b>				
Line Item	Description	Approved Appropriations	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Total Appropriations
570-50-6070	Employee Group Benefits	\$147,737	(\$33,000)	\$114,737
570-50-5339	Other Purchased Services	\$5,000	\$33,000	\$38,000
Undesignated Fund Balance	No Negative Impact to the V&E and other funds since this is a Budget Transfer across Personnel and Operating Costs		\$0.00	

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

**Item 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 26-07: Authorizing The Designation Of Riverview Park, As A Community Dog Park (Community Parks And Recreation Committee)**

*Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.  
 If No one present to be heard.  
 Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 26-07.

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

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**Item 10.1.** - \*Introduction Of Ordinance 26-08: Amending Terminal Tariff #005, Naming Rates, Rules, And Regulations For Terminal Services At The Port Of Bethel, Alaska (City Manager Strickler)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.2.** - \*Resolution 26-04: To Adopt The City Council Statement Of Commitment For The Federal Highway Administration Safe Streets For All Action Plan (City Manager Strickler)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.3.** - \*Resolution 26-05: Authorization And Execution Of Two State Revolving Fund Loan Applications Water & Sewer Truck System Assessment (City Manager Strickler)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.4.** - \*AM 26-07: Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years (Mayor Henderson)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.5.** - \*AM 26-08: Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Kuqo Construction For Property Management Services (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- The countdown to the end of the school year has begun. Thanked the Fire Department for quick response to 6th Ave fire. Travel on the river with caution. Hurray for the longer days.

Vice-Mayor Keller- Received complaints about cabs driving fast near buses in the morning; if you see it, please report it. Reached out to cab owners and discovered that Bethel is experiencing a cab driver shortage; please plan ahead for travel. Thanked the cab drivers who are serving the community; asked the public to please be patient and grateful when using their services.

Council Member Miner- No comments.

Council Member Kime- Thanked Vice-Mayor Keller for the cab information.

Council Member Schiedler- Hurray for longer days.

### 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

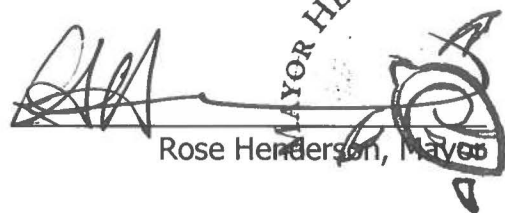

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

*Meeting ended at 7:12 p.m.*

ATTEST:

  
Kevin Morgan,  
City Clerk

  
Rose Henderson, Mayor  


Minutes approved on:  
April 28, 2026