

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Watson 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:
Council Member Carole Jung-Jordan Council Member Leif Albertson Council Member Perry Barr Council Member Fritz Charles Council Member Mitchell Forbes Mayor Fred Watson Vice-Mayor Thor Williams
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Bill Howell, City Attorney Patty Burley, City Clerk Lori Strickler

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Alyssa Gustafson- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 19-14 but questioned the Council's amendment to increase the daily limits of bottle sales from two bottles to five bottles per vendor per day.

Ruth Miller - Presented the Council Members with concerns related to the conduct of some of the Council Members and identified her intent of submitting a recall petition for some of the members.

Mary Nanuwak - Thanked council members who have done their job in servicing the public.

Dave Pflieger, CEO of Ravn Air Group- Thanked the City and the residents of Bethel. Offered to provide the Council and Administration some more detail on their operation.

Cezary Maczynski - Brought up concerns of the tug boats parking next to the sea wall where there are homes. The smoke from the boats are getting into the homes on the river front. Asked the City to consider options to prevent the continued parking of the boats on the seawall next to residential properties.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Thor Williams

Remove Items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 -Vice-Mayor Williams.

Remove Items 10.5 - Council Member Forbes.

In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *7-3-2019 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *7-9-2019 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, Mayor Watson-
A meeting has not been held.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Williams-
A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Albertson-
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member Forbes-
A meeting was not held since the last City Council Meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Barr-
A meeting was held yesterday. Reminded the public that there are still vacancies on the Committee. Reviewed roles and responsibilities of the Finance Committee. Working with City Attorney on 4.16.180 Special Exemptions for Charitable Events.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Jung-Jordan-
The Committee discussed adopting a dumpster program. Discussed the option of a Code Enforcer Officer.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Charles-
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - United States Census Overview From Donna Bach, Tribal Partnership Specialist (Mayor Watson)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 19-11(a) Amending the Adopted Annual FY 2020 Budget-Administration-Clerk's Office-Planning-Attorney- Bethel Heights Water Treatment Facility (Acting City Manager Howell)
Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 19-11(a).

Moved by: | Perry Barr

Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Primary Amendment to insert:

Whereas; The City Attorney's budget contains \$65,000 for surveys of municipal land, a project the City Attorney will not complete in her remaining months of service and an amount that can be reallocated;

Whereas; Administration and the City Clerk's Office need a legal fees budget to cover the cost of transition between City Attorneys.

Whereas; The City Council, under Action Memorandum 19-40 approved the use of Gov HR for Recruitment services with the associated increase of \$16,000 to the City Clerk's Office line item 10-52-644 for services.

Insert under 10-52-644 Consulting Services \$16,000.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Perry Barr
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Primary Amendment to strike Budget Modification C.

Moved by:	Thor Williams
Seconded by:	Fritz Charles
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Fritz Charles, Thor Williams
Opposed:	Leif Albertson, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Perry Barr
Results:	Motion Does not Carry

Item 9.2. -

Public Hearing Of Ordinance 19-14: Amending Title 5.08 Alcoholic Beverages
(Council Member Albertson)

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.

Alyssa Gustafson - Spoke in favor of this ordinance and encouraged the Council to amend the ordinance back to a two bottle limit.

Mary Nanuwak - Spoke in favor of this ordinance.

Todd Perez, Caribou Liquor Representative- Suggested the Council reduce the maximum number of bottles from five bottles a day to a lower number of bottles.

Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 19-14.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Primary Amendment 5.08.130 to strike "five" and insert "two".

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	Perry Barr
Results:	Motion Carries

Secondary amendment to strike "two" and insert "three".

Moved by:	Fritz Charles
Seconded by:	Carole Jung-Jordan
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Fritz Charles, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	Perry Barr, Mitchell Forbes
Results:	Motion Carries

Primary Amendment 5.08.110 Operation of licensed premises to strike "between 8:00 p.m. and the closing hour " and insert "at least three hours prior to the closing of the licensed premises.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	None
Opposed:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Results:	Motion Fails

Primary Amendment to insert under BMC 5.08.110 Subsection D "each premises licensed under AS 4.11.150, Package Store License shall employ at least one person who shall be on duty at least three hours prior to closing of the licensed premises"

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Amend to strike three hours and insert two hours prior to closing and one hour following the closing of the premises.

Moved by:	Thor Williams
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 19-15: Submitting To The Qualified Voters Of The City Of Bethel, On October 1, 2019, A Ballot Proposition Initiated Through Alcohol Local Option Petition (Mayor Watson)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 19-15.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 19-16: Submitting To The Qualified Voters Of The City Of Bethel, On October 1, 2019, A Ballot Proposition Initiated Through Marijuana Local Option Petition (Mayor Watson)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 19-16.

Moved by:	Leif Albertson
Seconded by:	Perry Barr
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

IMPARTIAL SUMMARY OF THE BALLOT QUESTION

~~A yes vote on this ballot question means you DO NOT support the operation of any marijuana businesses within the community of Bethel.~~

A yes vote on this ballot question means you want the community of Bethel to fall under local option, preventing the operation of any marijuana businesses within the community of Bethel.

Marijuana businesses are summarized below.

~~A no vote on this ballot question means you DO support the operation of any marijuana business within the community of Bethel.~~

A no vote on this ballot question means you want the community of Bethel to remain out of local option, allowing for the operation of marijuana businesses within the community of Bethel.

Marijuana businesses are summarized below.

Moved by: | Fritz Charles
Seconded by: | Carole Jung-Jordan
In favor: | Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes,
Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 19-11(b): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2020 Budget-Landfill-Streets and Roads (Acting City Manager Howell)

Main Motion: Introduce Budget Ordinance 19-11(b).

Moved by: | Leif Albertson
Seconded by: | Perry Barr
In favor: | Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes,
Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 10.4. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 19-11(c): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2020 Budget-Property Maintenance (Acting City Manager Howell)

Main Motion: Introduce Budget Ordinance 19-11(c).

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson
Opposed:	Thor Williams
Results:	Motion Carries

Suspend the rules to hear from Property Maintenance Foreman Corbin Ford.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Thor Williams
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.5. - *Resolution 19-08: A Resolution By The Bethel City Council Supporting The 2020 Census And Confirming The Participation In A Complete Count Committee (Council Member Forbes)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 19-08.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.6. - AM 19-43: Authorize The Administrative Profile And Job Announcement For The City Manager Recruitment Process (Mayor Watson)

Main Motion: Approve AM 19-43.

Moved by:	Perry Barr
Seconded by:	Mitchell Forbes
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Direct Gov HR to remove the Opportunities listing preventing the acting City Manager

to hire a Planner and/or Chief of Police.

Moved by:	Mitchell Forbes
Seconded by:	Leif Albertson
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson
Opposed:	Thor Williams
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.7. - AM 19-44: Negotiate And Execute Contract With KNIK Construction To Provide Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Services To The City Of Bethel During The Period July 1, 2019 To September 30, 2019 (Acting City Manager Howell)

Main Motion: Approve AM 19-44.

Moved by:	Leif Albertson
Seconded by:	Fritz Charles
In favor:	Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.8. - Review Administrative Report And Marijuana Retail Store Application For Alaska Grown Products, LLC. License Number 20439, Operation Location 230 Tundra Way, Bethel AK. 99559 (Mayor Watson)

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 Watson-

Encouraged people to use life vests when on the river.

Vice-Mayor Williams-

Wished his Wife a Happy Birthday and appreciates her support for him.

Great time to go fishing, remember to wear your PFDs.

Bethel Wrestling Camp Starts August 3rd.

Increases to PCE will cost our communities tremendously.

Shout out to Nick Phillips for his 30 years of service to the City.

Addressed the concerns brought up by members of the public, encouraged people to run for City Council.

Council Member Albertson-

No comment.

Council Member Forbes-

Encouraged people to consider running for the City Council.

Council Member Barr-

No Comment.

Council Member Jung-Jordan

No comment.

Council Member Charles-

No Comment.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c)(1): Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity And AS 44.62.6310 (c)(4): Matters Involving Consideration Of Government Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure- Maczynski v. City of Bethel (4BE-18-I65-CI)

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session- In Accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c)(1): Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity And AS 44.62.6310 (c)(4): Matters Involving Consideration Of Government Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure- Maczynski v. City of Bethel (4BE-18-I65-CI)

Moved by: | Perry Barr

Seconded by: Thor Williams
In favor: Carole Jung-Jordan, Leif Albertson, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Mitchell Forbes, Fred Watson, Thor Williams
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Item 13.2. - Board Of Ethics Deliberative Session Case Number 19-03 (Mayor Watson Presiding Officer)

Mayor Fred Watson determined that Vice-Mayor Williams, Council Member Albertson, and Council Member Forbes have a Conflict of Interest and will not be participating in Board of Ethics Deliberative Session Case Number 19-03. After being dismissed, they departed the meeting.

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session for Board Of Ethics Deliberative Session Case Number 19-03.

Moved by: Perry Barr
Seconded by: Fritz Charles

In favor: Carole Jung-Jordan, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Fred Watson
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by: Fritz Charles
Seconded by: Carole Jung-Jordan
In favor: Carole Jung-Jordan, Perry Barr, Fritz Charles, Fred Watson
Opposed: None
Results: Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 11:51 p.m.



Fred Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk