

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Barr 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:
Mayor Perry Barr Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson City Council Member Alyssa Leary City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Michelle DeWitt
Members Absent:
Council Member Fred Watson Council Member Cece Franko
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Bill Howell, Assistant City Clerk Kevin Morgan

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Richard Robb- Opposes online sales tax. Stated that there has not been enough public discussion about the topic. Stated that this might promote a state sales tax in the future. Believes that it needs to be ratified to be valid under Alaska Statute 29.45.670.

Shawn Grady Deaton- Spoke about taxes and how they are applied to the Community Action Grant (CAG). Stated that CAG has greatly benefited the community. Encourages the Council to look for ways to increase the amount of funds that contribute to it.

Tom McCallson- Spoke about Haroldsen Subdivision. Stated the City once took care of the road which goes out to Haroldsen Subdivision but stopped maintaining it about 10 years ago. Would like the road maintained to enable emergency services to access the

subdivision; currently, the road is not able to be used by emergency services. Stated that many citizens use the road for recreation as well and it is the first point of contact with Bethel if someone has an emergency on the snow machine trail. Asked the council to consider basic road service to keep the road open.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *2-25-2020 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Committee/Commission/Board Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes
Port Commission-
No one present to report.

Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson-
Next meeting will be on Thursday March 12th. The United States Army Corps of Engineers will discuss wetland permitting at the meeting. Other topics will be Haroldson Access road, and a Public Hearing for zoning Blue Sky Subdivision.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr-
They met recently. Their next meeting on March 11th will decide which applicants get funded. The next period to apply will open on May 1st. Deadline is May 30th.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt-
Had a joint meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss the YK fitness center with

an accountant. The meeting was very useful. Thanked the City Administration for facilitating the meeting. Had a meeting last night to discuss upcoming projects at parks: Pinky's boardwalk and lighting project; procuring signs for parks; fencing around the multi-purpose field. Discussed the fitness center with Stacy Reardon, Facility Manager; and Corbin Ford, Building Maintenance Foreman. Was also glad the Acting City Manager was present for the meeting.

Finance Committee-
No one present to report.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary-
Next meeting is on March 18th. They will continue to discuss amending the BMC concerning plastic bags and polystyrene foam. They also plan to talk about hauled utilities. There will be a Special meeting on 17th to discuss hauled utilities to find issues and ways to solve them.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer-
No quorum. Encouraged members of the public to please apply.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-01: Repealing Title 2.45 Administrative Adjudication (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-01.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-02: Amending Bethel Municipal Code

13.08.360 Sewer Services, Experiments And Innovations To Modify The Appeal Procedures (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

Joseph Moses- Had questions about the ordinance and wanted to know why it did not address water.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-02.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.3. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-03: Repealing Title 2.32 Housing And Urban Development (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-03.

Moved by:	Alyssa Leary
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.4. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-04: Repealing Title 2.36 Civil Defense (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-04.

Moved by:	Alyssa Leary
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None

Results: | Motion Carries

Item 10.5. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-05: Repealing Title 5.60 Pawn Brokers (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-05.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.6. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-06: Amending Chapter 4.16 And Creating 4.16a Of The Bethel Municipal Code Adopting The Uniform Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

Richard Robb- Opposed the tax. Believes that this is a new tax and needs the vote of the people.

Tom McCallson- Opposed the tax. Opposes taxing goods shipped into Bethel.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Postpone Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-06 to the April 14, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.7. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-07: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.52.070 Boards, Committees And Commissions, Vacancies (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - AM 20-08: Accepting The Resignation Of Council Member Fred Watson Effective March 10, 2020 And Confirm The Process For The Council's Consideration Of Qualified Candidates To Fill The Vacancy (Mayor Barr)

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-08.

Moved by: | Haley Hanson
Seconded by: | Michelle DeWitt

Mark Springer leaves the meeting at 7:21 p.m. on the phone.

Mark Springer re-joins the meeting at 7:22 p.m. on the phone

In favor: | Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Item 10.9. - *AM 20-09: Appointment of Committee/Commission/Board members.
Jennifer Dobson- Board of Ethics (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.10. - *IM 20-04: Presentation Of The City's Water and Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2019 To February 29, 2020 – Utilities Maintenance – Water and Wastewater Activity Report (Acting City Manager Howell)

Passed on the consent agenda.

11. REPORTS

Item 11.1. - Mayor's Report

Mark Springer leaves the meeting on the phone at 7:29 p.m.

Item 11.2. - City Manager's Report

Mark Springer back on phone at 7:30 p.m.

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Barr- Thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Congratulations to the Pilot Station Boys and St. Mary's Girls Basketball teams for going to state. Wished the Bethel Warriors Boys and Girls Basketball teams good luck at Regions. Reminded people that Cama-i volunteers are needed.

Council Member Leary- Reminded folks to wash hands and use hand sanitizer. Thankful for all the hard work the Public Works employees do in the harsh conditions.

Council Member Springer- Congratulated the Cherfornak Shamans boys and girls basketball teams. Thanked the water/sewer drivers and road crew. Cautioned the public about the Covid-19 virus. Recommended those over 60 to avoid crowded events. Asked people to heed the warnings about the Coronavirus and give elders, and others, space.

Council Member DeWitt- Thanked Council Member Watson for his service on the City Council.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

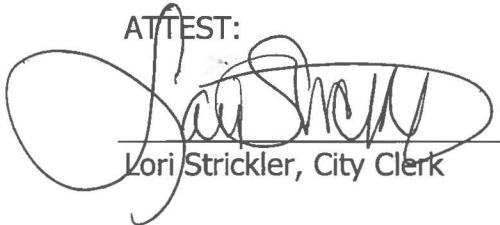
Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.


Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk