

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 24, 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:
Council Member Cece Franko (telephonically) City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) Mayor Perry Barr
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Bill Howell, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

No one present in person.

Item 4.1. - *Members of the public will be welcome to attend these public meetings but are asked to maintain distances of at least six feet from one another. If you are feeling ill, please do not attend in person. In an attempt to maintain public participation while also respecting social distancing, the City will be accepting written testimony from the public for this public meeting. Deadline to submit written testimony will be 4:00 pm March 24th. Please send written Testimony to: cityclerk@cityofbethel.net. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. If you have*

any questions call 543-1384.

The City Clerk read written Public Testimony.

Joni Beckham- Urged the Council to extend the period to solicit letters of interest for the Vacant Council Seat due to spring break, Covid 19 self-quarantine, and people who missed the online posting.

Jim Chevigny- Spoke in favor of the online sales tax.

Gary Decossas- Recommends the City use the term "strongly advise" in issuing any travel limitations or quarantine procedures as it is a second class city; not to overstep authority and to avoid lawsuits. Recommends that Council investigate converting Bethel into a first class City.

Leonty Johnston- Recommends to shut down everything and hunker down, except for essential services, and quarantine travelers; to keep the community and surrounding villages safe. Recommends we act as a Community and not wait for outside approval.

Beverly Hoffman and John McDonald- Encourages steps be taken now. Recommends the city put in any restrictions necessary to defeat the virus and sort out legalities later. Encourages a "shelter in place mandate" and travel ban except for essential services.

Irma Goodwine- Concerned with people that are travelling here from outside of Alaska and not self-quarantining. Asked the Council to come up with a preventative measure/plan before it becomes out of control.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Amend the agenda to postpone the appointment of the vacant seat until a special meeting until an April 9, 2020 special meeting with a direction to the City Clerk's Office to reissue the vacancy notice until April 8, 2020.

Moved by:	Alyssa Leary
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Alyssa Leary, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	Haley Hanson, Mark Springer
Results:	Motion Carries

Mayor Barr removed Resolution 20-04 from the consent agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *3-10-2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Committee/Commission/Board Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes
Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson-
Met on Thursday with Army Corps of engineers. They are working with Planning Department on site plan permit applications. Spoke about Haroldsen Subdivision Access Road; still trying to find a solution. Discussed Blue Sky Subdivision passed a zoning resolution. Next meeting is scheduled for April 9th.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board (CAG), Leif Albertson (CAG) Board Member-
The meeting had a strong consensus. They stand behind the recommendations. Because of the Coronavirus, recommended that the Council direct administration to check in with the Grantees to insure that they can still perform the plans they proposed. Also recommend that council could refer Applicants back to the (CAG) for evaluation to determine their ability to deliver on their plans.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt-
Next meeting scheduled for April 15th.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko-

No quorum at the last meeting. Encouraged the public to contact the City Clerk if interested in serving on the committee.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary-

No report from last meeting. Plastic bags ordinance and cleaning up hauled utility issues are still priority.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer-

No regular meeting. Not enough members for a quorum. If anyone is interested in serving on the Commission, please apply.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Appointment Of Qualified Individual To Fill City Council Vacancy, Term Ending October, 2020 (Mayor Barr)

Postponed until April 9, 2020 Special City Council Meeting.

Item - 8.1.1 Opening Statements From Candidates

Item - 8.1.2 Questions From Council Members

Item 8.2. - Appointment Of Council Representative To Committee/Commission (Mayor Barr)

Postponed until April 9, 2020 Special City Council Meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-07: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.52.070 Boards, Committees And Commissions, Vacancies (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present in person or on the phone to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-07.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - ATTENTION: INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE #20-08

Ordinance 20-08: An Emergency Ordinance By The Bethel City Council Temporarily Authorizing The City Manager And/Or City Council To Modify Or Suspend Sections Of The Bethel Municipal Code Regarding Public Meetings And Participation; Procurement, Contracts, And Leases; And Personnel Rules In Order To Ensure The Health, Safety, And Welfare Of The City During A State-Declared Public Health Emergency (Acting City Manager Howell)

Note: According to as 29.25.030.(a)"....An emergency ordinance may be adopted, amended and adopted, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced. The affirmative vote of all members present, or the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the total membership, whichever is less, is required for adoption of an emergency ordinance..."

*Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.
No one present in person or on the phone to be heard.
Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-08.

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

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 19-11(o): An Ordinance Amending

The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2020 Budget- City Shop Floor Repair (Acting City Manager Howell)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Resolution 20-04 Expanding Awareness Of Rebecca Trimble's Threat Of Deportation And Encouraging Federal Representatives And Agencies To Work With The Family To Help Bring Resolution To Their Unfortunate Situation (Council Member Franko)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 20-04.

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

Item 10.4. - *AM 20-10: Direct Administration To Prepare And Submit The FY 2021 Bethel Community Service Patrol Grant Application In The Amount Of \$323,081 And Contribute \$32,308 Of Dispatch Services As In-Kind Match (Acting City Manager Howell)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - AM 20-11: Authorize And Approve City Administration To Issue Checks Totaling \$37,199 To Year 3, Quarter 1 Community Action Grant Awardees Based On The Community Action Grant Technical Review Board's (CAGTRB) Work On Scoring Applications And Deciding How Much To Award Each Applicant (Acting City Manager Howell)

Mark Springer declared a conflict of interest, Mayor Barr ruled there was not a substantial conflict of interest.

Cece Franko declared a conflict of interest, Mayor Barr ruled there was no conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-11.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt

Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Amend to insert in the action "Evaluate the need of the funding with the applicant and if needed"

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

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 Barr-

Provided updates to the public on what different agencies in the community are doing to help off-set the effects of the coronavirus.

Vice-Mayor Hanson-

Provided an update to the public on how LKSD is maintaining alternative operations for the schools. Homework and meals are being delivered to students.

Council Member Leary-

Thanked the public for their feedback and their demand for their government to take action to address coronavirus. Provided information released by YKHC, related to the current testing of the coronavirus; YKHC has a lot of information on their website. Everyone is in control of themselves; stay home if you can.

Council Member Franko-

"There is nothing to fear but fear itself", Franklin Roosevelt. It is important for people to know where they are getting their information, KYUK is doing a great job at coordinating with all community partners to ensuring information is getting out to the public. Take a look at the CDC guidelines; strongly encouraged no one to travel unless it is essential. It would be a great opportunity for people to move to an online payment options if people are able to do so.

Council Member Springer-

Provided information to the public on the desperate need for people to protect themselves. Members of the public should watch their water and conserve their water for potable water and drinking water. Keep the social contact to a minimum, protect yourself at work. Protect the elders.

Council Member DeWitt-

Reminded everyone that there is a Emergency Meeting tomorrow at 2:00 p.m It is time for people to cease non-essential travel. Employers should be allowing their members to stay at home to help reduce the spread. The care we take now is so important for what happens next; do your part.

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 City- Haroldsen Subdivision (Acting City Manager Howell)

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 City- Haroldsen Subdivision. Those in attendance were City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney.

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

Direct Administration to evaluate the access road for Haroldsen Subdivision and report back to the City Council as soon as possible.

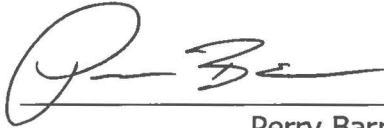
Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

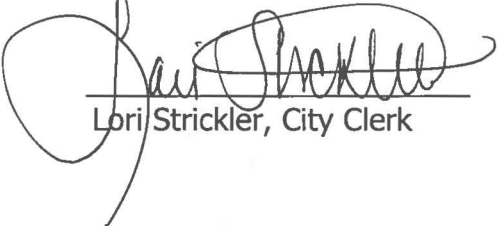
Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 9:16 p.m.



Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk