

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Barr 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 Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) City Council Member Hugh Dymont (telephonically) Council Member Cece Franko (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) Mayor Perry Barr City Council Member Mark Springer (arrived after roll call 6:34 p.m.)
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Vinny Corazza, Former Acting City Manager Bill Howell, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Leif Albertson- Suggested the City Council ensure the process of online sales tax collection is done in a fare and meaningful way.

Richard Robb- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 20-06 and the implementation of online sales tax.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Amend the agenda to move Item 9.2, Presentation from Nils Andreassen from AML on the Remote Sellers Sales Tax to 7:00 p.m., time specific.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - Note: 3-17-2020 Special City Council Meeting was cancelled.

Item 6.2. - *3-24-2020 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *3-25-2020 Emergency City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Reports Of Standing Committees

Port Commission, Council Member Hugh Dymont - A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson - Was not able to attend the meeting, nothing to report.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr- Next application

period opens May 1st, The board will meeting on June 2nd and 10th to review the applications. Payment will be made on June 26th.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Met on April 13th. Discussed fencing for the Multi-Purpose Field, park signs, and a percentage of the use tax going the fitness center.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko- No new updates. Next Meeting on April 27th. There are openings on the committee, please apply if interested.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Next Meeting will be on April 15th. Encouraged the public to participate remotely.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer- Due to a lack of membership no quorum was possible; a meeting was not scheduled.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Oath of Office to Vincenzo Corazza, City Manager and Libby Bakalar, City Attorney (City Manager Corazza)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 19-11(o).

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

Results: | Motion Carries

Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance Budget Ordinance 19-11(o) as reconsidered and amended.

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

Motion to reconsider.

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

Motion to amend Budget Ordinance 19-11 (o) to strike 420,000 and insert \$500,000.

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

Item 9.2. - 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, spoke in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance 20-06.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-06.

Was made at the March 10th meeting by Council Member Leary and seconded by Vice-Mayor Hanson.

In favor: | Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer,

	Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymont
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to postpone until June 9, 2020.

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

Amend to strike "under the effective date upon passage by the Bethel City Council" and insert "effective September 1, 2020."

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Annual Increase For City Clerk Following An Annual Evaluation In Accordance With The Employment Agreement (Mayor Barr)

Table until after the executive session.

Moved by:	Hugh Dymont
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymont
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- Congratulated Mark Springer on his executive director position at ONC.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Echos all of the same comments mentioned before. Impressed with the city of Bethel Emergency Operations Task Force. Thanked LKSD and the teachers who are still sending work out to the students. This epidemic has really shown the true spirit of Bethel; we are a strong community. We need to keep up the mask wearing and the social distancing. We will get through this.

Council Member Leary- Welcomed Vinny Corazza to the City of Bethel. Thanked everyone for working so hard to protect the community of Bethel. The community has really come together. Welcomed Hugh Dymont to the City Council.

Council Member Franko- Wanted to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing. Welcomed Hugh Dymont to the Council and Vinny Corazza to city staff.

Council Member Springer- Welcomed Vinny to the City of Bethel. Very loud shout out to the community of Bethel for coming together. Please respect the safety of the villages. If they say they don't want visitors, call your friends and relatives. Keep up the good work. Try to order food; use our local businesses. There are a few businesses still in business, and they are facing hard times.

Council Member DeWitt-Welcomed Vinny Corazza to the team! Thanked the City of Bethel employees for all of their hard work on the COVID-19 emergency. The City of Bethel has a fiduciary responsibility to our City but we also have a responsibility to our community; glad to see the ordinance was adopted but delayed.

Council Member Dymont- Thanked the Council for having him back. Echoed the sentiments of the other council members. It is impressive how so many people and organizations have stepped up and come together to help during this emergency. Commended Council for making the difficult decision in their adoption of the remote sellers sales tax ordinance.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310(c)2: Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion – Annual Evaluation, City Clerk (Mayor Barr)

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session-In Accordance With AS 44.62.310(c)2: Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion – Annual Evaluation, City Clerk. Those Attending the Executive Session are Council Members and City Clerk.

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

Motion to provide the City Clerk with a 3% annual increase.

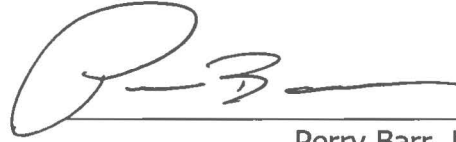
Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	Hugh Dymont
Results:	Motion Carries

14. ADJOURNMENT

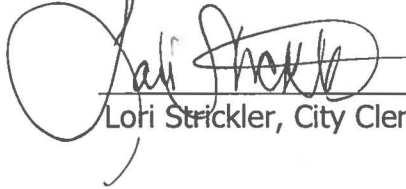
Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 9:52 p.m.


Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk