

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 26, 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:
Mayor Perry Barr Council Member Cece Franko Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Michelle DeWitt City Council Member Hugh Dyment
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Vinny Corazza, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

John Simon- Concerned with flooding on his property. Believes that lack of a culvert will increase the flooding on his property and may damage the road. Asks the council, to add to the budget, funds to address this issue, especially now while construction is being done in the area.

Jim Chevigny- Congratulated Amy Davis for being an able leader as Acting Police Chief. The City is in better shape organizationally and safer from a public safety stand point as well.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
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

Council Member Springer removed Item 10.2, Introduction of Ordinance 20-13 from the Consent Agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *5-6-2020 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *5-12-2020 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, Hugh Dymont- The Commission is working hard during the busy time of year. The staff has been working to remove abandoned vehicles around town.

Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson- The Commission held a meeting last week; however, there were no items on the agenda.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr- The filing period closes May 30, 2020.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Has not met since last meeting. Next meeting is June 8th. Would like to welcome new member Rose "Sugar" Henderson to the Committee.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko- A meeting is scheduled for June 4th.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Provided a recommendation, to include in the FY21 budget, personnel for the hauled water services to help administratively. Working on dates for special meetings to discuss hauled service options. Reached out to encourage people to join the meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer- A quorum cannot be established, a meeting has not been held.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Appreciation To Council Member And Mayor Fred Watson For His Service And Dedication (Mayor Barr)

Item 8.2. - Appreciation To Acting Chief Of Police Amy Davis For Her Service And Dedication (Mayor Barr)

Suspend the rules to hear from members of the Public.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
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

Marsha Pitka and Eileen Arnold from TWC thanked Amy Davis for all of her hard work.

Council Member Dymont thanked Amy Davis for all of her hard work and dedication to the public.

Michelle DeWitt thanked Lt. and Acting Chief Amy Davis, and her family.

Alyssa Leary thanked Amy Davis for her work for our community.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-11: Extending The Declaration Of Emergency Issued Through Ordinance 20-09 And Ordinance 20-08 (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-11.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
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

Motion to amend Ordinance 20-11 under Section 1:

Section 1. All provisions of Ordinance #20-08 remain in effect.

Section 2. Section 4 of Ordinance #20-09 is repealed; all other provisions of Ordinance #20-09 remain in effect.

Section 3. The City of Bethel will follow all current State of Alaska health mandates as may be updated and will not establish mandates or guidelines beyond the scope of the State's health mandates unless explicitly approved by the City Council.

Section 4. The City Manager shall not rely upon, and is explicitly prohibited from relying on, either Ordinance #20-08 or #20-09 to suspend or modify the provisions of BMC 5.20.050 governing the payment of rates for taxicabs.

Section 5. For the duration of the statewide and local pandemic emergency, the City Manager shall report to the City Council, at each regular meeting, all actions taken and expenditures made in response to COVID-19.

Moved by:	Alyssa Leary
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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-12: Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2021. Beginning July 1, 2020 Ending June 30, 2021 (City Manager Corazza)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-13: Amending Chapter 7 Regarding City Elections To Provide For Vote By Mail Elections (Mayor Barr)

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 20-13.

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

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-14: Amending Chapter 15.12.060 (A and C) Of The Bethel Municipal Code To Make Explicitly Clear That The 10-Day Deadline To Review Site Plan Permit Applications Does Not Apply To Projects That Require State Or Federal Approval, And To Remove The Four References To Tentative Approval (Planning Commission)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *AM 20-17 Appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Members. Heather Kanuk- Finance Committee (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - AM 20-18: Direct Administration And The City Clerk's Office To Prepare For And Organize A City Council Retreat For June 24, 2020 To Begin At 6:00 P.M. (Council Member DeWitt)

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-18.

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

Amend to strike 24th and insert the 18th.

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

Item 10.6. - *AM 20-19: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Construction Agreement With Wolverine Supply, Inc. To Complete The Public Works Facility Floor And Foundation Structural Improvements (City Manager Corazza)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - AM 20-20: Direct Administration To Use The \$1,500,000 Appropriated In The FY 2020 Budget For City Hall Roof Repair/Replacement To Hire A Contractor To Complete The Following City Hall Modifications: Repair/Replace The Roof, Replace The Boiler And Furnace, Replace The Water Heater, And Other Renovations As Deemed Necessary (City Manager Corazza)

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-20.

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

Suspend the rules to hear from Bill Arnold, Public Works Director.

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

Item 10.8. - AM 20-21: Direct Administration To Change The Scope Of Work In The

Contract The City Of Bethel Has With TecPro Ltd. For Lift Station Rehabilitation And Electric Panel Development To Include Additional Lift Station Upgrades (City Manager Corazza)

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-21.

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

Suspend the rules to hear from the Public Works Director Bill Arnold on this item.

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

Item 10.9. - Confirming The City Manager's Hiring Of Richard H. Simmons Jr. As Chief Of Police (City Manager Corazza)

Main Motion: To confirm the City Manager's hiring of Richard H. Simmons Jr. as Chief of Police.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
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

Suspend the rules to hear from our Acting Chief of Police on this issue.

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

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- Encouraged people to continue social distancing and other safety measures. Encouraged the City to start reaching out to the public on considering 4th of July events. Encouraged the Administration to consider issuing grants for small businesses.

Vice-Mayor Hanson-Encouraged people to get out and enjoy the nice weather. Provided warning for river travel.

Council Member Leary- COVID-19 is still a threat, We still need to keep social distance from one another.

Council Member Franko-Thanked Amy Davis for her service to the public. Encouraged people to get out and be active.

Council Member Springer- Happy that people are still wearing masks; keep it up. Looking forward to having less expensive stove oil and gas!

Council Member DeWitt- Thanked former Council Member Fred Watson for his service on Council. Thanked Amy Davis for her work for the City of Bethel. Thanked the City Employees for their hard work.

Council Member Dymont- Pleased to know the details on how the City has responded to COVID-19. Also pleased to learn YKHC has lessened the restrictions on getting tested for COVID-19.

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- Potential Litigation C. Sharp V. City Of Bethel (Council Member Leary)

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- Potential Litigation C. Sharp V. City Of Bethel. Those in attendance are City Council Members, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Manager.

Moved by:	Alyssa Leary
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

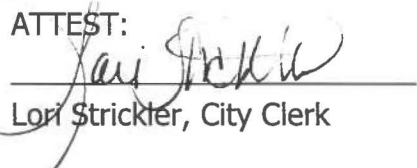
14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 10:32 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Perry Barr, Mayor