

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 9, 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:
City Council Member Hugh Dymont City Council Member Mark Springer City Council Member Alyssa Leary City Council Member Michelle DeWitt Council Member Cece Franko Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson Mayor Perry Barr
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

Mary Nanuak -Stated concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic; wanted to make sure the public knows that everyone can get it.

Bill Howell Jr. III- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 20-12, Vote-by Mail Ordinance.

Beverly Hoffman- Suggested the Bethel Police Department get involved in future dialogues and participate in peaceful protest. Also asked the Police Department to make friendly stops at community areas such as parks. Spoke in favor of Ordinance 20-16. As a member of the PRAHSC Committee, was disappointed with the lack of participation the Committee had in the development of the budget for the YK Fitness

Center. Spoke in favor of looking at options for mail in voting.

Melanie Fredericks- As a resident of Bethel for almost twenty years, presented concerns and ideas related to the Black Lives Matter movement. Asked the City and the Council to be proactive and open-minded to ensure there are safe discussions about racism and institutional racism.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approve the Consent and Regular agenda.

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

Item 6.1. - *5-19-2020 Special City Council Meeting-Budget
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *5-21-2020 Special City Council Meeting-Budget
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *5-26-2020 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.4. - *5-28-2020 Special City Council Meeting-Budget
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.5. - *6-1-2020 Special City Council Meeting-Budget
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Committee/Commission/Board Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes

Port Commission, Hugh Dymant-
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council meeting.

Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson-
A meeting will be held on Thursday; the Commission will discuss zoning, tall towers and subdivision zoning.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr-
A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on June 17th.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt-
Request for the City Administration to apply for and secure funding for a phase two of the YK Fitness Center. The Committee is very appreciative of the Clean-up Green-up efforts by the City . City Administration presented an idea for the 4th of July parade. The Committee reviewed the YK Fitness Center budget and provided some recommended changes. The committee reviewed Ordinance 20-16.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko-
The Committee reviewed some draft ordinances which will be presented to the City Council for their review. There are two vacant seats on the Finance Committee.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary-
A meeting has not been held since the last regular City Council Meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer-
A meeting will be held in June now that they have a quorum.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Clean Up - Green Up Prize Drawing (Mayor Barr)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing 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)

Council Member DeWitt declared a conflict of interest as the organization she works with may profit from the administration \$20,000 budget for rental unit.

Mayor Barr determines that it is not a conflict of interest.

Council Member Hugh Dymont declared a conflict of interest as his son is employed for the Fire Department and clarified that in the previous Budget meetings he did not participate in discussions regarding the Fire Department per Mayor Barr's ruling.

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one Present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-12.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
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

Amend Motion to amend the FY 21 Budget to insert under General Fund Transfers, Transfers to - YKRH Aquatic Center Marijuana Tax \$40,000.

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

Motion to amend Enterprise Fund - YK Regional Health & Aquatic Center to strike

2,199,894 and insert \$1,835,999.

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 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-13: Amending Chapter 7 Regarding City Elections To Provide For Vote By Mail Elections (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-13.

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

Suspend the rules to move back to Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

Mary Nanuwak- Reminded the Council to listen to their constituents.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-14.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-15: Amending Chapter 4.16 By Repealing The Alcohol Use Tax (Council Member DeWitt)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-16: Clarifying And Superseding Prior Ordinances Regarding Funding Of The Yukon-Kuskokwim Fitness Center And Requiring One Half Of One Percent (0.5%) Of All Sales Tax Collected By The City To Be Held In An Interest Bearing Account Used Exclusively To Fund The Development, Expansion, And Operations Of The Yukon-Kuskokwim Fitness Center (Council Member Dewitt)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-17: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 7.70 To Remove Absentee In Person Voting, Establish Early Voting, And Permit The Electronic Receipt And Transmission Of Ballots In Municipal Elections (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Resolution 20-05: Acceptance Of Coronavirus Relief Funds (City Manager Corazza)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *AM 20-22: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute An Agreement With Bethel Community Services Foundation For The Use Of Funds From The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act (Cares Act) (City Manager Corazza)

Council Member DeWitt declared a conflict of interest on this issue as she is an employee of the Bethel Community Services Foundation.

Mayor Barr determined Council Member DeWitt did have a conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-22.

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

Item 10.6. - *IM 20-07: Presentation Of The City's Water And Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2019 To April 30, 2020 – Utilities Maintenance – Water And Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Corazza)

Passed on the consent agenda.

11. REPORTS

Item 11.1. - Mayor's Report

Suspend the rules to hear from Mary Nanuwak.

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

Item 11.2. - City Manager's Report

Item 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Barr-

Thanked Amy Davis for her service for the Community of Bethel and the City of Bethel. Welcomed Richard Simmons to the City of Bethel. Pleaded to the public to wear their PFD's. Thanked Bethel Family Clinic for putting all of the COVID-19 posters around town.

Vice-Mayor Hanson-

Thanked the community members for picking up trash.

Council Member Leary-

Thanked the YK Injury Prevention Store for providing PFD sales at cost.

Council Member Franko-

Thanked Melanie Fredericks and Beverly Hoffman for their comments under people to be heard to support the Black Lives Matter initiative. If public safety is an issue you are passionate about, please apply to be on the Public Safety and Transportation Commission. Wear your life jackets.

Council Member Springer-

Recognized Mary Nanuwak and welcomed her back to Bethel. Congratulated Amy Davis for her service to the Community of Bethel. Provided the public information on the new Chief of Police and his history in working in other tribal law enforcement.

Council Member DeWitt- Apologized for the confusion with the consent agenda item.

Council Member Dymment- No comment.

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- Personnel Review, City Attorney (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- Personnel Review, City

Attorney. Those attending are the Council Members and City Attorney.

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

Council went into executive session at 9:03 p.m. Council Came out of executive session at approx. 9:26 p.m.

Item 13.2. - 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- Personnel Review, City Manager (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- Personnel Review, City Manager. Those attending are the Council and City Manager Corazza.

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

Mark Springer departed the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

Meeting ended at 10:45 p.m.


Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk