

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 23, 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 Council Member Cece Franko Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson City Council Member Alyssa Leary City Council Member Mark Springer City Council Member Michelle DeWitt
Members Absent:
City Council Member Hugh Dymont
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 Nanuwak - Spoke in favor of Action Memorandum 20-24; the support this program provides is important to the youth of our community.

Beverly Hoffman- Concerned with the recent spike in Covid-19 cases in Alaska. Urged following safety guidelines. In favor of Ordinance 20-16. In favor of extending the YK Fitness contract.

Kathy Hanson- In favor of Ordinance 20-16. In favor of the budget concerning the pool and in favor of extending the YK Fitness contract.

Laurel Tony, Mildred Prince, and Tabitha Prince- Represented Teens Acting Against

Violence (TAAV) - Explained PRIDE month. AVCP, TWC, ONC, BCSF, and the Library will have PRIDE gift bags available.

David Trantham- Spoke about the Alaska Territorial Guard Memorial. Relayed a story of a former Police Chief's misconduct. Relayed a story of a former City Manager's misconduct. Invited the Mayor to take part in the preparation of the ground at the Memorial to prepare the soil for planting flowers.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Consent Agenda 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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *6-4-2020 Special City Council Meeting-Budget
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *6-9-2020 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 available to provide a report.

Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson-
Haroldson Subdivision update. Discussed Tall Towers. Discussed the Zoning of Subdivisions; specifically Kasayuli and Bethel Heights. Next meeting July 9th.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr-
A meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. and they will review two applications for the grant.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt-

The Committee reviewed the Health Fitness Contract and the Ordinance consolidating the actions associated with the collection of taxes and dedication to the YK Fitness Center.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko-
Reviewed the Ordinances presented this evening.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary-
A quorum of the body was not established, a meeting was not held.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer-
Held a meeting but did not take any action.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-15: Amending Chapter 4.16 By Repealing The Alcohol Use Tax (Council Member DeWitt)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-15

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-16.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-17.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Cece Franko
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. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-18: Amending Chapter 4.16.090 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Sales Tax Collection (Finance Committee)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-19: Amending Chapter 4.16.240 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Tax Filing Schedule (Finance Committee)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-20: Amending Chapter 5.04.100 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Failure To Obtain And Failure To Give Notice Of Termination (Finance Committee)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-21: Amending Chapter 5.04.040 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Fee (Finance Committee)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-22: Amending Chapter 5.04.080 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Renewal Of Business License And Termination Of Business (Finance Committee)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *AM 20-23: Appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Members. Michael Husa- Board Of Ethics. Nicholai Joekay- Public Safety And Transportation. Mary Nanuwak- Public Safety And Transportation (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *AM 20-24: Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute And Agreement With The University Of Alaska To Authorize The Financial Contributions To The University Of Alaska Cooperative Extension 4-H Program (City Manager Corazza)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *AM 20-25: Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract Renewal With Health Fitness For An Additional Two (2) Years Of Professional Services Managing The Health Facility (City Manager Corazza)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.9. - Direct Administration To Take Immediate Action To Stabilize the Finance Department, To Include Emergency Procurement Of Contractor's Services (Council Member DeWitt)

Main Motion: Direct and Authorize the City Manager to take immediate action to stabilize the Finance Department by means of hiring a contractor and/or firm to oversee operations in the Finance Department and in doing so provide a waiver of

the formal bidding process as there is not sufficient time to comply with the formal bidding process in accordance with Bethel Municipal Code 4.20.150 as amended by the primary and secondary motion.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
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Primary amendment to include a directive by the Council that the City Finance Director Position be declared vacant and the vacancy be advertised immediately.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson

Secondary Amendment to direct Administration to utilize an outside recruitment firm for the hiring of the Finance Director position.

Moved by:	Cece Franko
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
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Suspend the rules to hear from the Acting Finance Director.

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

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-

Condolences to the Evan family; rest in peace Trooper Jerry Evan.

Vice-Mayor Hanson-

Encouraged and thanked people for wearing masks; encouraged people to thank each other for wearing masks. We need to make sure we are protecting each other during COVID-19.

Council Member Leary-

Thanked Haley Hanson for her statements related to the COVID-19 precautions. Recognized that it is hard for community members because we have been maintaining protective measures for a very long time. We are all in this together. Be sure you can answer the question "where have you been in the last 14 days".

Council Member Franko-

Concurred with the statements of the other council members; protect each other from the spread of COVID-19. Thanked Teens Acting Against Violence for speaking at tonight council meeting; it was great to see youth in the City Council Chambers.

Council Member Springer-

Provided some statements in remembrance of Jerry Evan for his work in the region. Something in the news lately is statues and monuments being torn down and degraded. The Census District formally known as the Wade Hampton, had the biggest memorial to a confederate officer in the United States; we should be very proud that the memorial has been torn down by the Yup'ik people of the Yukon and the Coast. Also thankful that the steps, being taken here in Bethel against COVID-19, are protecting the communities that surround us. Wished the LGBTQ Community, a happy PRIDE month; thanked the young people from TAAV for coming to the meeting tonight.

Council Member DeWitt-

Thanked everyone, especially the TAAV volunteers, for coming out tonight. Thanked the volunteers being appointed to the various committees this evening. Appreciated the conversation held this evening related to Finance Department.

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 (Mayor Barr)

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 attending are City Council, City Manager Corazza, City Attorney Bakalar, and City Clerk Strickler.

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.

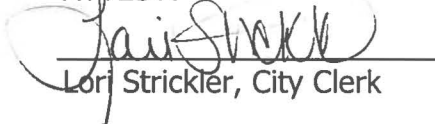
Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer , Michelle DeWitt
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 8:32p.m.



Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk