

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on August 11, 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 Michelle DeWitt City Council Member Alyssa Leary Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson Council Member Cece Franko (telephonically) Mayor Perry Barr City Council Member Mark Springer City Council Member Hugh Dymont (telephonically)
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 Nanuwak - Provided concerns related to her housing authority and their refusal to assist her with her housing needs. Additionally, she does not like it when people use her words without her permission.

Susan Taylor- Passed along statistics related to the 2020 Census; stating that many people still haven't completed the Census. Only 1/3 of the Bethel population has been counted. Went on to share concerns related to COVID-19; encouraged people to get tested and to quarantine when they return from out of town travel.

Julius Pleasant- Shared his words of wisdom with the Council.

Corbin Ford, Foreman for the Maintenance Department- Reported to the City Council the intent of an email sent from him related to Codman Services which was addressed at the last City Council Meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Consent Agenda And Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
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

Removal from the Consent Agenda- Council Member DeWitt, removed IM 20-10, Item 10.7 from the Consent Agenda.

Removal from the Consent Agenda-Council Member Springer, removed IM 10-09 Item 10.6 from the Consent Agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - * 7-21-2020 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *7-28-2020 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-
A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson-

The Commission will hold their next meeting on Thursday August 13, 2020. The Commission will consider a Public Hearing to consider an appeal issued by Dan and Dawn Hackeny.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr-
The Application period is open and will close August 30th. The Board will meet September 3rd and September 9th to review the applications.

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

The Committee is working through the naming and memorializing of parks in the community.

Stated concerns and community feedback that there is overgrowth in parks. The Committee received an update from the Public Works Director related to the Maintenance Department projects which have been taking precedent over Parks Projects. Consideration of a Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Ordinance to help identify revenue for the parks and the fitness Center.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko-

A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary-

A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Nicolai Jokai, Commission Member-
The Commission will consider training opportunities for their next meeting.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-24: Amending BMC 4.20 Article VIII, Contract Formation And Modification (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Resolution 20-11: Approve The City Of Bethel Business Plan, August 2020 Update, For Its Water And Sewer Utilities (City Manager Corazza)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - AM 20-37: Allow Leif Albertson, Former Bethel City Council Member, To Be Employed As A Hired Consultant And Do Business With The City Of Bethel Per BMC 2.05.190 (City Manager Corazza)

Mayor Barr recognized that Council Member Dewitt had a conflict of interest. Council Member DeWitt did not take part in the discussion or vote.

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-37.

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

Suspend the rules to hear from Leif Albertson.

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

Item 10.4. - City Administrative Review Of Kusko Kush Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal #21227 Located At 781 3rd Avenue (City Manager Corazza)

Item 10.5. - Appointment Of Council Member To Serve On Joint Committee With Bethel Community Services Foundation (BCSF) For The Business Grants Program (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr appointed Council Member Springer to the Bethel Community Services Grant Review Board.

Item 10.6. - *IM 20-09: Presentation Of The City's Water and Sewer Services

Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2020 To July 31, 2020 – Utilities Maintenance and Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Corazza)

The Council Reviewed IM 20-09,

Item 10.7. - *IM 20-10: Information Topic- City Of Bethel Organizational Retreat Priorities (Council Member Dewitt)

The Council reviewed IM 20-10.

Item 10.8. - *Personal Leave/PTO Request- City Manager: August 24th-September 11th, 2020 (City Manager Corazza)

Passed on the consent agenda.

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- Reminded the public that the Council passed a resolution encouraging the public to wear masks under certain circumstances and mandated that masks be worn by City employees and visitors in City operated facilities.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Encouraged the public to fill out their Census paperwork!

Council Member Leary- Provided some information to the public on the risks of not wearing masks and encouraged people to keep protecting each other. Notified the public of the location and times for Covid testing.

Council Member Franko- Encouraged everyone, who hasn't, to complete the Census; the participation rate of 30% is too low.

Council Member Springer-To our friends that come to Bethel to visit, please wear your

mask. Encouraged everyone to fill out their Census to help reflect our actual population numbers. Wave to your flaggers!

Council Member DeWitt- Encouraged the public to do the census, and to wear your masks. If you travel, test and quarantine.

Council Member Dymont- Thanked the Bethel Community Services Foundation for their Small Business Grant Program.

Motion to take a ten minute break.

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

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 Manager (Mayor Barr)

The City Manager has elected to hold the review in open session.

Under the provisions of AS 29.35.010(5), which permits the City to "investigate an affair of the municipality and make inquiries into the conduct of a municipal department" and BMC 4.20.170, Consulting Services for City Council, Motion to direct the City Attorney to procure on behalf of the City Council an independent contractor to conduct a review of municipal operations to include but not be limited to (1) employee complaints of improper conduct by supervisors (2) financial operations of the City and (3) management and accounting of CARES Act Funds.

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

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 10:20 p.m.



Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk