

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Barr called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson City Council Member Michelle DeWitt City Council Member Hugh Dymont City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) (Arrived after roll call) City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) (Arrived after roll call)
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
City Manager Vinny Corazza, City Clerk Lori Strickler (telephonically), City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically), Deputy City Clerk Kevin Morgan

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Mary Nanuwak- Spoke about the importance of honesty. Frustrated with health care in Bethel. Spoke about the problems of sexual abuse in the area. Spoke about the trouble of being re-reimbursed for transportation vouchers. Urged the council not to expect the City Manager to do all of their work. Urged the council to listen and take into consideration the public testimony at people to be heard.

Todd Perez- Stated that his business has been going above and beyond government mandates in regard to Covid regulations. Their food sales are still higher than alcohol sales. Spoke about how the restrictions will negatively affect alcohol sales in other parts of the state. Spoke about self-restricting wine sales if becomes a negative issue.

Spoke about the curbside sales process regarding vehicles. Spoke about the State's audit system regarding alcohol sales; explained the regulations to council.

Kathy Hanson- Reminded the Council that alcohol retail sales were changed by the community by vote. Due to government Covid regulations, alcohol sales have resumed. Believes the City Council has to interpret the alcohol sales in the community. Believes alcohol sales should be restricted to inside the restaurant. Believes the City Council needs to enforce the will of the voters.

Doug Boyer, LKSD, Director of Operations Student Services- Spoke of LKSD's challenges with Covid. In regard to AM 20-29 the CARES act budget and spending plan, LKSD needs to house teachers in Bethel on behalf of villages who require quarantine in Bethel before travel to their communities. They are expecting 400 teachers and will need 26 rooms with an estimated cost of \$115,000. Asks the City to use CARES act money to help LKSD with the costs. The school district got CARES act funding and plan to use it for PPE, technology, cleaning protocols, and hiring staff. Every village is requiring a quarantine and they are starting to require quarantine in Bethel.

John Cochrane- In support of AM 20-28 and having the Old Senior center becoming a Homeless Shelter. He is currently gathering a group of funders to support the project. Stated the City is spending approximately \$5000 a month on maintenance on the Old Senior Center. Currently, it is an unused derelict building.

Dan Winkleman, President and CEO and YKHC- Urged the council to lead in the detection of Covid at the Bethel airport. Believes responsible local travel restrictions are possible under Health Mandate 18 and AS 29.25.030. Spoke about the Covid testing possibilities in Bethel. Recommended an ordinance for testing and isolation; offered it to be written by their attorney.

Tiffany Zulkosky, State Representative- Echoed Dan Winkleman's testimony. Also believes the City has authority under Health Mandate 18 for these restrictions. Urged council to look into requiring wearing masks in public when proper distance can not be maintain. Thanked the Council for making decisions in this difficult time.

Anny Cochrane, Lion's Club International- Spoke about a person who was being sheltered by the city by the transient lodging program that had no access to food. While they were able to deliver this person food, asked the council to consider to working with a non-profit to provide shelf stable foods to feed those who are sheltering in place without the means to provide themselves food due to their economic situation.

Council Member Springer joined the meeting during People to be Heard.
Council Member Leary joined the meeting during People to be Heard.

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, Hugh Dymont
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Removal from the Consent Agenda Item 10.2 Resolution 20-07, Mayor Barr.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *6-18-2020 Special City Council Meeting- Organizational Retreat
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *6-23-2020 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item 7.1. - Committees/Commissions/Boards Agendas And Draft Meeting Minutes

Port Commission, Hugh Dymont- No meeting due to lack of Quorum.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- Held a meeting on July 9th. Discussed Hauled Utilities and the future development of subdivisions which included: fees for the extra cost of trucks, how many more subdivisions are expected, and the city water and sewer impacts of these subdivisions.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr- Held a meeting last week. Reviewed two applications and made two grants. Payments will be delayed due to lack of meetings. Applications will open August 1st and close Aug 30th. They will be reviewed on September 1st and 9th. Encouraged the public to apply. At the last meeting there was \$130,000 in the budgeted account.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Held a meeting last night. Under People to be Heard, YK fitness center discounts/employee benefits for City employees was brought up. The 4th of July parade received a lot of positive response from the community. Other topics were: multi-purpose gym phase 2, passing a recommendation to ensure that Healthfitness pursues CARES act funding, and having a member from Public Works to regularly attend the meetings. It is estimated the pool has lost approx. \$70,000 from the impact of Covid and will suffer further impacts due to limited operation.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko- Will hold a special meeting Friday at 6:30 pm. It will be the first meeting with Acting Finance Director John Sargent. They will review the City Code regarding budget control and the CARES act budget recommendations. There are still openings to serve on the Committee; if interested, please contact the City Clerk.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Next meeting is tomorrow night. The Committee is down to four members. If you are interested, please apply. The next meeting will involve: accepting resignations, electing a chair/co-chair and drinking water compliance.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer- Held a meeting on July 1st where they: passed a recommendation to the City Council "Extension of the Real ID Act", and discussed anti-bias training.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Recognizing David Trantham Jr. For His Years Of Service To The City Of Bethel (Mayor Barr)

Item 8.2. - Swearing In Ceremony For Police Chief Richard Simmons (City Manager Corazza)

Item 8.3. - Presentation Of The 4th Of July Parade Video To Council (City Manager Corazza)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-18: Amending Chapter 4.16.090 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Sales Tax Collection (Finance Committee)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-18.

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

Primary Amendment: Under 4.16.090.A, unstrike "taxable".

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 9.2. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-19: Amending Chapter 4.16.240 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Tax Filing Schedule (Finance Committee)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-19.

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

Item 9.3. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-20.

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

Item 9.4. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-21: Amending Chapter 5.04.040 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Fee (Finance Committee)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-21.

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

Suspend rules to hear from the Finance Department. Teddi Worrok, Accounting Specialist, and John Sargent, Finance Director.

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 9.5. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-22: Amending Chapter 5.04.080 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Renewal Of Business License And Termination Of Business

(Finance Committee)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-22.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-23 Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.21, Department Of Administration, To Clarify The Scope And Nature Of Reports From City Administration And Management To The City Council (Vice-Mayor Hanson)
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *Resolution 20-07: Authorizing The Disposal Of One City Water Truck To City Of Kotzebue (City Manager Corazza)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 20-07.

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

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

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

Item 10.3. - *Resolution 20-08 Supporting The University Of Alaska 4-H Program In Bethel And Requesting The Program Be Permitted To Begin Meeting With The Youth Of Our Community Again (Council Members Dewitt And Leary)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Main Motion: Ten minute break.

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 10.4. - *AM 20-26 Appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Members. Theresa Quiner- Public Safety And Transportation Commission (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - AM 20-27: Authorizing Administration To Waive Fees Associated With The Disposal Of Vehicles For A Period Not To Exceed Sixty (60) Days (City Manager Corazza)

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-27.

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

Item 10.6. - AM 20-28: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute An Agreement With Bethel Winter House For The Transfer Or Sale Of The Facility Known As The "Old Senior Center" Located At 127 Atsaq Street For The Primary Purpose Of Serving Homeless Individuals (Council Member Franko)

Council Member DeWitt declared a possible conflict of interest. She is a member of the Bethel Housing and Homeless Coalition. She is involved with the Bethel Winter House to help them find a suitable building through the organization she is employed by, Bethel Community Services Foundation (BCSF). She nor BCSF is collecting a fee or being paid from this process. They would also be involved in process to help Winter House acquire funds for the project.

Mayor Barr ruled that there is no conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-08.

Moved by:	Cece Franko
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

Primary Amendment: Change title to read as follows: "Direct Administration to begin discussions with Bethel Winter House, for the transfer of the building known as "Old Senior Center," through sale or otherwise and the transfer of the property located at 127 Atsaq Street through long term lease in accordance with Bethel Municipal Code 4.08 under the disposal option 4.08.030 B, Disposal to Entity Providing Necessary Public Service."

Moved by:	Cece Franko
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 10.7. - AM 20-29: Approve Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act Budget And Spending Plan Prepared By City Manager And Authorize City Manager To Modify It As Needed To Ensure Timely Expenditure Of CARES Act Funds (City Manager Corazza)

Council Member DeWitt declared a conflict of interest. As the Executive Director of Bethel Community Services Foundation (BCSF), she and BCSF will assist the City with the implementation of CARES fund through the business grant program and grants to the non-profit community. BCSF would receive fees for those transactions. She personally would not be gaining money other than regular salary; however, the organization she represents would have substantial financial gain from this item. Mayor Barr rules that she does have a conflict of interest. Council Member DeWitt steps down from the dais and refrains from discussion and voting on this item.

Main Motion: AM 20-29

Moved by:	Hugh Dymont
Seconded by:	Mark Springer

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

Primary Amendment: On page 11, increase line item, temporary shelter attendants, to 24.57 per hour.

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

Main Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from James Harris, Human Resources Department.

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

Primary Amendment: On page 9 , increase line item, lodging transit Personnel, ~~by 115,000 dollars~~ to 350,000 ~~for LKSD teacher travel.~~

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

Secondary Amendment: Increase lodging funds to include food costs.

Moved by: Alyssa Leary
Seconded by: none

Motion fails due to lack of a second.

Secondary Amendment: Place the 115,000 increase on a separate line item specifically for School related travel.

Moved by: Alyssa Leary

Seconded by: none

Motion fails due to lack of a second.

Suspend Rules to hear from Doug Boyer, LKSD.

Moved by: Hugh Dymont

Seconded by: Mark Springer

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

Opposed: None

Results: Motion Carries

Secondary Amendment: Strike the language related to teachers and increase the total of Lodging Transit Personnel to 350,000.

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

Primary Amendment: On page 9, Increase line item PPE stockpile to 200,000.

Moved by: Cece Franko

Seconded by: Mark Springer

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

Opposed: None

Results: Motion Carries

Item 10.8. - *IM 20-08: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2019 To June 30, 2020 – Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (City Manager Corazza)

Council Member DeWitt rejoins the meeting.

Passed on the consent agenda.

11. REPORTS

Item 11.1. - Mayor's Report

Item 11.2. - City Manager's Report

Main Motion: To extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

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 11.3. - Clerk's Report

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Barr- Today is tax Day. File your taxes. Spoke about the recent boating accident tragedy. Offered condolences to the Berlin Family on their loss. Praised David Berlin for his service to the area as a VPSO, police officer and a state court services officer. Spoke of him as a role model to the area. Urged the public to make careful decisions when they are on the river.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Offered condolences to the Berlin family. Asked the public to please wear your PFD's.

Council Member Leary- Wear your mask in public. If you know people that are arriving to this area from out of the state, urge them to quarantine. Encouraged the public to follow Dr. Zink on social media. Keep your social bubble small. Wear your mask to prevent the spread.

Council Member Franko- Wear your mask in public. Practice social distancing.

Council Member Springer- Offered condolences to the Berlin Family and also the Ekamerak family in Akiachak. Urged the public to please drive their boats slowly on the twisting rivers. Gustavus has mandated wearing masks. Concerned with all the fall

travelers which will enter our community soon. Explained the social bubble. ONC is having a meeting about CARES act money tomorrow, encouraged the public to attend.

Council Member DeWitt- Encouraged those members of the public that are concerned with Curbside Alcohol Sales to participate in the Alcohol Marijuana Control Board Meeting on July 16th. Happy to announce that Bill Arnold, the Public Works Director, will begin attending the PRAHS committee meetings.

Council Member Dymont- Stated that there are far too many preventable tragedies in this area. Enjoyed the discussion of the CARES Plan. Water and sewer service during this time, with people who are furloughed and who have lost employment, is a complicated issue and we should find a way to help those in need.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310 (C)(3): Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential-Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The City Of Bethel And The City Of Bethel Employees Association Local 655 APEA/AFT (City Manager Corazza)

Main Motion: Postpone both Executive Sessions to be held at a Special Meeting on July 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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 13.2. - 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- YK Fitness Center, Construction Issues and Recourse (City Manager Corazza)

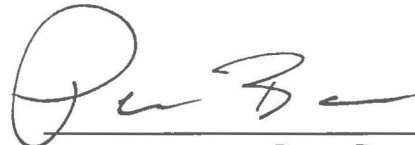
14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
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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

Meeting ended at 11:24 p.m.



Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,
Deputy City Clerk