

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 8, 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 (telephonically) City Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) Council Member Cece Franko (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) Mayor Perry Barr
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Lori Strickler, Deputy City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Joy Huntington and Shea Siegart, Alaskans for Better Elections- They Support Ballot Measure 2. Makes Alaska Primary Elections accessible to all voters. Allows eligible voters to rank candidates in General Elections. Shines light on political spending in campaigns; shows true source of funds in organizations.

Jon Cochrane- Supports property transfer of the Old Senior Center to Bethel Winter House. Much of the homeless population is from Bethel. Bethel Winter House has greatly reduced fatalities do to exposure.

Anny Cochrane- Supports the property transfer of the Old Senior Center to Bethel

Winter House. They have helped over 200 individuals last year. Majority of services are for Bethel Residents. Bethel Winter House operation reduces cost to the city: CSP calls, requests for officers, and transportation costs are reduced. Provides a benefit to the city of Bethel and to the people who stay there.

Eileen Arnold, Executive Director of Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC) - Supports the transfer of the Old Senior Center to Bethel Winter House. Currently, TWC is the only full-need shelter in Bethel. Bethel Winter House has benefits to city in addition to providing housing such as reducing costs related to law enforcement.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Consent Agenda And Regular Agenda.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *8-25-2020 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *8-26-2020 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *8-31-2020 Special 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- No meeting due to lack of quorum. If anyone is interested in joining the Commission, please contact the City Clerk and apply.

Planning Commission, Vice- Mayor Hanson- Meeting on September 10th to review of hazards and nuisance properties as mentioned in the Council Priority Information Memorandum. The Planning Director is compiling a list.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr- The application period is closed. They will meet on September 9th to review the applications and present them to the Council on the 22nd.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Next meeting is September 14th, Monday 6 pm. Encouraged the public to please attend on zoom.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko- Due to turnover in the Finance Department, it is unclear if a recorder has been appointed. Better communication is needed with the committee.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Next meeting is on September 15th. Invites the public to join online or on the phone. Invited a member of the Finance Committee to their meeting. They will discuss code enforcement about COVID-19.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer- Recapped the agenda topics from the meeting: transportation planning and Tundra Ridge Road, training on anti-bias-vicarious trauma, and taxi cab permits BMC 05.20.080.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-12(b): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget-Heat Trace Loop Relief (City Manager Corazza)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 20-12(b).

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 Budget Ordinance 20-12 (C): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget- Professional Services (Mayor Barr)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Budget Ordinance 20-12(c).

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Emergency Ordinance 20-29: Extending The Declaration Of Emergency Issued Through Ordinance #20-11, Ordinance #20-09, And Ordinance #20-08 (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 20-29.

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 10.2. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-30: Authorizing The Sale Of The Land And Building Located At 127 Atsaq Way To The Bethel Winterhouse (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-12 (d) Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget- Finance Department Stabilization-KYUK Lease Space- Streets And Roads-Hydrologic And Hydraulic Survey-Travel And Advertisement For City Manager Recruitment-Security System 4-H Youth Center-Fitness Center Feasibility Study For Phase 2-Grant Reports (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *Resolution 20-14; Authorizing The Procurement Process For Consulting Services For Independent Contractors 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 As Provided By BMC 4.20.170 (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *AM 20-42 Appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Member. Ryan M. Jeffries- Public Works Committee (Mayor Barr)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *AM 20-43: Authorizing The Acting City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Bethel Broadcasting, Inc., D/B/A KYUK, To Utilize KYUK's Tower Space For Public Safety Paging And Radio System Antennas (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *AM 20-44: Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Professional Services Agreement With Wolverine Supply Inc. For Emergency Repairs To The YK Fitness Center (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.8. - *IM 20-11: City Of Bethel Organizational Retreat Priorities (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.9. - *IM 20-12: Presentation Of The City's Water and Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2020 To August 31, 2020 – Utilities Maintenance – Water and Wastewater Activity Report (Acting City Manager Strickler)

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- Spoke about the historic 1918 Flu pandemic and how we are fortunate to have many ways of minimizing the COVID-19 virus with modern means. It is positive to see agencies coming together in the community. There was only one Community Action Grant last quarter. The next period is October 14th. Encouraged the public to ask themselves, how they can make Bethel a better place to live, and apply for the grant. Currently, schools are in code red; no students allowed in the school. Urged the public to please make travel plans before you travel; the weather is stormy this time of year.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Thanked the council members on their comments and appreciates all the thought that the Council has put into the mandates. Thanked the health professionals who spoke on the topic in previous meetings. BRHS will distribute packets tomorrow; reminded the students and parents that packets will be ready.

Council Member Leary- Urged the public: keep your social circle small, put less people at risk, limit your travel, and keep up the good work. It is working. We have a small

numbers of cases compared to the rest of the country.

Council Member Franko- Shares Council Member Dymment's thoughts on the emergency ordinances. Understands that the public is divided on the issue. Wishes the governor showed more leadership. Urged the public to practice COVID-19 guidelines.

Council Member Springer-Appreciates Council Member Dymment's words. Spoke about community spread and how we are working hard to prevent new cases. Spoke about the challenge for parents who have their children home from school. Asks employers to take that into consideration. Wished a T.V. commercial star well. Glad to hear that moose hunters are returning safely.

Council Member DeWitt- Brought attention to IM 20-11 and wants to address the City of Bethel organization goals in the future.

Council Member Dymment- Hopes that the administration will pursue ways to use CARES act funds to solve water and sewer utilities issues. Spoke about the recent special meeting concerning COVID-19 mandates. There are civil liberty implications, but remember that the decision was made with the advice of the medical community. Mentioned that Federal Courts have ruled in favor of counties and states in regards to this emergency and it is important to him that this Council made an emergency action with the consultation of health authorities. Hopes that future Councils will take the same collaborative approach.

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- Six Month Evaluation- City Attorney (Mayor Barr)

*City Attorney Libby Bakalar requested a public discussion.
The Council evaluated the City Attorney in open session.*

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Alyssa Leary
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymment

Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.



Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Morgan,
Deputy City Clerk