

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Barr called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
Council Member Cece Franko (telephonically) City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) City Council Member Hugh Dymont (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) Mayor Perry Barr
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Interim City Manager Peter Williams, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

David E. Trantham Jr. -Stated concerns related to the City's Audits for the last few years, as one of them was a qualified audit.

Dr. Andrea Bersamin, Provided statistical information on the consumption of sugary drinks in the Nation. Mentioned support of the pending Sugar Sweetened Beverage Excise Tax.

Motion to suspend the rules to extend the time for people to be heard for Dr. Andrea Bersamin.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
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

Chase Nelson, DOWL Engineering Firm, City's Contracted Engineering Company- Provided the public and the Council an update on the water and sewer Avenues development project.

Teddi Worrock- Stated her hope to get support in the initiation of an event to provide for a community parade for Halloween.

Theresa Quiner- Stated the intent of the Library to host a haunted house at the Library with one family at a time.

Daniel Hannah, Speaking on behalf of the Bethel Evangelical Covenant Church- Spoke to provide the Council information on their Halloween bag distribution.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Consent Agenda And Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Hugh Dymont
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

Remove from the Consent and Move Item 10.7, IM 20-16 to follow the Special Orders of Business.

Moved by:	Michelle DeWitt
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

Removal from Consent Agenda New Business Item 10.1 Introduction of Budget Ordinance 20-12(e), Item 10.2, Resolution 20-15-Council Member DeWitt

Removal from Consent Agenda, Item 10.4 AM 20-50- Council Member Leary.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *9-18-2020 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *9-21-2020 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.3. - *9-22-2020 Regular City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Council Member Dyment, Port Commission- The Commission has not held a meeting due to a lack of members.

Vice-Mayor Hanson, Planning Commission- The Commission held a public hearing on the Bethel Winter House Conditional Use Permit for the Housing Subdivision Location.

Council Member DeWitt, Parks, Recreation Health and Safety Center Committee- Provided an update on the Committees discussion on the Sugar Sweetened Beverage Excise Tax, Attempting to set up a way to get parks in the community named. Discussed feasibility of a multipurpose gym. Passed a Recommendation to council for recreational services contracts.

Council Member Franko, Finance Committee- Identified the Committees review of a Bethel Municipal Code modification to extend the spending limit for Administration without needing to have a Council vote.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr-They haven't had a meeting for several months. They need help from the city to facilitate meetings. Next opening for grant applications will be October 14th with a deadline of November 13th. Board meetings will be November 17th and 30th. Council will meet on December 8th to approve grants with payments on December 11th.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Next meeting will be October 23rd. They will revisit COVID-19 code enforcement and water/sewer issues.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer- Met on October 7th. Was unable to attend. Nothing to report. There is one opening on the commission.

Item 7.1. - Committee/Commission/Boards Agendas and Draft Meeting Minutes

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Review Canvass Board Certificate Of Election, October 6, 2020- Not Available Until After The Canvass Board October 8, 2020 (Mayor Barr)

Item 8.2. - Resolution 20-16: Certifying The Results Of The October 6, 2020 Regular City Election- Not Available Until After The Canvass Board October 8, 2020- (Mayor Barr)

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 20-16.

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

Item 8.3. - Oath Administered To Newly Elected Council Members (Mayor Barr)

As a newly elected Council Member, Perry Barr took the Oath of Office

As a newly elected Council Member, Michelle DeWitt took the Oath of Office

As a newly elected Council Member, Rose Henderson took the Oath of Office

Item 8.4. - Appreciation for Council Member Dymont (Mayor Barr)

Item 8.5. - Recognizing William F. Howell, III For His Service To And Retirement From The City Of Bethel Fire Department (Mayor Barr)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 20-31: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.08, City Manager And 2.12 City Officers (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-31.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 20-12(e): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget- Overtime Administration And Finance- Support Services From Accounting Firm- STIP Match Or Gravel For Roads-Fleet Management Software/Tablets/Connectivity-Litigation Compensation (Interim City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Introduce Budget Ordinance 20-12(e).

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

Item 10.2. - *Resolution 20-15: Authorizing The Disposal Of One City Water Truck To Yuut Elitnaurviat (Acting City Manager Strickler)

*Council Member DeWitt and Council Member Springer declared a conflict of interest because they are Board Members on the Yuut Elitnaurviat Board.
Mayor Barr, confirmed both Council Members have a conflict of interest.
Council Member DeWitt and Council Member Springer did not take part in this item.*

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 20-15.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Cece Franko
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Rose Henderson
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 10.3. - *AM 20-49: Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Company A To Conduct A Classification And Compensation Study For The City Of Bethel (Interim City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.4. - *AM 20-50: Allowing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Purchase Agreement With Yukon Equipment Inc. For An All-In-One Heat/Power/Lighting Plant On A Trailer (Interim City Manager Williams)

Main Motion: Adopt AM 20-50.

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

Item 10.5. - AM 20-51: Accepting The Resignation Of Council Member Cece Franko Effective October 31, 2020 And Confirming The Process For The Council's Consideration Of Qualified Candidates To Fill The Vacancy (Mayor Barr)

Main Motion: Adopt AM 20-51.

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

Item 10.6. - *IM 20-15: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2020 To September 30, 2020 – Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (Interim City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.7. - *IM 20-16: COVID-19 Safe Guidelines And Best Practices For Halloween Celebrations And Activities (Council Member DeWitt)

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from YKHC representatives

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

Tiffany Zulkosky, Dr. Liz Bates, and Dr. Ellen Hodges participated.

Item 10.8. - *Personal Leave Request- City Attorney- October 30, 2020 (Mayor Barr)

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 with members of the public and another Council Member regarding local businesses not following mask rules and is working on creating innovative ways to address it. It is getting dark outside; get some reflective tape or clothing.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Encouraged people to utilize the Absentee In Person Voting options. Encouraged people to not participate in the traditional trick-or-treating this year and to stay safe and find safe alternatives.

Council Member Leary- Urged the public to consider the greater good and to limit gatherings at this critical time, Thanked YKHC for taking part in the meeting. Urged the public to keep up safe practices. Also urged businesses to safe guard themselves and consider the implications and problems that the pandemic may cause in the future to them, their employees and the public.

Council Member Franko- Thanked YKHC for participating in the meeting. Hopes that everyone can find safe alternatives to Halloween activities that are healthy and fun.

Council Member Springer- Thanked the election workers, the canvas board, Lori and the Clerk's Office for running the election. Urged the public to vote early for the General Election. Thanked Council Member Dymont for stepping up and serving the City at a critical time. Have Halloween in healthy way: keep up mask wearing, washing hands , social distancing. and keep you group small.

Council Member DeWitt- Thanked all the people who took part in the meeting tonight. Urged the public to take to heart the advice of the heath professionals. Recommended making a short term sacrifice for long term gain. Welcomed Council Member Henderson to the Council.

Council Member Henderson- Thanked all of the voters and those who voted for her. Thanked Lori and the Clerk's Office for their assistance in answering her questions. Looks forward to working with the Council and is honored to serve the City.

13. EXECUTIVE 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, Rose Henderson
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 9:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Michelle DeWitt

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor
for Perry Barr, former Mayor

Signature: Michelle DeWitt
Michelle DeWitt (Dec 17, 2020 17:17 AKST)

Email: mdewitt@cityofbethel.net

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