

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 22, 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 Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) City Council Member Hugh Dymont (telephonically) Council Member Cece Franko (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) Mayor Perry Barr City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically arrived after roll call at 6:48p.m.)
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

Jon Cochrane - In favor of the transfer of the Old Senior Center to Bethel Winter House. Moves the Bethel Winter house toward to becoming a long term solution to the homeless issue in the City. They have been raising funds to make this a reality and are looking forward to the partnership with the City.

Eileen Arnold, Executive Director of Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC)- Thanked ONC for the masks and sanitizer they donated to TWC staff and residents. In support for the Old Senior Center to be transfer to the Bethel Winter House; there is strong community and inter-agency support. The Individual Assistance Program has given out about \$110.000. They write about 2-3 checks a day for individuals in need of the

grant. Thanked the City for raising the amount of funds to the program.

Susan Taylor- Concerned about the Census. Urged the public partake in the Census to be counted. The Census will affect federal funding for the next ten years; including infrastructure such as the airport, health care, schools and roads. The Deadline for the Census will be at the end of the month. Also the Friday Produce Giveaway is currently on hold.

During Reports of Standing Committees, Council returned to People to be Heard.

Anny Cochrane- Spoke in favor of the transfer of the Old Senior Center to the Bethel Winter House. It will reduce costs to the City's police and emergency services. Another benefit of the shelter can be in a transitional role as homelessness can be a short term issue for some residents.

During the Public Hearing of Ordinance 20-30, Council returned to People to be Heard.

Henry Hunter Sr., Chairman of ONC- Requests that the City sell ONC the land underneath the multipurpose building. 30 years ago, ONC leased the building for bowling and recreation. Currently, they use it for gatherings such as meetings, weddings, and healthy family programs. ONC has partnered with the city in the past through donations and grants. ONC will not restrict use of the land.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Consent Agenda And Regular Agenda.

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

Removal from Consent Agenda- Council Member DeWitt- Item 10.6, IM 20-13.

Removal from Consent Agenda- Council Member Leary- Item 10.3, AM 20-46.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *9-8-2020 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- No quorum. No meeting. They need one more member to have a quorum.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- They discussed how to make a determination if a property is a hazard or nuisance. Discussed having the Fire Department and/or the Police Department determine hazards, in absence of a building inspector.

Council Member Springer joined the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Main Motion: Suspend the Rules to return to People to be Heard to hear from Anny Cochrane.

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

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Mayor Barr- No meeting. The recorder has not rescheduled meetings. The next opening will be October 14th. The deadline will be November 13th.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Council Member DeWitt- Discussed a Recommendation to Council to Amend the Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax ordinance. Discussed, Park's Names, identified which parks have no names, phase 2 feasibility, contracting out park's services and current Public Work's projects.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko- Discussing water/sewer collection issues. Some members of the committee are moving away in the near future. If interested in serving on the committee, please apply online.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Planning Director Meyer discussed code enforcement efforts. They also discussed the water/sewer deficit, causes of disconnected accounts, and the Junk Vehicle pick up program.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Springer- No report.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor Barr opened the Public Hearing.

Jon Cochrane, Bethel Winter House- In support of the ordinance. Bethel Winter House has drastically reduced winter fatalities due to exposure. Making the building a full time facility will also decrease emergency services and police calls. This ordinance would turn what is currently a nuisance property into a useful property. Mayor Barr closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 20-30.

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

Council asked Jon Cochrane questions

Main Motion: Suspend the Rules to return to People to be Heard to hear from Henry Hunter Sr.

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

	Dyment, Mark Springer
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Council Member Dyment disconnected at 7:26 p.m. and reconnected 7:27 p.m.

Primary Amendment: Under section 2 to insert after Senior Center "the land" after tract insert "H1".

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

Item 9.2. - Public Hearing 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)

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(d).

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

Primary Amendment: Add the suggested amendment which states," WHEREAS, repairs to the Yukon Kuskokwim Regional Health and Aquatic Safety Training Center are still active; therefore, estimates for repair costs are not concrete; WHEREAS, the City's contracted engineering firm, DOWL, predicts additional repair costs that exceeds the adopted Fiscal Year 2021 Budget; WHEREAS, Public Works is requesting \$250,000 to cover unforeseen repair costs to the YK Fitness Center;" and increases 40-50-690 Capital Expenditures by 250,000 and decreases 10-10100

Cash by (250,000).

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

Item 9.3. - Appointment Of Interim City Manager (Acting City Manager Strickler)
Council did not make any motions on this item.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - *Introduction Of Ordinance 20-31: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 2.08, City Manager And 2.12 City Officers (Acting City Manager Strickler)
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.2. - *AM 20-45: Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Wolverine Supply Inc. For City Hall Improvements (Acting City Manager Strickler)
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.3. - *AM 20-46: Direct Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement With The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For The Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) 2020-2023 (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-46.

Moved by:	Alyssa Leary
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 10.4. - AM 20-47: Direct Administration To Begin Working On Acquiring Easements For The Connection Of A Gravel 12' Walking Trail Connecting City

Subdivision To The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation And To Plan For Project Execution The Summer Of 2021 And To Engage With Other Agencies Such As AVCP, ONC And YKHC To Identify Partnership Opportunities (Council Member DeWitt)

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-47.

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 10.5. - *AM 20-48: Accept And Approve The 2020 State Homeland Security Program Grant Award In The Amount Of \$255,783.50 And Direct The Acting City Manager To Sign The Related Grant Agreement (Acting City Manager Strickler)
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.6. - *IM 20-13: City Of Bethel Organizational Retreat Priorities (Council Member DeWitt)
Council reviewed IM 20-13.

Item 10.7. - *IM 20-14: Emergency Procurement Of Cleaning And Sanitation Services (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- Appreciates Council Member Dymont providing guidance as an experienced council member. Appreciates the unity that the council displays. Reminded Council Member Dymont that there are always openings on the committees.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Thanked Council Member Dymont for stepping up, serving on the Council, and sharing his wisdom. Reminder to pick up homework, at the gym, tomorrow from 8 a.m.-5: 30 p.m.

Council Member Leary- Reminded the public that it is Important to take the Census. Thanked Council Member Dymont for helping the City in a time of crisis.

Council Member Franko- Stressed the importance of getting the Census filled out. The deadline is at the end of the month. It will affect us for the next 10 years, and will impact federal funding. There is a census fundraiser on the First Alaskan's web-page. Thanked Council Member Dymont for the kind words and serving on the Council.

Council Member Springer- Expressed condolences to Willy Keppel's family.

Council Member DeWitt- no comment.

Council Member Dymont- Last meeting as a Council Member. Very pleased with the City Council. Appreciates the thoughtfulness and hard work of the Council during this time of crisis. Knows that the City will be in good hands. Thanked the Council.

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- YK Fitness Center, Construction Issues and Recourse (Council Member Dymont)

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- YK Fitness Center, Construction Issues and Recourse. Those attending were the City Council, Acting City Manager, City Attorney, and Deputy City Clerk.

Moved by:	Hugh Dymont
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

Council Member Springer disconnected from the meeting at 8:49 p.m. and re-connected at 9:02 p.m.

Council Member Dymont disconnected at 9:28 p.m. and reconnected.

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 9:32 p.m.

Michelle DeWitt

Michelle DeWitt, Mayorfor Perry Barr, former Mayor

ATTEST:

Kevin Morgan

Kevin Morgan,
Deputy City Clerk

Signature: Michelle DeWitt
Michelle DeWitt (Dec 17, 2020 17:15 AKST)
Email: mdewitt@cityofbethel.net

Signature: Kevin Morgan
Kevin Morgan (Dec 18, 2020 10:02 AKST)
Email: kmorgan@cityofbethel.net

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