

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
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City Council Member Rose Henderson (telephonically) City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Cece Franko (telephonically) City Council Member Perry Barr (telephonically) arrived after roll call at 8:18 p.m. Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) Mayor Michelle DeWitt

Members Absent:

Also in attendance were the following:

Interim City Manager Peter Williams, City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)
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4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Jamie Morgan, Representative of the American Heart Association- Provided the public an overview of statistics related to the consumption of sugary drinks. Presented evidence to show that increasing tax on sugary drinks has shown to help reduce consumption.

Motion to suspend the rules to extend the rules for people to be heard to permit Jamie Morgan additional time for testimony.

Moved by: | Cece Franko

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

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Consent Agenda And Regular Agenda.

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

Removal from Consent Agenda- Item 10.5, Resolution 20-18, Vice-Mayor Hanson

Motion to amend the agenda to move Item 10.5, Resolution 20-18, to be the first item of business under New Business.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item 6.1. - *10-13-2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 6.2. - *10-19-2020 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, Council Member Springer- A meeting has not yet been held.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board- No one available to provide a report.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Mayor DeWitt-A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Finance Committee, Council Member Franko- The Committee met and provided a suggested amendment to the Council to change the procurement limits from \$5,000 to \$12,000.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Henderson- A meeting has not been held since the recent appointment to the Commission by Council.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.1. - Proclaiming The Month Of November 2020 As "American Diabetes Month" (Mayor DeWitt)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9.1. - Public Hearing 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)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.
Mayor Dewitt closed the Public Hearing.

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

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

Primary Amendment: Strike 675,004 and insert 875,000.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10.1. - Emergency Ordinance 20-32: Extending The Declaration Of Emergency Issued Through Ordinance #20-29, #20-11, Ordinance #20-09, And Ordinance #20-08 (Mayor Dewitt)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Dewitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 20-32.

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

Item 10.2. - Emergency Ordinance #20-33: Extending Emergency Ordinance 20-26

"The City Of Bethel COVID-19 Rules And Procedures," Which Adopt And Clarifies State Of Alaska Travel Protocols For All Interstate And Intrastate Non-Essential Travel To The City (Mayor DeWitt)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 20-33.

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

Item 10.3. - Emergency Ordinance 20-34: Extending Emergency Ordinance 20-27- Establishing A Mandate Within The City Of Bethel That Masks Or Similar Face-Coverings Be Worn In Public In Indoor And Indoor-Adjacent Spaces, And Under Certain Conditions In Outdoor Spaces, During The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Mayor DeWitt)

Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor DeWitt closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 20-34.

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

Item 10.4. - *Resolution 20-17: In Response To The Public Health Emergency, Extending Resolution 20-13 From November 1, 2020 Until The Expiration Of The Emergency Ordinances Which Extend Emergency Ordinance 20-08 (Mayor DeWitt)

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item 10.5. - *Resolution 20-18: Asking The Residents, Businesses, Organizations And Visitors Of Bethel To Take Immediate Measures To Stop The Spread Of COVID-

19 (Mayor Dewitt)

Motion: Move into Committee of the Whole.

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

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 20-18.

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

Primary Amendment: Insert a Whereas statement that states: The Bethel City Council and Administration understand the importance of economic stability, and in exchange for the request to have Bethel storefronts to close their doors to the public, the City will work through CARES Act funding perimeters, to incentivize and compensate those business for loss of revenue due to the closure.

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

Item 10.6. - *AM 20-53: Accept And Approve The Alaska Community Transit Reimbursable Grant Award In The Amount Of \$731,328 And Direct The Acting City Manager To Sign The Related Grant Agreement (Interim City Manager Williams)
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 DeWitt- Show your support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Reminded the public that Alaska Village Electric Cooperative will shut off power in the Bethel Service Area, Oscarville, and Napaskiak on Thursday and Saturday . Thanked the City of Bethel, Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council, the Lower Kuskokwim School District, Alaska Commercial Company, and other community agencies for making the pumpkin distribution to the youth of our community possible. Thanked Council Member Franko for her work. Thanked Council Member Barr for serving as Mayor and hopes to do a good job as well.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- Bethel Schools will continue to operate in the high risk category; so they will be working under remote learning. Thanked Council Member Franko for her work.

Council Member Barr joined the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Council Member Barr- Thanked the many people that are working on a search and rescue mission looking for missing boaters. Urged the public to use lights and spotlights when boating at night and reminded all boaters to use PFD's.

Council Member Leary- Congratulated Mayor DeWitt on her election to Mayor. Thanked Council Member Franko for her work.

Council Member Franko- Thanked the Council members, and city staff for their hard work; wished everyone the best. Thanked those who made the pumpkin distribution possible; received many positive comments from the community. Encouraged people to limit interactions with others as much as possible.

Council Member Springer- Condolences to the family of Eموke Johnson. Wished Council Member Franko the best in her move to Kodiak. COVID-19 is here, Bethel is responding very well. Thoughts and hope go out to Bethel Search and Rescue and to those who are missing and their families. Congratulated Mayor DeWitt on doing a good job presiding over the meeting.

Council Member Henderson- Congratulated Mayor DeWitt on her election to Mayor. Encouraged everyone to take COVID-19 seriously. Stay at home so that we can protect our community. Thanked the Bethel Search and Rescue crew for their hard work. Thanked the City Clerk for work done on the Kid's Vote Program and Pumpkin distribution. Provided notice that there will be a water shut off for the Housing subdivision tomorrow. Thanked everyone for making her first couple of meetings a positive experience.

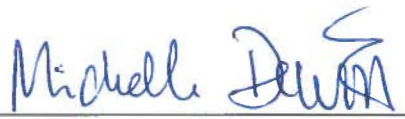
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

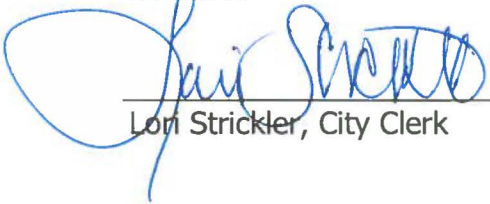
Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 8:31p.m.



Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk