

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

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| <b>Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| City Council Member Conrad McCormick (telephonically)<br>City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically)<br>City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically)<br>City Council Member Rose Henderson (telephonically)<br>Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically)<br>Mayor Michelle DeWitt (telephonically)<br>City Council Member Perry Barr (telephonically) <i>arrived after roll call at 7:32 p.m.</i> |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Also in attendance were the following:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Interim City Manager Peter Williams (telephonically), City Clerk Lori Strickler(telephonically), City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person**

Susan Taylor- Spoke in favor of taxing sugar sweetened beverages. Would like the public to vote on it. Provided an explanation of what the Lion's Club does and the partnerships that help support their operations which include meal distribution.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA**

Main Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda.

Moved by: | Haley Hanson  
Seconded by: | Mark Springer

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| In favor: | Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson,<br>Conrad McCormick |
| Opposed:  | None                                                                                            |
| Results:  | Motion Carries                                                                                  |

## 6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

### **Item 6.1.** - \*12-7-2020 Special City Council Meeting

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

### **Item 6.2.** - \*12-8-2020 Regular City Council Meeting

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

## 7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### **Item 7.1.** - Committee/Commission/Board Agendas And Meeting Minutes

Port Commission, Council Member Springer- A meeting has not been held.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- Review and approved the Tanqik subdivision agreement which will be presented to the City Council next meeting.

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

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, Mayor DeWitt- The committee provided a recommendation to the City Council to approve a park name and discussed Pinky's Park lighting and the gym feasibility study.

Finance Committee, Council Member McCormick- A meeting will be held on December 28th. The committee has two vacancies.

Public Works Committee, Council Member Leary- Had no regular meeting due to a problem with the packet. The next meeting will be on the 20th of January. The committee has openings if the public is interested in joining.

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Council Member Henderson- No meeting since last meeting. Next meeting is January 6th. If you are interested in

serving on the commission, please apply.

**8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 10.1.** - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 20-37: Extending The Declaration Of Emergency Issued Through Ordinance #20-32, 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 20-37.

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

**Item 10.2.** - Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 20-38: Extending Emergency Ordinance 20-34 And 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 20-38.

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

### **Item 10.3. -**

Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 20-39: Extending Emergency Ordinance 20-36/20-33 "The City Of Bethel Covid-19 Rules And Procedures," Which Adopt And Clarify 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 20-39.

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

**Item 10.4. -** Public Hearing Of Emergency Ordinance 20-40: Exempting 13.04.290 Of The Bethel Municipal Code To Prevent Water Shut Off For Non-Payment For An Additional 60 Days (Mayor Dewitt)

*Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.*

*if no one,*

*Mayor Dewitt closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Emergency Ordinance 20-40.

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| Moved by:    | Conrad McCormick                                                                             |
| Seconded by: | Alyssa Leary                                                                                 |
| In favor:    | Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick |
| Opposed:     | None                                                                                         |

Results: | Motion Carries

**Item 10.5.** - \*Introduction Of Ordinance 20-41: Designating Municipal Reserve Property, U.S. Survey 3230 A And B, Block 7, Lot 1 And 2, As Public Utility Land Location (Interim City Manager Williams)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.6.** - \*Introduction Of Ordinance 20-42: Authorizing The Disposal Of Property By Demolition – Log Cabin Building, Located At 326 Akiachak Avenue, Pinky’s Park And Claiming Ownership Of Such Structure Through Adverse Possession (Interim City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

**Item 10.7.** - \*Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 20-12(f): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget-Slide Back Conversion (Interim City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

**Item 10.8.** - \*Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 20-12(g): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget-Airport Incentive Program- Quarantine Food Distribution (Interim City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

**Item 10.9.** - \*AM 20-61: Re-appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Members (Mayor DeWitt)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.10.** - AM 20-62: Approving The Regular City Council Meeting Dates For 2021 (Mayor DeWitt)

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-62.

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

**Item 10.11. - AM 60-63: Amendments With Tec Pro- Lift Station Controls Improvement Project (Interim City Manager Williams)**

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-63.

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

**Item 10.12. - AM 20-64: Authorizing Administration To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Questca To Purchase Budgeting Performance Software Authorizing Administration To Utilize CARES Act Funding For The First Year Of The Contract And To Bypass The Request For Proposal Requirements In Conjunction With The Response To The Ongoing Emergency (Interim City Manager Williams)**

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-64.

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

**Item 10.13. - \*AM 20-65: Direct City Administration To Complete One Or More Grant Applications For Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Funds To Pay Costs Associated With Quarantine Lodging And Food Distribution Resulting From The COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Between December 31, 2020 To March 31, 2021 (Interim City Manager Williams)**

Passed on the consent agenda.

**Item 10.14. - AM 20-66: Approve Modification To The City's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act Budget And Spending Plan Such That \$500,000 Is Added To The Bethel Community Services Foundation Charities Line Item And Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute An Amendment To The Current Contract With BCSF For BCSF To Administer The Funds And Charge The City A Fee For Services Rendered (Interim City Manager Williams)**

*Mayor DeWitt declared a conflict of interest as she is the director of Bethel Community Services Foundation.*

Motion to rule that Mayor DeWitt has a conflict of interest on this agenda item.

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| Moved by:    | Mark Springer                                                               |
| Seconded by: | Rose Henderson                                                              |
| In favor:    | Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick |
| Opposed:     | None                                                                        |
| Results:     | Motion Carries                                                              |

*Mayor DeWitt did not take part in voting or discussing this item of business. Vice-Mayor Hanson presided over this part the meeting.*

Main Motion: Approve AM 20-66.

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| Moved by:    | Alyssa Leary                                                                |
| Seconded by: | Mark Springer                                                               |
| In favor:    | Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick |
| Opposed:     | None                                                                        |
| Results:     | Motion Carries                                                              |

Primary Amendment: to strike "\$500,000" and insert "200,000".

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| Moved by:    | Alyssa Leary                                                                |
| Seconded by: | Rose Henderson                                                              |
| In favor:    | Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick |
| Opposed:     | None                                                                        |
| Results:     | Motion Carries                                                              |

**Item 10.15.** - \*IM 20-21: Limited Legal Services For Tax Counsel (Interim City Manager Williams)

Passed on the consent agenda.

**Item 10.16.** - \*Personal Leave-City Clerk-December 24th-31st, 2020 (Mayor DeWitt)

Passed on the consent agenda.

## **11. REPORTS**

**Item 11.1.** - Mayor's Report

**Item 11.2.** - City Manager's Report

*Council Member Barr joined at 7:32 p.m.*

**Item 11.3.** - Clerk's Report

## **12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor DeWitt- Wanted to share to the public that the Parks, Recreation Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee, is polling to name the park across from the First National Bank, please submit ideas. On the week of the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate frontline healthcare appreciation week.

Vice-Mayor Hanson-Encouraged people to watch the Search and Rescue reports on the river. Encouraged people to get vaccinated when they get a chance to.

Council Member Barr- Encouraged people to watch the Search and Rescue reports on the ice road; this warm weather may prevent safe access to the river. Stop the spread of the virus. Merry Christmas.

Council Member Leary- Shout out to Bill Arnold, Gary Watson and everyone else that helped make the Santa tour of Bethel happen. If you are not sure if you want to get the vaccine, take the time to learn about your options and become educated.

Council Member Springer- Listen to the town hall meeting hosted by YKHC; it is important to still wear masks, and respect the physical distancing. Happy first day of summer.

Council Member Henderson- Thanked everyone involved in getting the Santa tour set up. Reminded people that even though the vaccine is being distributed, it doesn't mean we can let our guard down. We still need to wear our masks and physical distance. Stay home if you can. Thanked Miss Strickler and Mr. Williams for their hard work. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, please keep your circles small.

Council Member McCormick-Thanked the healthcare workers for all their hard work distributing the vaccines all around the Delta. Thanked everyone that came out and received their vaccine and showing that this has been researched and is safe.

### **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; (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential; (4) Matters Involving Consideration Of Government Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure. Filling The Vacancy Of City Manager, Review Of Applications, Discussion Of Qualifications, And Interview Questions (Mayor Dewitt)

Main Motion: Move Into Executive Session 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; (3) Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Confidential; (4) Matters Involving Consideration Of Government Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure. Filling The Vacancy Of City Manager, Review Of Applications, Discussion Of Qualifications, And Interview Questions. Those Attending Are Council, Clerk Strickler, and City Attorney Bakalar.

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

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

*Meeting ended at 8:12 p.m.*

*Michelle DeWitt*

Michelle DeWitt (Jan 19, 2021 08:26 AKST)

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Lori Strickler*

Lori Strickler, City Clerk