

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 26, 2021 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 Alyssa Leary (telephonically)<br>City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically)<br>City Council Member Perry Barr (telephonically)<br>City Council Member Rose Henderson (telephonically)<br>City Council Member Conrad McCormick (telephonically)<br>Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically)<br>Mayor Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) |
| <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**

*No one present to be heard.*

**Item 4.1.** - Notice: Public Testimony By Email Will Be Accepted.

Too Qualify, It Must:

- 1) Be Emailed To cityclerk@cityofbethel.net By 4pm The Day Of The Meeting.
- 2) Specifically Request That It Is To Be Read At People To Be Heard.
- 3) Contain The Full, Real Name Of The Person Sending It.

Note: Depending On The Amount Of Emails Received, The Mayor May Summarize The Content Of The Email.

*No emails submitted.*

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

Main Motion: Approve Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda.

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

Amend the agenda to move Item 10.4 to follow the Executive Session.

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

## **6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Item 6.1.** - \*1-5-2021 Special City Council Meeting  
*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 6.2.** - \*1-12-2021 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, Council Member Springer- Nothing to report.

Planning Commission, Vice-Mayor Hanson- A special meeting was held on January 21st, discussed an option of limiting the number of marijuana licenses in the community to be capped at two. The City of Bethel Junk Vehicle Removal Program was another discussion item.

Community Action Grant Technical Review Board, Council Member Barr- The application period will open January 29th and the deadline will be February 28th.

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 McCormick- A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

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 was not held since the last city council meeting; however, a public hearing will be held to consider the transportation services on February 3rd.

## **8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item 9.1. - Public Hearing Of Ordinance 21-01: To Enter Into A Subdivision Agreement With Tumak Enterprises, LLC For Providing Required Subdivision Public Improvements-Tanqik Subdivision (Planning Commission)**

*Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.*

*No one present to be heard.*

*Mayor Dewitt closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 21-01.

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| Moved by:    | Haley Hanson                                                                 |
| Seconded by: | Alyssa Leary                                                                 |
| In favor:    | Perry Barr, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose |

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|          | Henderson, Conrad McCormick |
| Opposed: | None                        |
| Results: | Motion Carries              |

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Kris Manke and the Developers.

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

**Item 9.2.** - Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 20-12(h): Amending The City Of Bethel Fiscal Year 2021 Budget- Public Works Admin-Streets And Roads-Property Maintenance-Landfill-Bethel Heights Water Treatment Plant-Short Lived Assets-Hauled Water And Sewer-Community Services-Information Technology Services-Administration-Police Department (Interim City Manager Williams)

*Mayor DeWitt opened the Public Hearing.*

*No one present to be heard.*

*Mayor Dewitt closed the Public Hearing.*

*Council Member Barr declared a conflict of interest as he is the Vice-President of Bethel Search and Rescue. Mayor DeWitt confirmed Council Member Barr does have conflict of interest.*

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

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

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 10.1.** - \*AM 21-02: Appointment Of Committee/Commission/Board Members. Stacey Reardon-Port Commission. Brian Henry-Planning Commission and Finance

Committee. Daniel Mullins - Port Commission (Mayor DeWitt)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.2.** - AM 21-03: Authorizing The Continued Development Of Solutions And Associated Actions Related To The City Of Bethel Operational Goals And Priorities (Mayor Dewitt)

Main Motion: Approve AM 21-03.

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

Motion to move into committee of the whole.

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

Motion to come out of committee of the whole.

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

**Item 10.3.** - \*AM 21-04: Direct Administration To Pursue FFY 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Funding To Assist The City In Preparedness Activities (Planning, Equipment, Training, And Exercise) That Address Identified Gaps Or Capability Targets Where A Connection To Terrorism And Natural Disasters Exists (Interim City Manager Williams)

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item 10.4. - City Manager Employment Agreement Negotiations (Mayor DeWitt)**

Motion to approve the requested change to the employment agreement as presented by Peter Williams to include:

- *Under Subsection 3 e, Employee shall use 80 hours of PTO as opposed to 160 hours of PTO annually.*
- *Under Subsection 3L the issuance of a laptop*
- *Under section 7 c the removal of the expiration reference of the agreement.*

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

Motion to direct the City Clerk and the City Attorney to work with the State of Alaska to take necessary steps to provide for the removal of the City Manager's position from the City's PERS agreement.

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

**Item 10.5. - \*IM 21-01: Presentation Of The City's Water & Sewer Services Expenditures Compared To Budget From July 1, 2020 To December 31, 2020 – Utilities Maintenance – Water & Wastewater Activity Report (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-Encouraged everyone to sign up at YKHC for your vaccine. We are fortunate that the option is available in the community for everyone in the community ages 16 and over. Thanked YKHC for their hard work.

Vice-Mayor Hanson- No comment.

Council Member Barr- No comment.

Council Member Leary- No comment.

Council Member Springer- COVID-19 has been hitting our community and region hard. Please, it is important to get your vaccine. We are extremely fortunate that YKHC has opened the vaccination opportunity to everyone over the age of 16. To all of our friends in Tuluksak, not only did they lose their water treatment plant, but they have also had a significant spread of COVID -19. Provided condolences to the family and friends of Joe Demantle Jr. "Joe Boy" for their loss.

Council Member Henderson- Encouraged everyone ages 16 and over to get their COVID-19 vaccination. Thanked Interim Manager Williams for all his updates and reports.

Council Member McCormick- Provided clarification that the community and region is not in the clear from the hazards of COVID-19; encouraged people to remain responsible and limit travel to and from other communities if you can.

**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.- City Manager Employment Agreement Creation (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.- City Manager Employment Agreement Creation.

Those attending are Council, City Attorney Bakalar, City Clerk Strickler.

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

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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

*Meeting ended at 8:42 p.m.*

*Michelle DeWitt*

Michelle DeWitt (Feb 11, 2021 14:41 AKST)

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk



# 1-26-2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Final Audit Report

2021-02-11

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