

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
January 26, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on January 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Richard Robb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Rick Robb (participated by telephone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Member Alisha Welch (arrived after roll call)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice-Mayor Leif Albertson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice-Mayor Byron Maczynski
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Member Chuck Herman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Member Zach Fansler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Member Nikki Hoffman	
Also in attendance were the following:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Patty Burley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Lori Strickler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Manager Ann Capela	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant To City Clerk Adriane Welch

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mary Nanuwaic – Stated there are many communities in Alaska banning the sale of marijuana. Encouraged the community to be informed on the issue.

Council Member Welch arrived at 6:32p.

Dave Trantham Jr. – Stated he is surprised, the internal investigation for the City still has not been released to the public; he encouraged the Council to release the report. Reflected back to 1946 when he was stationed in Nome Alaska with the US Air Force; suggested the City of Bethel is like an airplane, the City must be balanced and it isn't. Provided reference to the City Manager's "big picture" budget document. Stated the City's health care program for the City employees is substantially in dept, along with leased property. Suggested the City cut 10-52-541, City Council Training and Travel.

Fritz Charles- As a resident of Bethel, off and on since 1995; agreed with Mr. Trantham with regard to a balance budget. When the City isn't paying their employees appropriately, the employee isn't going to do a good job for the City and not want to be there. Stopped working for the City a few years back but recently applied for a vacant City position however turn down the job when offered the job at \$19 per hour. If you take care of the employee, they will take care of you.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Herman
Seconded by:	Fansler
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch
Opposed:	-0

Main Motion: Postpone Item B under Unfinished Business, Public Hearing of Ordinance 15-21.

Moved by:	Hoffman
Seconded by:	Fansler
Action:	Motion does not carry by a vote of 0-7
In favor:	0
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch

Removal from the Consent: Introduction of Budget Ordinance 15-14.

Moved by: Hoffman

Removal from the Consent: Resolution 16-03.

Moved by: Robb

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – Regular City Council Meeting January 12, 2016

Item B – Special City Council Meeting January 18, 2016

Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Transportation Commission –
Council Representative, Chuck Herman –

Discussed possible improvements to the Police and Fire Department makeup. More information will be presented to the Council at a later meeting.
The Commission provided a recommendation to the Council to not pass Ordinance 15-21.

Port Commission –

Council Representative, Alisha Welch –
A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Planning Commission –

Council Representative, Nikki Hoffman –
Donlin Gold EIS was discussed. The Commission requested that any involvement with Donlin Gold be filtered through the Planning Commission. The Commission also suggested requesting the Army Corps of Engineers extend the public hearing period.
Consideration of Bethel becoming a borough.
Discussed the possible updating of the zoning map.

Main Motion: Refer to the Planning Commission the review of the Housing Development procedures and codes.

Moved by:	Herman
Seconded by:	Welch
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch
Opposed:	-0

Parks and Recreation Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee –

Council Representative, Richard Robb –
The Committee has not held a meeting since the last City Council meeting.

Finance Committee –

Council Representative, Leif Albertson –
Potential areas of action for cost savings within the City as well as revenue options to include Health Insurance as well as city vehicles.

Energy Committee –

Council Representative, Zach Falser–
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council meeting.

Public Works Committee –

Zef Lakahnj, Public Works Director –
The boardwalk between the College and the Hospital was discussed. A recommendation was prepared and submitted to the Council.
The institutional corridor project, dredging of the lagoon, lighting at different locations in the community as well as the advertisement of the vacant positions was discussed.

Marijuana Advisory Committee –

Council Representative, Zack Fansler –

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

Non-Standing Committee –

Nothing to report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Hoffman declared a conflict of interest on Resolution 15-18 and the ONC request for \$50,000 for in-kind donation.

Mayor Robb ruled, Council Member Nikki Hoffman does have a conflict of interest on the two issues.

Council Member Hoffman stepped down from the Council bench.

Item A – Resolution 15-18: Authorization To Transfer Obsolete Used Furniture And Equipment Located At The Bethel Senior Center To ONC Senior Center Program.

Main Motion: Approve Resolution 15-18.

Moved by: Herman

Seconded by: Fansler

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0

In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Welch

Opposed: -0

Primary Amendment: Amend Resolution 15-18 to reflect that provided by the City Attorney.

Moved by: Herman

Seconded by: Welch

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0

In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Welch

Opposed: -0

Council Member Hoffman returned to the Council bench.

Item B – Public Hearing On Ordinance 15-21: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 5.30, Taxicab, River Taxi, Limousine And Bus Permits, To Require Video Camera Surveillance System And Global Positioning System Capabilities.

Vice-Mayor Maczynski opened the public hearing.

No one was present to be heard.

Vice-Mayor Maczynski closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: Postpone.

Moved by: Hoffman
Seconded by: Fansler
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-1
In favor: Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Hoffman Welch
Opposed: Robb

Item C – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 16-01: Establishing A Limited Moratorium On Commercial Marijuana.

Vice-Mayor Maczynski opened the public hearing.

Dave Trantham – Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 16-01.

Mary Nanuwaic – Spoke in favor of Ordinance 16-01.

Fritz Charles – Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 16-01.

Vice-Mayor Maczynski closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 16-01.

Moved by: Fansler
Seconded by: Herman
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Hoffman Welch
Opposed: -0

Item D – Approval Of City Manager And Two City Council Members To Travel To The National League Of Cities Conference, March 5-9, 2016.

Main Motion: Approve the City Manager and to City Council members to travel to the National League of Cities Conference.

Moved by: Fansler
Seconded by: Hoffman
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 2-5
In favor: Robb Fansler
Opposed: Herman Welch Albertson Hoffman Maczynski

Main Motion: Amend to strike "two council members" and insert "one council member."

Moved by: Fansler
Seconded by: Robb
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-3
In favor: Robb Albertson Herman Fansler
Opposed: Hoffman Welch Maczynski

Main Motion: Take a ten minute break.

Moved by: Hoffman
Seconded by: Herman
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Hoffman Welch
Opposed: -0

Item E – Wind Turbine Maintenance Contract With Northern Power.

Main Motion: Postpone.

Moved by: Welch
Seconded by: Hoffman
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Hoffman Welch
Opposed: -0

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Resolution 16-03: Supporting The Governor’s Budget Inclusion Of Revenue Sharing.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 16-03.

Moved by: Hoffman
Seconded by: Herman
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Hoffman Welch
Opposed: -0

Item B – Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 15-14 (c): Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Amendments- Cash Match of \$250,000 For The Ridgecrest Drive Project.

Main Motion: Introduce Budget Ordinance 15-14 (c).

Moved by: Herman
Seconded by: Fansler
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Hoffman Welch
Opposed: -0

Item C – Introduction Of Ordinance 16-02: Property Acquisition From The Department Of Military And Veterans Affairs, Lot 15, USS 4117.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D – AM 16-06: Approval Of The Mayor’s Appointment Of Kathryn Baldwin To The Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health And Safety Center Committee As An Alternate Member.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item E – AM 16-07: Justification And Approval To Contract ProDev For YK Fitness Center Request For Proposal And Contracting Support.

Main Motion: Approve AM 16-07.

Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch
Opposed:	-0

Primary Amendment: Adopt the amended version of AM 16-07.

Moved by:	Robb
Seconded by:	Hoffman
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch
Opposed:	-0

Item F – Review of Donlin Gold Environmental Impact Study.

Direct the City Administration to draft and send a letter on behalf of the Council to request an extension to the Army Corps of Engineers for the public review and comment on the Donlin Gold EIS.

Main Motion:

Moved by:	Hoffman
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	Motion does not carry by a vote of 0-7
In favor:	0
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch

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Main Motion: Amend to request a one year extension.

Moved by:	Hoffman
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-1
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb

Item G – Personal Leave Request For City Manager.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item H – Orutsararmiut Native Council’s Request For \$50,000 for In-Kind Donation.
*Mayor Robb ruled, Council Member Hoffman has a conflict of interest on this issue.
Council Member Hoffman stepped down from the Council bench.*

Main Motion:	Direct Administration to establish a budget modification for donation to ONC.
Moved by:	Fansler
Seconded by:	
Action:	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.

- X. MAYOR’S REPORT**
- XI. MANAGER’S REPORT**
- XII. CLERK’S REPORT**
- XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Richard Robb –
No comment.

Vice-Mayor Byron Maczynski –
No comment.

Council Member Albertson –
No comment.

Council Member Chuck Herman –
No comment.

Council Member Zach Fansler –
Thanked everyone for their hard work during the K300 Race. Congratulations to Pete Kaiser for his win.

Council Member Nikki Hoffman –
No comment.

Council Member Alisha Welch –
No comment.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A – Executive Session As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity-Lease With Lower Kuskokwim School District, Kilbuck.

Item B – Executive Session To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Manager As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Personnel Matters (Unless the Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public) Or Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person.

Move into Executive Session As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity-Lease With Lower Kuskokwim School District, Killbuck. Those participating will be City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk.

To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Manager As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Personnel Matters (Unless the Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public) Or Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person. Those participating will be City Council and City Manager.

Main Motion:

Moved by: Fansler
Seconded by: Albertson
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Hoffman Welch
Opposed: -0

Main Motion:

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Herman
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Herman Fansler Hoffman Welch
Opposed: -0

Postpone Item B, – Executive Session To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Manager As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Personnel Matters (Unless the Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public) Or Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjourn

Moved by:	Herman
Seconded by:	Welch
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch
Opposed:	-0

Council adjourned at 10:24 p.m.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk