

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 28, 2014 at 6:30pm, in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Robb called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:

Mayor Rick Robb, Vice-Mayor Leif Albertson, Council Member Mark Springer, Council Member Chuck Herman, Council Member Heather Pike, and Council Member Zach Fansler

Those absent:

Council Member Byron Maczynski

Also in attendance were the following:

City Clerk Lori Strickler and Acting City Manager Pete Williams

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Sam Blankenship- City of Bethel IT Manager, touching on issues brought up at the Council's Special Meeting on October 27, 2014. Informed the Council that at one point in time the City had a complete Policies and Procedures Manual although significantly outdated. It should be easy enough for the new city manager candidate to use the current Manual as a reference and source when establishing Council's request.

Eva Malvich – Chair of the Bethel's Winter House Lions Club. The shelter will open December 1, 2014. They are looking at potential locations; she is requesting the City Council consider providing reduced water and sewer rates for the facility, once one is secured.

Council Member Springer arrived at 6:41p.

David Trantham – Stated, the voter turnout for the City’s Municipal Election was discussing; he hopes that people will get out and vote at the November 4th Election. On the issue of the City’s State Priorities listed under Resolution 14-14, suggested the Council evaluate the potential liability for the Institutional Corridor. Hopes the Council will take a close look at the City’s Priorities.

Beverly Hoffman – Thanked the Bethel Fire Department and all of the Volunteers who dealt with the fire last night.

As a member of the Kuimarvik Board, presented the Council with a letter from the Board and their recommendation to the Council to resend the 20% for Admission Rates charged at the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center. It is their belief; the increased rates will discourage users. They additionally suggested establishing a student rate, to decrease the senior rate from age 65 to age 60 and to establish an annual rate.

Does not feel that there should be a tax applied to the rates taken at the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center.

Marcia Schoenthal- An Employee of Pro Dev, while working at the pool today heard great laughter from some young children with their father during their swim, this was such a great moment.

In the Council’s deliberation on the fees, the Council should consider when the budget numbers were provided to the City, the projections were presented with the sales tax not included therefore the Council should realize, there would not be any impact to the budget if the sales tax was not applied to the rates.

Barb Mosier – Spoke in favor of Kuimarvik’s suggested fees as opposed to the modifications presented and approved by the Council.

Mary Sattler – Spoke in favor of the Kuimarvik’s suggested fees as opposed to the modifications presented and approved by the Council. Kuimarvik is a collaborative membership between many organizations in town, a very broad representation and the rates as presented by the Board were voted by an unanimous vote.

Joseph Klejka – Suggested the Council direct someone in the City to begin working on a mechanism for financial assistance with the Water and Sewer increase for those within the community who will inevitably start facing such hardship.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Herman

Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	None

**Remove from
the Consent**

Agenda: Ordinance 14-27 and 14-28 from the Consent agenda.

Moved by: Springer

**Primary
Amendment:** Move Agenda item New Business Item E to fall after Unfinished
Business Item A.

Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	None

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A - 10-14-2014 Regular City Council Meeting.
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A - Port Commission –
Mark Springer, Council Representative-
No report

Item B - Planning Commission –
Heather Pike, Council Representative-
No report

Item C - Public Safety and Transportation Commission-
Chuck Herman, Council Representative-
No Report

Item D - Energy Committee –
Richard Robb, Committee Representative-

Item E - Public Works Committee-
No report.

Item F - Finance Committee-
Leif Albertson, Council Representative –

No report.

Item G - Parks and Recreations Committee-
Next meeting is Monday.

VIII. SPECIAL BUSINESS

Item A - Appreciation To Outgoing Council Members

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 14-14 (f): Modifying The FY15 Budget For The Operation Of The Yukon Kuskokwim Health And Training Center.

Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.

David Trantham –Brought up some concerns he found in the Budget modification, one being the insurance at \$15,000, this seems too low. The second line item, Water/Sewer/Garbage at \$19,440, this seems too low.

Beverly Hoffman – The numbers in the budget are all estimates, it is difficult to put numbers in place for the budget. Suggested the Council hold off on making significant changes to the budget for at least three months so that there are more information to look at.

Kurt Kuhne – As a member of the Kuimarvik Board, suggested there is a ton of opportunity for revenue that isn't included in the budget such as corporate rates. Everything is an estimate at this point.

Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 14-14 (f)

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	None

Incidental

Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from the Sean Legg, USA Pool Owner.

Moved by:	Herman
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	None

Incidental

Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from member of the public.

Moved by: Pike
Seconded by: Albertson
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed: None

NEW BUSINESS

Item E- Consideration Of The Bethel Aquatic Training And Health Center Admission Rates And The Process Of Changing/Negotiating Different Rates.

Main Motion: Amend the Admission rates for the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center to those originally Rate Proposal.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Pike
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-1
In favor: Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed: Albertson

Incidental Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from Members of the Kuimarvik Board and the public if the Council were to have any question.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Pike
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed: None

Primary Amendment: To insert a under the Military "Student Rate" any person over the age of 18 enrolled in post secondary education, GED or technical training.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Herman
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-1
In favor: Robb, Maczynski, Fansler, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed: Albertson

Secondary Amendment: Amend the previous amendment to request Kuimarvik identify a definition for student rate.

Moved by: Herman
Seconded by: Pike
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-1
In favor: Robb, Maczynski, Fansler, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed: Albertson

Primary Amendment: Amend the Admission Rates to Read for Monthly Membership Fees to strike under Youth \$40/40/50 and insert \$30/30/50 and strike under Military \$30/30/50 and insert \$40/40/40.

Moved by: Herman
Seconded by: Fansler
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed: None

Primary Amendment: Amend the proposed rates to establish the annual pass at a rate of 10 months of the monthly rates available passed the October 31, 2014 deadline.

Moved by: Fansler
Seconded by: Herman
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed: None

Main Motion: Take a ten minute break.

Moved by: Pike
Seconded by:
Action: Does not carry due to a lack of a second.
In favor:
Opposed:

Main Motion: Take a ten minute break.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Pike
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed: None

Main Motion: Establish a corporate rate at:
Bundle Discount rate
15=20%
20=25%
30=30%
50=32%
100=35%

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Pike
Action: 0-6 Motion does not carry
In favor: None
Opposed: Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer

USA Pools is allowed to open negotiations based on the Bundle Discount Rates and if there is any division from the bundles, USA Pools will have to come to the City Council for approval.

Main Motion:

Moved by:	Fansler
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	0-6 Motion does not carry
In favor:	None
Opposed:	Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer

Item B- Resolution 14-14: State Of Alaska Capital Priority Requests.

Main Motion: Postpone until the next regular meeting.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	4-2
In favor:	Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	Robb and Fansler

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction Of Ordinance 14-27: Repealing And Replacing Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.20, Purchasing.

Main Motion: To introduction Budget Ordinance 14-27.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	None

Item B – Introduction Of Ordinance 14-28: City Of Bethel Fee And Rate Schedule Amended.

Main Motion: Introduction of Ordinance 14-28.

Moved by:	Herman
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of
In favor:	Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	None

Item C – AM 14-66: Appointment Of Beverly Hoffman To The Planning Commission.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D- AM 14-67: Approval Of The Land And Water Conservation Fund Grant Agreement.

Main Motion: Approve AM 14-67.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Robb, Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	None

Item E moved to follow Unfinished Business Item A.

Item F – Recommendation From The Parks And Recreation Committee, Identifying A Location For A Dog Park.

Main Motion: Adopt recommendation two as the option for the dog park.

Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	No action taken
In favor:	
Opposed:	

Main Motion: Suspend the rules to go past 11:00pm.

Moved by:	Fansler
Seconded by:	
Action:	Does not carry due to a lack of a second.
In favor:	
Opposed:	

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjourn

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 4-2
In favor:	Fansler, Albertson, Pike, Herman and Springer
Opposed:	Fansler and Robb

Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk