

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 25, 2014 at 6:30pm, in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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 Chuck Herman, Council Member Heather Pike, Council Member Zach Fansler, Council Member Byron Maczynski, and Council Member Mark Springer

Also in attendance were the following:

City Attorney Patty Burley, City Clerk Lori Strickler and City Manager Ann Capela

**IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Susan Taylor -

On Thanksgiving the Lion's Club will be providing a meal for those interested. Suggested the City inquire with the Calista Corporation on their possible contribution to the City's transit system. Many years ago, Calista promised the community bus services to the post office and to the Senior Center.

Beverly Hoffman-

Welcomed the new City Manager, Ann Capela.

Spoke in favor of the bus system and hoped the City can find a way to continue the operation.

Hopes the issues with the YK Regional Aquatic Center can be resolved soon.

Suggested the Council postpone the adoption on Ordinance 14-27.

Bill Ferguson, Transit Manager-

Provided an update on the ridership on the City transit system.  
 The bus shelters will provide a lot of opportunities to the community if the grant match funds are provided.

Dave Trantham-  
 Was concerned to hear the City of Bethel had not received the as-builts on the pool facility. Suggested the City move cautiously in this project, the City should make sure the people installing and changing the systems are fully qualified to do so.

**Main Motion:** Suspend the rules to allow Mr. Trantham five more minutes for public comment.

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Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-1
In favor:	Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman
Opposed:	Robb

Agnes Phillips –  
 Spoke in favor of the City transit system and its continued operation.  
 Thanked all of the City Departments for all of their hard work.  
 Thanked Beverly Hoffman for all of her hard work and dedication to the pool.

Charles Laroux  
 As a previous employee of the City of Bethel, spoke in opposition to the City proposed State Priority request of 2.6 million for fleet replacement.

Eva Malvich-  
 As a representative of the Bethel Winter House Lion’s Club, wanted to inform the community the Bethel Winter House, homeless shelter will reopen on December 1. The organization is still looking for volunteers. The organization is also requesting the City Council support the in-kind contribution for water and sewer services during the operation of the Winter House.

**V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA**

**Main Motion:** To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Springer, Pike, Maczynski and Herman
Opposed:	None

**Main Motion:** Amend the agenda to move Executive Session Item A, prior to Unfinished Business, Item B.

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Moved by:	Fansler
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-2
In favor:	Albertson, Fansler, Springer, Pike and Herman
Opposed:	Robb, Maczynski

## **VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

**Item A** – Regular City Council Meeting November 11, 2014  
*Passed on the consent agenda.*

## **VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Item A** - Port Commission –  
Pete Williams, Port Director-  
Chapter 14 regarding ports and harbors is in the process of a rewrite.

**Item B** - Planning Commission –  
Heather Pike, Council Representative-  
A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

**Item C** - Public Safety and Transportation Commission-  
Chuck Herman, Council Representative-  
A meeting will be held next week.

**Item D** - Energy Committee –  
Zach Fansler, Committee Representative-  
A meeting will be held next week.

**Item E** - Public Works Committee-  
Muzzafar Laukani,  
The RFP for the Institutional Corridor was discussed.

**Item F** - Finance Committee-  
Leif Albertson –  
The Committee made progress on the City Sales Tax code, the Ordinance should be presented to Council within the next few meetings.  
Addressed the obligation the City has to provide financial assistance to those needing help with their water and sewer utility.

**Item G** - Parks and Recreations Committee-  
Richard Robb, Council Representative-  
No report to provide.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Item A- Public Hearing Of Ordinance 14-27: Repealing And Replacing Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.20, Purchasing.**

*Mayor Robb opened the public hearing.*

*No one wished to be heard.*

*Mayor Robb closed the public hearing.*

**Main Motion:** A motion to adopt was made at the November 11, Regular City Council Meeting.

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Moved by: Pike  
Seconded by: Herman  
Action: Postponed

**Main Motion:** Postpone until the January 13, Regular City Council Meeting.

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Moved by: Springer  
Seconded by: Albertson  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Springer, Pike, Maczynski and Herman  
Opposed: None

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item A- AS 44.62.310 (C) 1: Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity: Legal Liability For The Transit System.**

Move into executive session for Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity: Legal Liability For The Transit System. Those participating in the Executive Session are, the City Attorney, City Manager and City Clerk.

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**Main Motion:**

Moved by: Springer  
Seconded by: Fansler  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
Opposed: None

## Item B- City Of Bethel/ONC Joint Transit System Operations

Motion to Commit the City of Bethel, to funding the grant match of \$98,892 in the FY 2016 Budget for the operation of the transit system was made at the November 11, 2014 Council Meeting.

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**Main Motion:**

Moved by: Maczynski  
 Seconded by: Herman  
 Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-3  
 In favor: Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
 Opposed: Robb, Albertson, Fansler

**Incidental Motion:**

Suspend the rules to hear from Hansel Mathlaw, Finance Director.

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Moved by: Springer  
 Seconded by: Maczynski  
 Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
 In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
 Opposed: None

**Incidental Motion:**

Suspend the rules to hear from John Sargent, Grant Manager.

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Moved by: Springer  
 Seconded by: Pike  
 Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
 In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
 Opposed: None

**Incidental Motion:**

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Bill Ferguson, Transit Manager.

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Moved by: Springer  
 Seconded by: Maczynski  
 Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
 In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
 Opposed: None

**Primary Amendment:**

Amend the motion to strike \$98,892 and insert \$60,000.

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Moved by: Albertson  
 Seconded by: Fansler  
 Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 3-4  
 In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler  
 Opposed: Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman

**Incidental**

Take a ten minute break

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**Motion:**

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Moved by: Pike  
Seconded by: Fansler  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
Opposed: None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A – AM 14-69: Donate Water And Sewer Deliveries As Needed, For A Maximum Of 2 A Week, To The Bethel Winter House During Their Times Of Operation.**

**Main Motion:** Approve AM 14-69.

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Moved by: Pike  
Seconded by: Springer  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
Opposed: None

**Primary Amendment:** Strike \$5,725.84 and insert \$2,862.92.

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Moved by: Fansler  
Seconded by: Herman  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
Opposed: None

**Secondary Amendment:** Amend the amendment to strike \$2,862.92 and insert \$4,000.

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Moved by: Fansler  
Seconded by: Albertson  
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0  
In favor: Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman  
Opposed: None

**Item B – AM 14-70: Accept And Approve The Section 5309 Bus And Bus Facilities "Ladders of Opportunity" Grant Award.**

**Main Motion:** Approve AM 14-70.

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Moved by: Springer  
Seconded by: Pike  
Action: Postponed

**Main Motion:** Postpone

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Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Fansler
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-1
In favor:	Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman
Opposed:	Robb

**Item C** – Confirming The RFP Review Team For Lobbying Services RFP.

**Item D-** Approval Of Contract For Institutional Corridor.

<b>Main Motion:</b>	Approval of the contract for the design of the Institutional Corridor.
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Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Fansler
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman
Opposed:	None

**Item E** – Personal Time Off For City Attorney, December 19-26, 2014 and December 31, 2014 – January 2, 2015.

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

- XII. MAYOR'S RPORT**
- XIII. MANAGER'S REPORT**
- XIV. CLERK'S REPORT**
- XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Zach Fansler-  
 Welcomed Ann Capela, City Manager to the City.  
 Would like to encourage community members to volunteer for the City's Committees and Commissions.  
 Requested the City Administration remain as transparent as possible especially regarding the issues with the pool.

Council Member Chuck Herman-  
 Happy Thanksgiving.  
 Looking forward to working with Ann Capela, City Manager.  
 Thankful the pool is open.

Council Member Heather Pike-  
 Welcomed Ann Capela, City Manager, and congratulated Bill Howell on his appointment as the Fire Chief.  
 Encouraged everyone to share a meal, happy holiday.

Council Member Mark Springer-  
 Welcomed Ann Capela, City Manager.  
 Kudos to the Public Works employees for working through the tough weather last week.  
 The Election was certified this evening, congratulations to the winners.  
 Congratulations to Bill Howell, Fire Chief on his appointment.

Council Member Byron Maczynski-  
 Happy Thanksgiving.  
 Glad to have a City Manager on board.  
 Stressed the importance of transparency within our organization.

Mayor Richard Robb-  
 Thankful to have a new City Manager.  
 Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Leif Albertson-  
 Welcomed Ann Capela, City Manager.  
 The pool issue has been a challenging one for the organization. The pool is a great thing for this community, and a great way to spend an afternoon, even with all of the challenges.

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item B-** AS 44.62.310 (C) 1: Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity: Review Of Legal Options Regarding Pool Closure.

Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity: Review Of Legal Options Regarding Pool Closure Those participating in the Executive Session are, the City Attorney, City Manager, City Clerk and former Acting City Manager.

**Main Motion:**

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Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Fansler
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman
Opposed:	None

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Main Motion:**

Adjourn

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Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Fansler

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Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	Robb, Albertson, Fansler, Maczynski, Springer, Pike and Herman
Opposed:	None

*Council adjourned at 11:08p.*



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Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Lori Strickler, City Clerk