

**City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
November 28, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 28, 2017 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:	
Mayor Rick Robb	Council Member Mitchell Forbes
Council Member Mark Springer (Telephonically)	Council Member Leif Albertson
Council Member Naim Shabani	Council Member Thor Williams (arrived at 6:34p.m.)
Vice-Mayor Fred Watson (Joined Telephonically at 8:00p.m.)	
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Attorney Patty Burley	

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke in favor or the Introduction of Ordinance 17-46, explained that the tenant would be double taxed if the council doesn't approve this exemption.

Chin Kim and Mian Young, Owners of Tundra Suite Hotel addressed the Council with concerns related to the transient lodging tax and the impacts of the collection of the 12% when the Medicare payments are only \$86 per night.

Juan Delgado, Representative of Delta Cottages – Spoke in favor of the Introduction of Ordinance 17-46.

Mary Nanuwak- Thanked the Council for their service. Thanked the staff of Health Fitness for their continued hard work and kind service, hopes that

the community is able to use facility. Thanked the people in the community who provide regular donations. Spoke in favor of Ordinance 17-48, believes the City Council should charge the highest rate of taxes on alcohol. Spoke in favor of AM 17-74, stated there are a number of community members that utilize the transit system.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Shabani
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 10-24-2017 Regular Meeting.
Passed on the Consent Agenda

Item B – 11-9-2017 Special Meeting.
Passed on the Consent Agenda

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council Member Naim Shabani- A meeting was not held in the month of November, they will meet again next Wednesday.

Port Commission

Mayor Richard Robb, Council Representative -
A quorum of the body was not established, a meeting was not held.

Planning Commission

Council Member Thor Williams, Council Representative-
The Commission approved the cancelation of the December 14th Commission meeting.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee

Beverly Hoffman, Committee Representative- Members of the Community addressed the Committee on phase two of the development of an addition to the YK Fitness Center. Identified a number of outstanding Council actions that pool is hoping to see action/resolution on. Requested the City to remove the debris left from the City's removal of trees in Pinky's park. Contracts were issued to artist who were selected for installation pieces at the YK Fitness Center.

Finance Committee

Council Member Leif Albertson, Council Representative-
The Committee was unable to hold a meeting due to a lack of agenda posting.

Energy Committee

Council Member Mark Springer, Council Representative -
Encouraged members of the public to apply to be on the Committee. Reviewed the alternative energy report and postponed their meeting for December.
Juan Delgado, Energy Committee Representative- Energy savings for the City of Bethel employees, the City should consider amending their use of vehicle block heaters to help with energy savings or use timers on the block heaters.

Public Works Committee

No one was available to provide a report.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A – Health Fitness Monthly Report On The YK Fitness Center.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction of Ordinance 17-46: Amending The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.16.160 Tax Exemptions Rental Units Tax Exemption On Fuel And Electricity.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 17-46.

Moved by: Forbes
Seconded by: Springer
Action: Postponed

Council Member Albertson was previously ruled to have a conflict of interest. Council Member Albertson stepped down from the Council Bench.

Council member Shabani declared a conflict of interest as he is in the process of purchasing a rental business. Mayor Robb declared Council member Shabani does have a conflict of interest.

Primary Amendment: Postpone until the second council meeting in January.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-0
In favor: Robb Springer Williams Forbes
Opposed: -0

Council Members Albertson and Shabani returned to the Council desk.

Item B – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 17-47: Supporting The Amendment To The Official Map And Land Use Code.

*Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 17-47.

Moved by:	Forbes
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-1
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction of Ordinance 17-48: Amending Fees And Charges Related To Alcohol, Subdivisions.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 17-48.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Postponed

Main Motion: Postpone until the first meeting in January.

Moved by:	Williams
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

Item B – Introduction of Budget Ordinance 17-28(d): Ordinance of the Bethel City Council Amending the Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget.

Vice-Mayor Watson connected telephonically at 8:00p.m.

Main Motion: Introduction of Budget Ordinance 17-28 (d).

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-1
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams

Item C – Resolution 17-20: City Of Bethel Priorities For The FY 2019 State Of Alaska Capital Budget.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 17-20.

Moved by: Shabani
 Seconded by: Albertson
 Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
 In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Shabani Williams Forbes
 Opposed: -0

Council Member Springer departed the meeting at 8:17p.m.

Primary Amendment: Amend to include the institutional corridor phase two in the amount of 4.5 Million dollars.

Moved by: Forbes
 Seconded by: Albertson
 Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
 In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Shabani Williams Forbes
 Opposed: -0

Council Member Springer rejoined the meeting at 8:18p.m.

Primary Amendment: Move H Marker Lake to the 5 spot on the priority list.

Moved by: Albertson
 Seconded by: Springer
 Action: Motion does not carries by a vote of 2-5
 In favor: Albertson Williams
 Opposed: Robb Watson Springer Shabani Forbes

Primary Amendment: Insert phase two of the institutional corridor as priority number 2.

Moved by: Albertson
 Seconded by: Forbes
 Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
 In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Shabani Williams Forbes
 Opposed: -0

Primary Amendment: Amend to adopt the whereas statements for the institutional corridor phase two as presented in the City's 2016 Resolution.

Moved by: Albertson
 Seconded by: Forbes
 Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
 In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Shabani Williams Forbes
 Opposed: -0

Item D – Resolution 17-21: Authorizing The Administration To Amend The City Of Bethel Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Participation Agreement To Exempt The Position Of The Police Chief From Participation In PERS.

Keith Henthorn, Human Resources Manager for the City addressed the Council.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 17-21.

Moved by:	Forbes
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 4-3
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani

Item E – AM 17-71: Re-Appointment Of Committee And Commission Members For A Term Of Three Years: Michelle Dewitt/Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Committee (PRAHS); Kathryn Baldwin/PRAHS; Lorin Bradbury/Planning Commission; Jon Cochrane/Finance Committee.

Main Motion: Approve AM 17-71.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

Item F – AM 17-72: Bethel City Council Regular Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2018.

Main Motion: Approve AM 17-72.

Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Shabani
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

Item G – AM 17-73: Appointment of Louise Russell to the Community Action Grant Technical Review Board.

Main Motion: Approve AM 17-73.

Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

Item H – AM 17-74: Direct Administration To Prepare And Submit A FY 2019 Community Transportation Grant Application To Fund The Operation Of The Bethel Transit System With The City's FY 2019 Budget As Local Match.

Council Member Naim Shabani declared a conflict of interest due to his ownership of Kusko Cab. Mayor Robb decides that there is no conflict of interest as there is not significant financial interest.

Main Motion: Approve AM 17-74.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Watson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-2
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson

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

Mayor Richard Robb –
Hoped that everyone had a happy Thanksgiving.

Vice-Mayor Fred Watson –
No comment.

Council Member Leif Albertson –
Thanked the volunteers for the Bethel Fire Department.

Council Member Mark Springer –
Informed by the Director of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board Director that the two operating licenses are going to be up for renewal.

Council Member Naim Shabani –
Today marks the 105 Anniversary of Albania winning their independence.

Council Member Thor–
Thanked search and rescue for their work in our community.

Council Member Mitchell Forbes–
Thanked Bethel Community Services Foundation for their effort in coordinating Bethel Gives.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A- In Accordance With 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- Court House Leased Property Contract

Item B- 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 - Quarterly Evaluation, City Attorney

Move into Executive Session-
In Accordance With 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- Court House Leased Property Contract. Those attending Item A were: City Attorney, City Manager and City Clerk.
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 - Quarterly Evaluation, City Attorney. Those attending Item B is: City Attorney.

Main Motion:

Moved by: Forbes
Seconded by: Springer
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 7-0
In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Shabani Williams Forbes
Opposed: -0

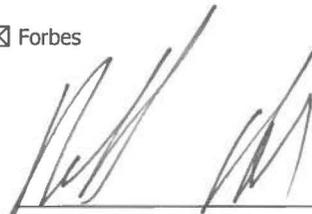
Council Member Springer and Council Member Shabani departed the meeting at 10:00p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

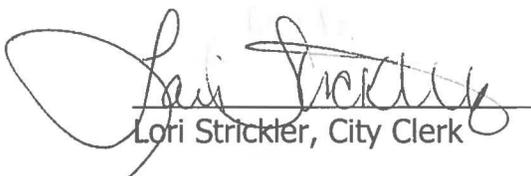
Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Williams Forbes
Opposed: -0

Council adjourned at 11:40p.m.


Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk