

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on November 9, 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 Mark Springer
Vice-Mayor Fred Watson	Council Member Mitchell Forbes
Council Member Leif Albertson	Council Member Thor Williams (Arrived after roll call at 6:44p.m.)
Members Absent:	
Council Member Naim Shabani	
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Attorney Patty Burley	

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Ann Kosacheff- Challenged the recipient of the new package store license to require one of their staff members to volunteer for the Bethel Fire Department and requested the Council to consider making this a requirement for all liquor license owners.

Jeremy Osborne – Spoke in opposition to the issuance of the package store license. Brought up concerns related to the abundance of glass in the areas of the park now which was not the case prior.

Ray Watson, President of the Association of Village Council Presidents, brought up concerns related to alcohol sales in the community and the surrounding region. Requested the City establish an Alcohol Task Force to address the alcohol issues.

Vivian Korthias, Chief Executive Officer of Association of Village Council Presidents, brought up concerns related to alcohol sales in the community and surrounding region. Requested the City establish an Alcohol Task Force to address the alcohol issues.

Cezary Maczynski- Agreed that the alcohol sales in Bethel is a concern, and it has always been a concern. We need to work on a solution, not prevent legal sales. Brought up additional concerns related to the accessibility of the Alaska Commercial Company proposed property and the ingress and egress to the parking lot.

Council Member Williams arrived at 6:44p.m.

Adrian Wagner- Stated there is an economic concern that hasn't been addressed. The money earned, if Alaska Commercial Company is issued a package store license, wouldn't be kept here in the community.

Peggy Nerby Crow- As a property owner near the proposed location, it will provide significant safety concerns to her and her family.

Arvin Dull- The City Bus stop is right in the area of the proposed package store location; this is a safety concern.

Jim Crow- Stated concerns with the drug issue more so than the alcohol issue. This is effecting the children of our community.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Forbes
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"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted:

Resolution 17-05: City of Bethel protest of package store liquor license #5544 for ACC Liquor Store, located at 1110 Bridge Avenue, unit No. 1 Owned by the North West Company (International) Inc.

Suspend the rules to provide North West Company, Chief of Police, and a representative from the Planning commission an opportunity to respond to questions from Council.

Main Motion:

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-1
In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Forbes
Opposed: Williams

Privileged Motion

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved by: Williams
Seconded by: Springer
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 2-4
In favor: Springer Williams
Opposed: Robb Albertson Watson Forbes

Main Motion:

Strike the 5th Whereas statement.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 0-6
In favor: 0
Opposed: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Williams Forbes

The City of Bethel provided Alaska Commercial Company (ACC) Package Store License an opportunity to defend their license.

Walt Pickett, Vice President of Operations addressed the Council and provided answers to Council's questions.

Chief of Police, Burk Waldron addressed the Council.

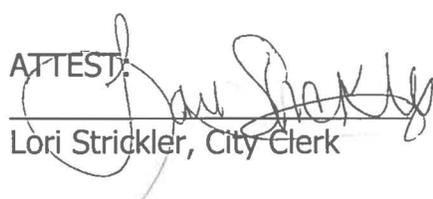
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Amendment: Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 7:32pm


Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk