

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 12, 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**

<b>Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:</b>	
Mayor Rick Robb	Council Member Mark Springer
Vice-Mayor Fred Watson	Council Member Leif Albertson
Council Member Naim Shabani	Council Member Thor Williams (arrived at 6:44 p.m.)
Council Member Mitchell Forbes	
<b>Also in attendance were the following:</b>	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler

**IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Reyne Athanas- Spoke in opposition to the Saturday Market Sales Tax Collection; explained the hardship of having to remit tax on the sales would be high for the many local arts and crafts artists that sell items at the Market. There is a high economic value to the Saturday Market for our community.

Marlena Dhaemers – Spoke in opposition to the Saturday market Sale’s Tax Collection.

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke in favor of the utility exemption ordinance amendment that the Council will continue to consider.

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

Fritz Charles- Spoke in opposition to the Saturday market Sales Tax Collection. As a representative of Bethel Search and Rescue, encouraged the police chief to work closely with the first responders for future person search investigations. Asked the City Council to direct the City’s first responders to work more closely with the Bethel Search and Rescue.

Mary Nanuwak – Explained with regard to the Police Chief position, the Public Employees Retirement System benefit should not be an issue. Does not agree that people are prevented from saying what they want to say, there should be a right to free speech.

Agnes Phillips- Agreed with Ms. Athanas as well as Mr. Charles. Explained that she is a small entrepreneur who goes to the Saturday market to sell children’s clothing. Stated the cost for the table is covered by the sale of one item of clothing; not to mention cab rides. The elders that sell at the Market cannot afford to pay sales tax. Encouraged the City of Bethel to work with Bethel Search and Rescue.

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

**Main Motion:** Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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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

**Removal from**

**Consent:** New Business Item A: Introduction of Budget Ordinance 17-28.

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Moved by: |

**Removal from**

**Consent:** New Business Item D: Monthly Financial Supports.

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Moved by: |

**VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

**Item A – 11-28-2017**

*Passed on the Consent Agenda*

**VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Public Safety and Transportation Commission**

No one available to provide a report.

**Port Commission**

A meeting has not been held.

**Planning Commission**

A meeting has not been held.

**Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee**

A meeting was not held due to a lack of an agenda posting.

**Finance Committee**

A meeting has not been held.

**Energy Committee**

A meeting has not been held.

**Public Works Committee**

A meeting has not been held.

**VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Item A** – Invitation To Senator Hoffman And Representative Fansler To Address City Council.

*Representative Zach Fansler Addressed the Council.*

*Senator Hoffman was not able to attend the meeting.*

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item A** – Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance 17-28(d): Ordinance Of The Bethel City Council Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget.

*Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.*

*Mary Nanuwak addressed the Council with a question related to inflation.*

*Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.*

**Main Motion:** Adopt Budget Ordinance 17-28 (d).

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Moved by:	Springer
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

**Primary Amendment:** Amend the Budget Ordinance to reflect a total change to the budget of \$127,571.

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Moved by: Springer  
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 10-10-100 to strike \$36,879.

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

**Postpone :** Postpone

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Moved by: Springer  
Seconded by: Williams  
Action: Motion does not carries by a vote of 0-7  
In favor: 0  
Opposed:  Robb  Albertson  Watson  Springer  Shabani  Williams  Forbes

**Primary Amendment:** Amend to insert a decrease to 50-10-100 to in the amount of \$36,879.

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

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### **Item A – Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 17-28(e): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget- Change To Park Development Fund.**

**Main Motion:** Introduce Budget Ordinance 17-28(e).

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Moved by: Springer  
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 strike 10-10-100 and insert 26-10-100 and to strike 26-50-690 and insert 26-42-690. And to modify the total changes to the City's budget as an increase to \$83,000.

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

**Item B** – Update From Administration On The Hiring Process Of The Chief Of Police.

**Item C** – AM 17-75: Reappointment of David E. Trantham Jr. to the Finance Committee.

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item D** – IM 17-06: Monthly Financial Reports For Period July 1- September 30, 2017.

**Item E** – Leave Request- City Clerk- December 20-27, 2017

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**Item F** – Leave Request- City Manager December 28- January 2

*Passed on the consent agenda.*

**XI. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**XII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**XIII. CLERK'S REPORT**

**XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Richard Robb –

Reminiscid about the past week and identified that this community has a lot of good kids.

Vice-Mayor Fred Watson –

Please stay off of the river with vehicles, Search and Rescue says it is not safe.

Council Member Leif Albertson –

No comment.

Council Member Mark Springer –

Bethel Native Corporation has a package store license up for renewal and soon AC will have a package store license up for renewal. Encouraged members of the public to

Speak to the Council on their position of the licenses. Personally thanked the State of Alabama for the Election of Doug Jones.

Council Member Naim Shabani – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Reminded people that drinking and driving is very dangerous and life threatening and can be very expensive. It is safer to take a cab.

Council Member Thor Williams– Apologized for being late; he is a wrestling coach. The wrestling team is going to State and wished the team the best of luck. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A young lady passed away from Kalskag; provided condolences to the family.

Council Member Mitchell Forbes– Thanked the members of the public who came to speak to the City Council; it is important to remain active in your community government.

**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 Manager.

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. Attending Item A were: City Clerk and City Manager.

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 Manager. Attending Item B were: City

**Main Motion:**

Moved by:	Springer
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

*Vice-Mayor Watson departed the meeting at 10:26 p.m.*

*Council Member Shabani departed the meeting at 10:30 p.m.  
Council Member Springer departed the meeting at 11:00 p.m.  
Council went back on the record at 11:12 p.m.*

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Main Motion:** Adjournment.

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Moved by:	Williams
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 4-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

*Council adjourned at 11:15 pm.*



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Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Lori Strickler, City Clerk