

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 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:	
Vice-Mayor Fred Watson	Council Member Mitchell Forbes
Council Member Leif Albertson	Council Member Thor Williams
Members Absent:	
Council Member Mark Springer	Council Member Naim Shabani
Mayor Rick Robb	
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Attorney Patty Burley	

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Jared Karr- Explained to the council that he will be present during the Council meeting to provide explanation of Ordinance 18-03, taxi cab rate increase on behalf of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission.

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 17-46 and encouraged the Council to postpone the document until the next meeting due to the lack in number for the Council.

David E. Trantham- Stated that he is getting bad vibes from something in the City. Further explained that he hopes the council will be as open as they can be with the citizens of Bethel.

Eric Middlebrook- Thanked the Council for the time they have put on the Council, understands the commitment required for the job. Spoke in favor the City's pursuit in updating the City's aging water and sewer truck fleet, but stated concern with the extension of piping down 5th and 6th Avenue. Suggested that the Bethel Heights water system may need more attention than the Avenue. Stated the importance of getting adequate and accurate financial reports from the City's Administration.

Council Member Mark Springer arrived at 6:42 p.m.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion:	Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Williams
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 4-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0
Removal from Consent:	Remove from the consent agenda New Business Item B, C, D, F, L M.
Moved by:	Williams
Removal from Consent:	Removal from the Consent agenda New Business Item A.
Moved by:	Springer
Primary Amendment:	Postpone Unfinished Business Item A. Public Hearing of Ordinance 17-46.
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	
Action:	Motion does not carry due to a lack of a second.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 1-23-2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
Passed on the Consent Agenda

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Transportation Commission
 No one present to provide a report.

Port Commission

No one present to provide a report.

Planning Commission

AVEC Windmill permit was postponed at the last meeting.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee

Judy Wasierski – Explained the Finance Director attended the meeting and provided an update on the finances of the pool as well as an update on the city’s audit. YKFC phase 2 committee is working on a preliminary business plan. A Kasayuli Park Community Meeting is planned for 6pm Monday March 19th. Passed a motion for an Action Memorandum requesting the City’s Administration establish a point of contact for the 4th Of July. Is looking into privatizing some recreational purposes. Optimistic that Owl Park will be open this Spring. Pool is showing higher number of visits compared to last year. There is an upcoming Swim Meet Fundraiser on Saturday with another scheduled on March 3rd.

Finance Committee

A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting. The Community Action Grant Technical Review Board is online. Applications are due February 23rd.

Energy Committee

A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

Public Works Committee

A meeting has not been held since the last city council meeting.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A – Health Fitness Monthly Report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Council Member Albertson stepped down from the council’s desk with a prior conflict of interest ruled on by the mayor.

Vice-Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.

Lorin Bradbury- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 17-46.

David E. Trantham- As a citizen of the City of Bethel, spoke in favor of this ordinance.

Vice-Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion:	Adopt Ordinance 17-46.
Moved by:	Forbes
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion does not carry by a vote of 1-3
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams

Council Member Albertson returned to the council desk.

Item B – Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance 17-28 (h): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget-Change To Leased Properties- Court Complex Fund

Vice-Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Vice-Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion:	Adopt Ordinance 17-28(h).
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	<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

Item C – Resolution 18-02: Providing Support With Conditions, Of Package Store Liquor License #5418 Renewal For AC Quickstop, Located At 131 Akakeek St., Owned By The North West Company (International) Inc.

- i. AC Quickstop Opportunity To Defend Per 3 AAC 304.145

Main Motion:	Adopt Resolution 18-02, motion was made on January 23, 2018.
Moved by:	Forbes
Seconded by:	Williams
Action:	Motion does not carry by a vote of 0-5
In favor:	0
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams

Primary Amendment: Amend Resolution 18-02 to reflect the changes provided by Mayor Robb.

Moved by:	Williams
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion does not carry by a vote of 3-2
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes

Secondary Amendment: Amend the title to move renewal to follow "with conditions"

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Williams
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 2-3
In favor: Springer Williams
Opposed: Forbes Albertson Watson

Vice-Mayor Watson provided AC Representative an opportunity to defend their license. Aaron Spereck, AC's Representing Attorney addressed the City Council on concerns related to AC Quickstop's Application.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction of Ordinance 18-03: Amending BMC Section 5.20.050(F) To Increase Taxi Cab Rates.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 18-03.

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

Main Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from Jared Karr, Representative of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission.

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

Primary Amendment: Strike "Current Rates" and Insert "Maximum Rates".

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

Primary Amendment: Strike "Previous Fares" and Insert "Maximum Senior Citizen Rate" and strike Senior Citizen row.

Moved by: Springer

Seconded by:	Williams
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	<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

Main Motion: Take a ten minute break.

Moved by:	Williams
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	<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

Item B – Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 17-28(i): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 17-28(i).

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 4-1
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams

Item C – Resolution 18-03: Protest Of Package Store Liquor License #5418 Renewal For AC Quickstop, Located At 131 Akakeek St., Owned By The North West Company (International) INC.

- i. AC Quickstop Opportunity To Defend Per 3 AAC 304.145

Vice-Mayor Watson provided the AC Representative an opportunity to defend their license.

Aaron Spereck, AC’s Representing Attorney, addressed the City Council on concerns related to AC Quickstop’s Application.

Jerry Rutherford, AC Quickstop Manager, addressed the Council.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 18-03.

Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 4-1
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams

Item D – Resolution 18-04: Support For Tundra Ridge Road Realignment Project Listed In 2018-2021 Draft Of STIP.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 18-04.

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

Primary Amendment: Amend to strike the fifth whereas statement.

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

Item E – AM 18-08: Appointment Of Benjamin Anderson-Agimuk To The Community Action Grant Technical Review Board As A Member For A Term Of Three Years.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item F – AM 18-09: Authorizing Administrative Leave For City Attorney To Attend Training.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-09.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-1
In favor: Albertson Watson Springer Forbes
Opposed: Williams

Item G – AM 18-10: Direct Administration to prepare and submit a grant/loan application with USDA-RD to obtain approximately \$5,753,098 in funding to pay for 8 new water trucks, 7 new sewer trucks, and construction of a new water and sewer pipe project between 6th and 7th Avenues.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-10.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Albertson
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-1
In favor: Albertson Watson Springer Forbes
Opposed: Williams

Item H – AM- 18-11: Authorize Administration To Spend Up To \$20,000 From The Professional Services Line Item In The Planning Budget For DOWL To Begin Planning

For The Tundra Ridge Road Realignment Project Identified In The 2018-2021 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-11.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 4-1
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams

Item I – AM 18-12: Direct Administration obtain valid signatures for the Memorandum of Understanding between ONC and the City of Bethel regarding the Pinky’s Park Boardwalk Lighting Project and carry out the project.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-12.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	<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

Primary Amendment: Amend the Title to insert “negotiate and” in front of obtain.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	<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

Item J – AM 18-13: Identifying A Council Person(s) To Attend The Alaska Municipal League Winter Legislative Conference In Juneau, February 21 and 22.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-13.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Williams
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	<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

Primary Amendment: Amend to insert Council Member Springer and if available, Council Member Shabani.

Moved by:	Williams
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	<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

Item K – Plans For Lobbying/Legislative Efforts In Juneau For 2018.

Item L – Personal Leave Request For City Attorney February 15 & 16, 2018.

Main Motion: Approve the Personal Leave Request for the City Attorney.

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

Item M – Personal Leave For The City Manager To Attend The Alaska Municipal League Winter Conference February 20-23, 2018.

Main Motion: Approve the Administrative Leave Request.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-1
In favor: Albertson Watson Springer Forbes
Opposed: Williams

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

Vice-Mayor Fred Watson –
Appreciates seeing members of the public coming to the City Council meetings and encouraged constituents to come and speak to the City Council at the meeting.

Council Member Leif Albertson –
Identified that the Local Option Petition booklets are being circulated.

Council Member Mark Springer –
Acknowledged the council is trying to be diligent in their responsibilities. Thanked the water and sewer workers for their job. Wished a happy birthday to his granddaughter Rose.

Council Member Thor Williams–
No Comment.

Council Member Mitchell Forbes–
Encouraged people in House District 38 to apply for the House vacancy.

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.

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.

Main Motion:

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
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:	-0

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment

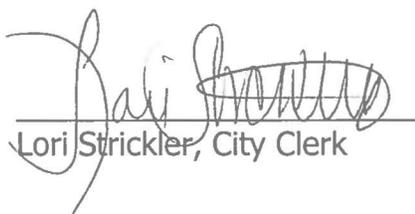
Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

Council adjourned at 10:51 p.m.



Fred Watson, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk