

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

In the Absence of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor, City Clerk Lori Strickler 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:

Council Member Mark Springer, Council Member Eric Whitney, Council Member Sharon Sigmon, Council Member Leif Albertson, Council Member Heather Pike

Members Absent were:

Council Member Joseph Klejka, Council Member Rick Robb

Also in attendance were the following:

City Clerk Lori Strickler, City Manager Lee Foley, City Attorney Patty Burley

In the absence of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor, the Council shall elect a Mayor Pro Tem.

Main Motion: To elect as Mark Springer Mayor Pro Tem

Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Sigmon
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Beverly Hoffman – Supported the changes suggested under Ordinance 14-07, Employment of Relatives.

As a Kuimarvik Representative, requested the Council consider appointing a member to the Kuimarvik Partnership.
Excited about the Rasmuson Foundation request for funding for furniture and fixtures.
Is organizing a tour of the pool facility on Thursdays at 10:00am.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A- 2-10-2014 Special City Council Meeting.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B- 2-10-2014 Special City Council Meeting
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- 2-11-2014 Regular City Council Meeting.
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Port Commission –
Port Director, Pete Williams-
A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.
The last portion of the ramps should be done by Friday, clean up will follow.

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

Item C- Public Safety and Transportation Commission-
Commission Representative, Sharon Sigmon- A meeting has not been held due to a lack of a quorum.

Item D-Energy Committee –
No one available to provide a report.

Item E-Public Works Committee-
No one available to provide a report.

Item F- Finance Committee-
Finance Director, Hansel Mathlaw –
PILT update from the Finance Director.
Senior ID Cards and their two year expiration.

Item G-Parks and Receptions Committee-
Council Representative, Eric Whitney-
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 14-07: Repealing And Replacing Bethel Municipal Code Section 3.64.050 Employment Of Relatives.

*Mayor Pro Tem Springer opened the public hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Pro Tem Springer closed the public hearing.*

Main Motion: A motion to adopt Ordinance 14-07.

Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Pike
Action:	Motion failed by a vote of 1-4
In favor:	Pike
Opposed:	Springer, Whitney, Sigmon and Albertson

*Council Member Pike declared a conflict of interest on this issue.
Because of the definition of relative within the Code, the chair determined,
Council Member Pike does not have a conflict of interest.*

Item B- Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 13-12 (c): Amending The FY 2014 Budget Moving Funds From The Seawall Maintenance Account To The Port Operating Budget.

*Mayor Pro Tem Springer opened the public hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Pro Tem Springer closed the public hearing.*

Main Motion: Motion to adopt budget ordinance 13-12 (c).

Moved by: Pike
Seconded by: Whitney
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor: Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed: None

Subsidiary Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from the Port Director.

Moved by: Pike
Seconded by: Whitney
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor: Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction Budget Ordinance 13-12 (d): Amending The FY 2014 Budget Courthouse Carpeting.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B- Introduction Of Budget Ordinance 13-12 (e): Amending The FY 2014 Budget Port East Timber Wall Design Cost Increase.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- Resolution 14-04: Prepare and Submit Tier 2 Funding Request To Rasmuson Foundation For Aquatic Center Furniture, Fixtures, And Equipment.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D- AM 14-20: Determining The Process Of Employment Contract Negotiation Between The City Of Bethel And Lori Strickler

Main Motion: Motion to approve AM 14-20.

Moved by: Pike
Seconded by: Whitney
Action: Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor: Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed: None

Primary Amendment #1: To insert option two, to directing the City Attorney to draft an amended contract.

Moved by: Whitney
Seconded by: Pike

Action:	Motion failed by a vote of 1-4
In favor:	Whitney
Opposed:	Springer, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike

Primary Amendment #1: To insert option four, direct the City Clerk to draft a contract to present to the Council for their consideration.

Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

Item E- AM 14-21: Directing The City Manager To Accept the \$196,969 In Funding From The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Diabetes Prevention And Control Program To Purchase Exercise Equipment And Athletic Pool Gear for the Use At The Yukon Kuskokwim Regional Aquatic Health And Safety Center.

Council Member Sigmon declared a conflict of interest due to her employment as an Attorney for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. Mayor Pro Tem ruled, Council Member Sigmon does not have a conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Adopt AM 14-21.

Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

Item F- AM 14-22: Approving The Mayor’s Appointment Of Greg Roczicka To The Port Commission.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item G- Personal Leave Request For City Manager February 14, 2014.
Passed on the consent agenda.

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK’S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Springer-

Provided condolences to Council Member Robb and his family, for the loss of his father.

There is already a lot of dust in the community. The best dust control tool is your rearview mirror.

Council Member Sigmon-

Thanked the Council and the citizens of this community. Everyone is working very hard to make sure this community is viable, and an enjoyable place to live.

Council Member Pike-

Are there any treatment programs within the YK Delta the address heroin addiction? Heroin addiction has a long recovery and there are people in the region that are facing this very difficult issue.

Being a city employee does not prohibit anyone from speaking with the City Council.

A copy of the Chief of Police's resignation letter was provided to the Council and the information within, implied the Council directed the City Manager to terminate the Chief of Police which was not the case.

Apologized to the Chief of Police for the situation.

Please watch out for the kids, and put reflective tape.

Council Member Albertson-

Slow down, it is dangerous out there especially with the icy conditions.

Reiterated the statements made by Council Member Pike regarding the resignation letter from the Chief of Police, Larry Elarton.

Encouraged members of the public to contact the Council if there are any concerns they may have.

Council Member Whitney-

Drove to Aniak on the ice road, it was a nice ride. There were signs along the way that requested people to respect the private property. Not all of the land in the region is public.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A- Alaska Statutes 44.62.310 (c) (1): Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity-City Of Bethel, Collective Bargaining Agreement And Discussion Of Negotiation Actions

Move into Executive Session to discuss: Alaska Statutes 44.62.310 (c) (1): Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity-City Of Bethel, Collective Bargaining Agreement And Discussion Of Negotiation Actions. Those included in the executive session will be City Manager Foley and City Attorney Burley.

Main Motion:

Moved by:	Pike
Seconded by:	Sigmon
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

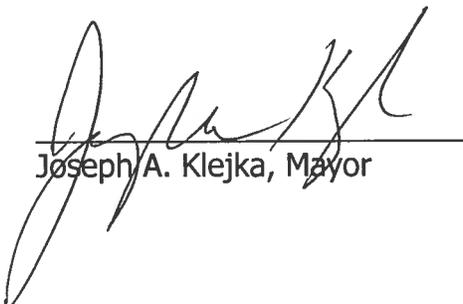
Went back on the record at 9:17p.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjourn.

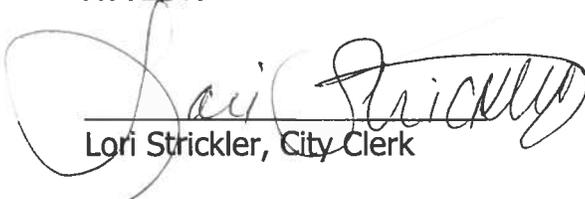
Moved by:	Sigmon
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Springer, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson and Pike
Opposed:	None

The City Council adjourned at 9:21p.



Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk