

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 27, 2018 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 Leif Albertson (participated telephonically)
Council Member Naim Shabani (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)	Council Member Thor Williams
Council Member Mitchell Forbes	
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Attorney Patty Burley	

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Patrick Hopstad – Stated there is a serious issue with burglaries in the community, is hoping to start a neighborhood watch program.

Michael Koskie, Regional Manager for the Alaska Public Employers Association- Spoke in favor of the City Council’s passage of the Employee Union Contract.

Eileen Arnold- Provided support to the Council’s confirmation of Burke Waldron as Chief of Police.

John Sargent, Grant Manager for the City of Bethel, Negotiator of the Union Contract- Spoke in favor of the Council’s approval of the Union Contract.

Ray Watson- Spoke in opposition to the taxi rate ordinance with the senior rate being increased by \$1. Suggested the council reduce the senior rate by one dollar.

Mike Shantz- Thanked the water and sewer truck drivers for all of their hard work for yet another year. Identified a growing problem in Bethel, willow trees that are too near an intersection and preventing safe passage within the roadway.

David E. Trantham Jr. – Stated he is incredibly concerned about a few things, suggested the Council do a self-evaluation, they should be accountable when things don't go well. Provided concerned about the City of Bethel downsizing. The Senior Center and the Parks and Recreation department is gone. Also, It appears the City is going to upsize by hiring a risk manager. Concerned about: all of the budget modifications within the last few months; human rights in the City of Bethel; and unenforceable ordinances in the City which don't have any money associated with it to cover the cost of enforcement.

Mary Nanuwak – Stated frustration with the bus system and the drivers not waiting on the passengers. Further stated frustration with the Chamber Lunch discussion on Marijuana during the Russian Orthodox Christmas. Is really bothered by people who do not show respect to people with disabilities. The use of liquor and prescription drugs are getting worse all over the world.

Steve Wallace, District Attorney for the State of Alaska but not representing the State of Alaska tonight- Provided support to the Council's confirmation of Police Chief Burke Waldron.

Allysa Nadine Rogers- Asked the Council to provide support for her to represent the Community of Bethel at the Pageant.

Clyde Erickson, City Employee- Spoke in favor of the Council's approval of the Union Contract.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR 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

Removal from

Consent: Introduction of Ordinance 18-06 and New Business Item C, Item I and Item J.

Moved by:

Primary

Amendment: Move Executive Session Item A to New Business Item L.

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

Primary

Amendment: Move Executive Session Items B and C to follow Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Williams

Seconded by: Forbes

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-2

In favor: Watson Springer Williams Forbes

Opposed: Robb Albertson

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 2-13-2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Passed on the Consent Agenda

Item B – 2-14-2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

Passed on the Consent Agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move Into Executive Session-

B. 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- Union Negotiations.

C. In Accordance with AS 44.62.310(b), Providing Direction To The City Attorney Regarding The Handling Of The AC Quickstop Protest.

Those participating are City Council, City Attorney, City Manager, City Clerk and Human Resources Manager.

Main Motion:

Moved by: Springer

Seconded by: Williams

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0

In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Williams Forbes

Opposed: | -θ

Item B– 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-Union Negotiations.

Item C- In Accordance with AS 44.62.310(b), Providing Direction To The City Attorney Regarding The Handling Of The AC Quickstop Protest.

Council Member Shabani arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Main Motion: Move Item D from New Business to be the next Item on the Agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item D – AM 18-14: City Of Bethel And City Of Bethel Employees Association Local #6055 Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-14.

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:	-θ

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Transportation Commission –

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

Port Commission -

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

Planning Commission -

Working on setting up a commission training.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee -

Kasayuli Park Subdivision community meeting will be held March 17.

Finance Committee –

The finance committee has not had a meeting since the last City Council meeting.

Energy Committee -

A quorum of the body has not been established

Public Works Committee -

A quorum of the body has not been established.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A – Health Fitness Monthly Report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.

Jared Karr, Member of The Public Safety and Transportation Commission- Spoke in favor of the Ordinance and provided clarification on what the Commission’s intent was for this item.

David E. Trantham – Spoke in favor of the taxi rate increase.

Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Shabani declared a conflict of interest due to his ownership of Kusko Cab.

Mayor Robb ruled that Council Member Shabani has a conflict of interest.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 18-03.

Moved by:	Forbes
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Postponed

Amend to strike under Maximum Senior Citizen Rate:

	<u>Maximum Senior Citizen Rate</u>
Cab Fares (within the City (including Bethel Heights)	\$5.00 <u>4.00</u>
Fare to the Hospital	\$5.00 <u>4.00</u>
Fare to Trailer Court, Hangar Lake, Power Plant	\$5.00 <u>4.00</u>
Fare to/from Kasayulie Subdivision	\$10.00 <u>11.00</u>
Half-hour fare charter	\$30.00 <u>35.00</u>
Senior Citizens	The old fare rates

**Primary
Amendment:**

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

Amend Maximum Senior Citizen rates to:

\$4.00
\$4.00
\$4.00
\$6.00
\$6.00
\$10.00
\$25.00
\$4.00

**Primary
Amendment:**

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

**Primary
Amendment:**

Amend 5.20.160 A. to strike one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185) and insert two-hundred dollars (\$200).

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

Subsidiary Motion: Postpone.

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

Council Member Shabani returned to the chambers.

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

Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.

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

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-2
In favor: Robb Albertson Springer Shabani Forbes
Opposed: Watson Williams

Primary Amendment: Amend 40-16500 to strike 46,000 and insert \$20,000, and 40-10100 to strike 46,000 and insert 20,000.

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

Subsidiary Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from the Human Resources Manager.

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction Of Ordinance 18-04: Amending Section 4.16.160(p) Of The Bethel Municipal Code, Sales Tax Exemptions For Real Estate Purchases.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B – Introduction Of Ordinance 18-05: Authorizing The Disposal Of Property Pursuant To BMC 4.08.030(B) Lease Agreement Between The City Of Bethel As Landlord And The Alaska Court System Tenant Of 17,045 Square Feet Of Office Space Within The Nora Guinn Justice Center, Court House Located At 204 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C – Introduction Of Ordinance 18-06: Amending Chapter 1 Of The Bethel Municipal Code, General Provisions.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 18-06.

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

Item E – AM 18-15: Appointment Of Benjamin Anderson Agimuk To The Public Works Committee For A Term Of Three Years.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item F – AM 18-16: Appointment of Courtney Trammell to the Public Works Committee for a term of three years.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item G – Confirming The City Manager’s Hiring Of Burke Waldron As Chief Of Police.

Main Motion: Confirm Chief of Police Burke Waldron and the Chief of Police with the City of Bethel.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-2
In favor: Robb Albertson Springer Shabani Forbes
Opposed: Watson Williams

Item H – Fili’s Pizza- Liquor License Renewal- Council Review.

Item I – Leave Request- City Clerk- March 1-2, 2018.

Main Motion: Approve the City Clerk’s Personal Leave Request.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-1
In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Shabani Forbes
Opposed: Williams

Item J – Leave Request- City Attorney- March 8, 9, 12, 2018.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item K – IM: 18-02 Financial Report-YTD for the period 7-1-17 to 12-31-17.

Passed on the consent agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A– 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 - Evaluation, City Manager.

Main Motion: Suspend the City Manager for two weeks.

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

Incidental Motion: Extend the meeting past 11:00pm.

Moved by: Watson
Seconded by: Williams
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-3
In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Williams
Opposed: Springer Shabani Forbes

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by: Williams
Seconded by: Springer
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 3-4

In favor: Springer Shabani Williams
Opposed: Robb Albertson Watson Forbes

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

XII. MANAGER'S REPORT

XIII. CLERK'S REPORT

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Richard Robb –
Thanked everyone who attended the council meeting tonight.
Hoped that everyone is safe with the changing weather.

Vice-Mayor Fred Watson –
Wanted to let everyone know that there will be a Basketball tournament in town this weekend.

Council Member Leif Albertson –
No comment.

Council Member Mark Springer –
Congratulated Tiffany Zulkosky for her appointment to represent our District.
Thanked everyone else who applied for this position.
Provided a summary of the Juneau lobbying trip.
Agreed that the State Highway roadway is not in good shape.

Council Member Naim Shabani –
No comment.

Council Member Thor Williams–
Stated concerns about the road conditions and the many potholes as well as the overflow areas and thawing of culverts.
There will be a lot of people in town this weekend with the tournament, hopes the Police Department is prepared.

Council Member Mitchell Forbes-
Congratulated Tiffany Zulkosky for her appointment to represent our District.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

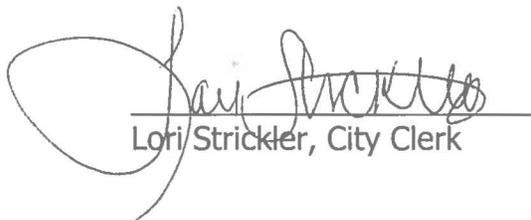
Moved by: Williams
Seconded by: Springer
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-1
In favor: Springer Shabani Robb Albertson Watson Forbes
Opposed: Williams

Council adjourned at 11:23 p.m.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk