

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on February 28, 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 Norman Ayagalria
Council Member Alisha Welch	Council Member Nikki Hoffman
Council Member Fred Watson	Council Member Leif Albertson
Members Absent:	
Vice-Mayor Byron Maczynski	
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Attorney Patty Burley	City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Manager Pete Williams	

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Eileen Arnold, Director of the Tundra Women’s Coalition (TWC) – Spoke in opposition to the issuance of additional package store licenses for the Community of Bethel. Stated alcohol is a factor in almost all of the sexual assault cases that TWC sees. The Organization has received a number of concerns from surrounding communities. The regional services providers have to increase their services without a possibility of increasing their revenue, the capacity of providing service is going to hit a ceiling.

Pat Samson--- Stated street lighting is needed around Pinky’s Park and along the boardwalk between Akakeek Street and Akiak Avenue (Bowling Alley road) is needed. Contacted AVEC about the lighting who stated it could cost about \$180,000.

Tom Bobo- Stated opposition to the issuance of any other package store licenses. Especially the issuance of the Package store license in that neighborhood that he lives in; City Subdivision.

Has had several tribal councils contact him and state they are not able to handle the effects the sales of alcohol has on the communities around us.

Bob White – Stated opposition to the issuance of the Package Store License to Bethel Liquor Store and Kusko Liquor Store because of the issues within the region and the neighborhoods they would be in. The youth that he works with say that the alcohol problem isn't once a month anymore, it is constant.

Caroline Iverson - Stated opposition to the issuance of the Package Store License to Bethel Liquor Store due to its proximity to Pinky's Park.

Katy Krinos – A public health professional, spoke in opposition to the issuance of the Bethel Liquor Store. Feels the liquor store would be too close in proximity to youth activities.

Lorin Bradley- Spoke in opposition to the issuance of additional package store licenses in Bethel.

Jennifer Dobson – Stated opposition to the issuance of a package store license to Bethel Liquor Store do to its proximity to the park. As a resident of City Sub, she believes an important part of family values is to get out and play often at Pinky's Park. No longer feels comfortable spending time at the parks with her family because of the intoxicated pedestrians at the parks.

Earl Samuelson provided support to Budget Ordinance 16-14 (g), Budget modification providing a donation to Bethel Search and Rescue. Stated opposition to the issuance of additional package store licenses in community.

Daniel Craven – Stated opposition to the issuance of a package store license in the community of Bethel. The youth in our community are suffering because of the choices their parents are making. Another liquor store is a wrong economic option for this community.

Sharon Techuchien– Stated opposition to the issuance of a package store license to Bethel Liquor Store because of the proximity to the 4H Youth Center. Stated general opposition to the issuance of any package store license.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by: | Welch

Seconded by: Albertson
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb Albertson Hoffman Welch Ayagalria Watson
Opposed: -0

Removal from

Consent: Resolution 17-02 and 17-03 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Welch

Remove from

consent: Ordinance 17-10 from the Consent agenda.

Moved by: Robb

Removal from

Consent: Ordinance 17-09 from the Consent agenda.

Moved by: Ayagalria

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 2-14-2017 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Passed on the Consent Agenda

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Transportation Commission –

Council Representative, Norman Ayagalria–

Discussed the issuance of package store license in the community of Bethel.

Moved the time and date of the Commission meetings to the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30p.

Safety of pedestrians with the animals in the community.

Staffing at the Police Department.

Andre Achee, Police Chief- provided an update to the Council on the staffing level at the department.

Ordinance 17-09 was reviewed and submitted to the Council from the Commission.

Port Commission –

Council Representative, Alisha Welch –

Allen Wold is the acting Port Director until November.

The Commission is looking at modifications to Title 14 which will be presented to the Council in March.

Planning Commission –

Council Representative, Nikki Hoffman –

A new chair and vice-chair was elected.
Discussed the potential of moving to a borough system.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee –
Council Representative, Fred Watson –

Finance Committee –
Council Representative, Leif Albertson –
Sales tax code revision is still on the agenda. The Committee is also considering gaming tax amendments.

Energy Committee –
Council Representative, Rick Robb –
No one available to provide a report.

Public Works Committee –
Council Representative, Byron Maczynski –
No one available to provide a report.

Marijuana Advisory Committee –
Council Representative, Byron Maczynski –
No one available to provide a report.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A – Appreciation To Bob Herron For His Service To The Region.

Item B – Health Fitness Monthly Report On The YK Fitness Center Operations.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 16-17 (g): Amending The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget For Donation To Bethel Search And Rescue.

Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.

Members of the Bethel Search and Rescue stood together in support of Budget Ordinance 16-17 g.

Parry Barr, Bethel Search and Rescue Member, addressed the Council on behalf of the group indicating that the impacts of alcohol have been high for the volunteer group, and requested support to the Bethel Search and Rescue for their upcoming educational conference.

Mike Riley Bethel Search and Rescue Member, spoke in favor of Budget Ordinance 16-17 g.

Fritz Charles Bethel Search and Rescue Member, Spoke in favor of Budget Ordinance 16-17 g.
 Earl Samuelson, Bethel Search and Rescue Member, stated his appreciation to the members of the Bethel Search and Rescue.

Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 16-17(g).

Moved by:	Maczynski
Seconded by:	Watson
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"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayagalria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson
Opposed:	0

Item B – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 17-08: An Ordinance Authorizing The Designation Of Property, Lot 15, USS 4177, As A Community Dog Park.

*Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.
 No one present to be heard.
 Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.*

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 17-08.

Moved by:	Watson
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Referred to Committee

Primary Amendment: Refer to the Planning Commission.

Moved by:	Welch
Seconded by:	Hoffman
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 5-1
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayagalria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Resolution 17-02: City Of Bethel Protest Of Package Store Liquor License Number 5535 For Bethel Liquor Store, Located At 110 Osage Street, Bethel, Owned By Mefail Saliu.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 17-02.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Welch
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-1
In favor: Albertson Hoffman Welch Ayagalria Watson
Opposed: Robb

Subsidiary Motion: Postpone.

Moved by: Hoffman
Seconded by: Watson
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 3-3
In favor: Robb Hoffman Watson
Opposed: Albertson Ayagalria Welch

Main Motion: Five-minute break.

Moved by: Hoffman
Seconded by: Albertson
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb Albertson Hoffman Welch Ayagalria Watson
Opposed: 0

Item B – Resolution 17-03: City Of Bethel Protest Of Package Store Liquor License Number 5533 For Kusko Liquor Store, Located At 801 Front Street, Bethel, Owned By Cezary Maczynski.

Cezary Maczynski telephonically presented his defense, with Arvin Dull at the meeting as a representative. Mr. Dull provided the Council with supporting documentation to the license application.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 17-03.

Moved by: Welch
Seconded by: Hoffman
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-1
In favor: Albertson Hoffman Welch Ayagalria Watson
Opposed: Robb

Primary Amendment:

Insert Whereas, the proposed location for Kusko Liquor Store, is approximately 100 feet from the Bethel Spirit's Package Store location, the Council finds the concentration of two package store adjacent to one another negatively impacts the character and public interest of the surrounding neighborhood;
Insert Whereas, the map of the proposed area for parking provides in the application is located partially on land that is not owned by the applicant. There has been no survey conducted to determine the owner of the lands adjacent to the establishment;

Moved by:	Welch
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Question divided

Subsidiary Motion: Divide the question.

Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Hoffman
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"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayagalria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson
Opposed:	0

Insert Whereas, the proposed location for Kusko Liquor Store, is approximately 100 feet from the Bethel Spirit's Package Store location, the Council finds the concentration of two package store adjacent to one another negatively impacts the character and public interest of the surrounding neighborhood;.

Divided Question:

Moved by:	Welch
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion does not carry by a vote of 2-4
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayagalria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson

Insert Whereas, the map of the proposed area for parking provides in the application is located partially on land that is not owned by the applicant. There has been no survey conducted to determine the owner of the lands adjacent to the establishment;.

Divided Question:

Moved by:	Welch
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 4-2
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayagalria
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson

Item C – Introduction of Ordinance 17-09: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 5.30.120 Insurance Requirements For Taxicabs, River Taxis, Limousines And Buses.

Main Motion: Introduction of Ordinance 17-09.

Moved by:	Ayagalria
Seconded by:	Welch
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"/> Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayagalria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson
Opposed:	0

Item D – Introduction of Ordinance 17-10: Amending Bethel Municipal Code Section 1.01 Code Adoption.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 17-10.

Moved by: Albertson

Seconded by: Welch

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0

In favor: Robb Albertson Hoffman Welch Ayagalria Watson

Opposed: 0

Primary

Amendment: Strike 1.01.040.

Moved by: Albertson

Seconded by: Welch

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0

In favor: Robb Albertson Hoffman Welch Ayagalria Watson

Opposed: 0

Item E – IM 17-02: City of Bethel Monthly Financial Reports December, 2015.
Passed on the Consent Agenda

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

Mayor Richard Robb –

Thanked the members of the public for coming out to speak on the issues.

Thanked Search and Rescue for their work in our community.

Love this time of year.

Council Member Leif Albertson –

Thanked the public for coming out to speak on the issues tonight.

Representative Fansler presented concerns on the State Fiscal Situation and budget.

Council Member Nikki Hoffman –

No comment.

Council Member Alisha Welch –

Thanked the community for coming to the Council meeting tonight.
Thanked Bethel Search and Rescue for coming to the meeting.

Council Member Norman Ayagalria –
No comment.

Council Member Fred Watson –
No comment.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment

Moved by: Hoffman

Seconded by: Ayagalria

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0

In favor: Robb Albertson Hoffman Welch Ayagalria Watson

Opposed: 0



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk