

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

In the absence of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor, the City Clerk 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:	
Council Member Leif Albertson	Council Member Thor Williams
Council Member Mark Springer	Council Member Mitchell Forbes
Members Absent:	
Mayor Rick Robb	Vice-Mayor Fred Watson
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Attorney Patty Burley	

Privileged Motion: Recess the Meeting until the Alcohol Beverage Control board meeting is over.

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

Council went back on the record at 7:28 p.m.

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:	
Mayor Rick Robb	Council Member Mark Springer
Vice-Mayor Fred Watson	Council Member Thor Williams

Council Member Leif Albertson	Council Member Mitchell Forbes
Members Absent:	
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Attorney Patty Burley	

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Willy Keppel- Questioned why the Council is saying they can't afford to support things in the community when the funding for the Alcohol Tax is so plentiful. Suggested the Council allow all kids to go to the pool free.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Removal from Consent: Remove Introduction of Budget Ordinance 17-28 (n), and 17-28 (o), and Ordinance 18-12.

Moved by: Williams

Removal from Consent: Remove Introduction of Ordinance 18-11.

Moved by: Robb

Removal from Consent: Removal of IM 18-08.

Moved by: Albertson

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 5-8-2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
Passed on the Consent Agenda

Item B – 5-10-2018 Special Meeting Minutes
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 was scheduled for yesterday with a review of the budget to be discussed.

Planning Commission –

Reviewed chapter four of the Bethel Comprehensive Plan.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee –

Provided an update to the public on the 4th of July festivities.

Provided an update on the status of the Owl Park rework and the clean up of Pinky’s Park.

The Committee discovered the development site of Kasayuli Park is owned by YKHC. The Committee is looking into options for the future of this park development.

Finance Committee -

A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Public Works Committee -

A meeting was held but no one available to provide a report.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A – Appreciation for Council Member Naim Shabani.

Item B – Healthfitness Monthly Report.

Item C – Appointment Of Qualified Individual To Fill City Council Vacancy, Term Ending October, 2018.

Main Motion: Extend the City’s acceptance of letters of interest for the vacant seat until June 1.

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

Main Motion: Postpone until May 29 Special Meeting.

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

Item D – Appointment Of Council Representative To Committee and Commission.

Main Motion: Postpone until May 29 Special Meeting.

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing of Ordinance 18-10: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 5.08, Alcoholic Beverages To Prohibit The Sale Of Alcohol With An Alcohol By Volume Percentage Higher Than 20% In The City Of Bethel.

Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.

Willie Keppel – Spoke in opposition to the Ordinance.

Fritz Charles- Spoke in opposition to the Ordinance.

Gary Turner- Stated concerns with alcohol in the community of Bethel and is promoting sobriety in the community.

Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 18-10.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Postponed

Primary Amendment:

Amend the title of the ordinance to "An Ordinance Amending Bethel Municipal Code 5.08, alcoholic beverages to institute a minimum price of \$40 per 750ml bottle of alcohol with an alcohol by volume percentage higher than 20% in the City of Bethel."

Moved by: Forbes
Seconded by: Springer
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 2-4
In favor: Albertson Forbes
Opposed: Robb Watson Springer Williams

Add to the amendment:

1. Remove the word Prohibiting in line 45 and inserting "limiting."
2. Add a new whereas statement at line 47 "Whereas, raising hard liquor prices to the rough equivalent of the bootleg market would limit the amount of hard liquor being purchased for cheap, fast consumption."
3. Remove "prohibiting to sell" in line 48 and substitute "price floor on" and strike "containing ABV of 21% and higher" in line 50.
4. Add a new whereas statement at line 51 "Whereas, prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages with an alcohol by volume content of 21% or greater in

Secondary Amendment:

bottles with capacities larger than 750 ml will help curb the effects and problems of binge drinking and bootlegging.”

5. Strike lines 58-61.
6. Strike lines 73-75.
7. Add under line 326 “unless sold for \$40 or greater for a 750 ml bottle. Licensed premises are also prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages with an alcohol by volume content of 21% or greater in bottles with capacities larger than 750 ml.”

Moved by:	Forbes
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"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson

Main Motion: Postpone until the next regular meeting.

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

Item B – Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance 17-28(m): Change To IT Dept. Other Professional Services.

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

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

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Forbes
Action:	Postponed

Main Motion: Suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

Main Motion: Postpone until the next regular meeting.

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction of Ordinance 18-11: Submitting To The Qualified Voters Of The City Of Bethel, On October 2, 2018, A Ballot Proposition Initiated Through Local Option Petition.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 18-11.

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

Item B – Introduction of Budget Ordinance 17-28(n): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget- Change To Administrative Dept. - Change To City Clerk’s Dept.

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

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

Primary Amendment: Amend the Budget Modification to insert all of the amendments to the budget through ordinance 17-28 (o).

Moved by: Williams
Seconded by: Watson
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 1-5
In favor: Williams
Opposed: Albertson Forbes Robb Watson Springer

Item C – Introduction of Ordinance 18-12: Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2019 Beginning July 1, 2018.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 18-12.

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

Item D – Introduction of Budget Ordinance 17-28(o): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget- Cost Of Living Salary And Utility Services Cost Increases For City Of Bethel Employees.

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

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

Item E – AM 18-38: Approve Alaska Pump & Supply As The Sole Source Vendor For All Pumps And Related Equipment Purchased By The City Of Bethel For Its Sewer System.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-38.

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

Item F – AM 18-39: Direct Administration To Send The Attached Letter To The Anchorage USDA-RD Office In Order To Request A Reallocation Of \$1,174,035 In USDA-RD Grant/Loan Project Funds So That The City Can Purchase Five New Sewer Trucks.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-39.

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

Item G – AM 18-40: Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With The Top Scoring Proposer For Billing Of Ambulance And Protective Custody Services And For Collections Of Delinquent City Accounts.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-40.

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

Item H – AM 18-41: Confirming The Council's \$5,000 Financial Allocation In The FY 2019 Budget For 4th Of July Stage Performance Payment.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-41.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 2-4
In favor: Springer Forbes
Opposed: Albertson Williams Robb Watson

Item I – AM 18-42: Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute A Contract With Capital Industries, Inc., For The Purchase Of Fifteen (15) Dumpsters With Lids.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-42.

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

Item J – IM 18-07: Public Works Department Initiates The Purchase And Installation Of A "Dollar Bill Machine" Formally Known As A Dollar Bill Validator, From Tecpro For Water Sales At The Bethel Heights Pumphouse.

Item K – IM 18-08: Financial Reports For Nine Month Period Ending March 31, 2018.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

XII. MANAGER'S REPORT

XIII. CLERK'S REPORT

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Richard Robb –
Announced the dates for the scheduled budget meetings.
It is boating season, wished everyone a happy boating season.

Vice-Mayor Fred Watson –
No comment.

Council Member Leif Albertson –
Thanked everyone who came out to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board meeting to testify.

Council Member Mark Springer –

Thanked everyone who provide testimony today at the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

Congratulated Chuck Herman on his graduation from Harvard.

Council Member Thor Williams–
Congratulated the BRHS graduates.

Encouraged people to wear their floatation devices on the river.

Council Member Mitchell Forbes–

Thanked everyone who came out to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board meeting to testify.

Thanked the Alcohol Beverage Control Board Members for coming to the meeting.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

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"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	-0

Council adjourned at 10:56 p.m.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk