

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 8, 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
Council Member Mitchell Forbes	Council Member Thor Williams (Telephonically)
Members Absent:	
Council Member Naim Shabani	
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler (Telephonically)
City Attorney Patty Burley	Asst. City Clerk Kevin Morgan

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mary Nanuwak- Concerned with Ordinance 18-09. With remote communities, like Hooperbay and Scammon Bay, 911 is not available due to lack of services. Alcohol and drug combinations are dangerous and the City Council should reduce problems related to them. Concerned that certain committees have to be combined due to lack of quorum. Believes members of the committees are reluctant to present ideas to council due to Council disinterest. Feels that committee members would be more involved if they were elected instead of appointed. Worried about the roads not being fixed.

Angie Smitley- Concerned about the state of the roads as well. The 6th avenue road is eroding into the slough. Concerned with loose trash around Dumpsters. Bear proof containers or similar dumpster options should be

considered to keep trash from littering the area. Concerned with children playing around loose trash. Wondered if there was a way to have Community Service address the loose trash on ground.

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: Robb Watson Albertson Springer Williams Forbes
Opposed: -0

Primary Amendment: Move New Business Item G to follow Reports of Standing Committees.

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

Removal from Consent: New Business Item A,B, and C: Ordinance 18-10, Budget Ordinance 17-28(m), Resolution 18-11.

Moved by: Robb

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 4-21-2018 Special Meeting Minutes
Passed on the Consent Agenda

Item B – 4-24-2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
Passed on the Consent Agenda

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Transportation Commission –
A quorum of the body could not be established.

Port Commission-
No meeting since last meeting.

Planning Commission –
Next meeting is Thursday at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee-

Meeting next week 6:00p.m. at City Hall.

Finance Committee-

No Meeting since last meeting. Special meeting tomorrow at 6:30p.m.

Public Works Committee –

Working on agenda for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Item G – Chief Of Police, Burke Waldron To Address The Council On Staffing Levels, Open Positions, And General Operations At The Police Department.

Chief of Police, Burke Waldron, addressed the Council about staffing and opiate use in the Community.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance 17-28(k): Amending the Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget-Streets and Roads- Sewer Lagoon- Police Department- E 911 Fund.

*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(k).
Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Springer
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
Primary Amendment:	Insert "\$50,000" Increase to Gravel 10-66-771; Insert "\$50,000" Decrease to Central Treasury 10-10100. Insert "\$50,000" in the bottom total box for the line "Net Change to Streets & Roads Appropriations."
Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Springer
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 Ordinance 18-09: Amending 5.30.100 (F) Of The Bethel Municipal Code – Striking GPS Requirements for Taxicab, River Taxi, Limousine and Bus Permits.

Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.

Jared Karr- Public Safety and Transportation Committee –There is no GPS monitoring center in Bethel. A video camera may cost \$50, while a GPS video camera may cost \$500. It is a great difference in price for a technology that will not work here. Requiring cabs to have cameras with GPS and recording does not serve the cabs drivers and does not do what the council intends them to do.

Burke Waldron- Police Chief- Stated that the current cameras have Video of the Front view of the cab and the interior. Having the cameras increases public safety. The Police Department often requests footage. They have never requested GPS information. Cellphones and radios are more important that GPS information. If GPS is needed, it could be a separate device from the camera. Currently, the GPS in Bethel, does not reveal location, but keeps a log that can be referenced.

Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 18-09.

Moved by:	Albertson
Seconded by:	Springer
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

Item C – Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance 17-28(l): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget- Streets And Roads.

Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.

No one present to be heard.

Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.

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

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Forbes
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

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction 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.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 18-10.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-2
In favor: Watson Albertson Springer Forbes
Opposed: Williams Robb

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

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

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

Item C – Resolution 18-11: Supporting The Cama-i Dance Festival By Waiving The Requirement To Collect Sales Taxes At The Event.

*Council Member Albertson requested to be excused due to a fire call, as Council Member Albertson is a First Responder.
Mayor Robb excused Council Member Albertson
Council Member Albertson left the meeting at 7:49 P.M.*

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 18-11.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Forbes
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 3-2
In favor: Springer Williams Forbes
Opposed: Watson Robb

Item D – AM 18-35: Acceptance Of Council Member Naim Shabani’s Resignation Effective May 9, 2018 And Establishing A Process For The Council’s Consideration Of Qualified Candidates To Fill The Vacancy.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-35.

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

Primary Amendment: Strike "Each Council Member will be limited to two questions for each qualified candidate."

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

Item E – AM 18-36: Appointment of Juan Delgado, Jeff Sanders, Ryan Butte to Public Works Committee; Amber Jones to Community Action Grant Technical Review Board.

Passed on the Consent Agenda

Item F – AM 18-37: Direct The City Clerk's Office To Create And Post To Social Media And The City's Website, The Identified Harm Reduction Campaign Ideas Once A Week For The Next Six Months.

Main Motion: Approve AM 18-37.

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

Item H – Appointment Of Port Commission Council Representative.

Mayor Robb appoints Council Member Springer to the Port Commission as Council Representative.

Item I – Council's Consideration Of The City Clerk's Salary Increase Between Zero And 3% Based Off Of The Satisfactory Employment Evaluation Completed On April 24th.

Main Motion: Increase the City Clerk's Salary 3%.

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"/> Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forbes
Opposed:	0

Item J – Leave Request For City Attorney, June 8 To June 22, 2018.

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 Council Member Shabani for his service on the City Council. Congratulated him on being the first Albanian to serve on a City Council in the City of Bethel, the State of Alaska, and one of the first in the nation. A milestone for cultural diversity. Wishes everyone safe boating. Congratulated all the young people and commended the Coaches: Marty Smith, Daryl Smith, Rafe Johnson, Thor Williams, Ryan Wheeler, Darren Lieb, and Zach Pleasant, who took part in the wrestling tournament in Anchorage the previous weekend. Appreciated all the family and friends who supported them as well. Wishes a Happy Mother’s Day to all the Mothers out there and his own Mother in California.

Vice-Mayor Fred Watson – Concerned with people not wearing life jackets. Urged everyone to wear their life jackets and be safe.

Council Member Mark Springer – Reminded people that kids don’t float neither do adults. Shared Vice-Mayor Watson’s concern about life jackets. Thanked the Department of Transportation for removing signs on the corner of the highway and tower road. Brought attention to a possible AT&T cell tower in the planning report. Reminded People to be careful on the river as there is still a lot of ice.

Council Member Thor Williams– Hoped that the city calendar will be updated with budget meetings to encourage public participation. Spoke against the City being responsible for Maintenance of the Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway.

Council Member Mitchell Forbes– Echoed the concerns of wearing life jackets. Thanked the volunteers and the Fire Department for their work in the community. Wishes everyone a safe, good time on the river this summer.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

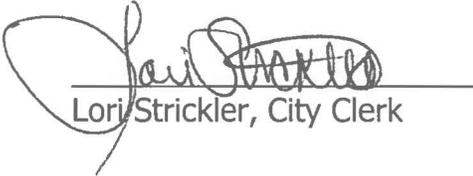
Moved by: Forbes
Seconded by: Springer
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor: Robb Watson Springer Williams Forbes
Opposed: -0

Council adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk