

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on July 26, 2016 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:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Rick Robb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Member Mary Weiss
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice-Mayor Byron Maczynski (arrived at 6:43 p.m.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Member Alisha Welch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Member Leif Albertson	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Member Zach Fansler	
Members Absent:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Council Member Nikki Hoffman	
Also in attendance were the following:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Patty Burley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Lori Strickler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Manager Ann Capela	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant To City Clerk Adriane Welch

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Council amended the agenda to move Special Orders of Business and New Business Item E before, People to be Heard.

Lorin Bradbury, stated concerns with the transition of the City not processing the Wetlands permits in house and the time extension the move to the ARMY Corps of Engineers would have for permit applicants.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Welch
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor: Robb Albertson Fansler Welch Weiss
Opposed: -0

Main Motion: Move Special Orders of Business Item A. and New Business Item E to follow the approval of the agenda. .

Moved by: Welch
Seconded by: Fansler
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 5-0
In favor: Robb Albertson Fansler Welch Weiss
Opposed: -0

Special Orders of Business

Item A – US Army Corps Of Engineers, Regulatory Division.

Representative from the Army Corps of Engineers provided an update and process description on the general permit status for the City of Bethel.

Vice-Mayor Maczynski arrived at 6:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Item E – AM 16-50: Request To Amend DOWL Engineering Agreement For Institutional Corridor Project.

Arron Christie and Chase Nelson DOWL Representatives, provided an update to the Council and the public on the institutional corridor project.

Main Motion: Approve AM 16-50.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Welch
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Fansler Welch Weiss
Opposed: -0

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Shane Iverson, KYUK Director of Content and Operations – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Tiffany Tony, Director of Operation with Yuut Elitnaurviat – Provided support to the inclusion of 501 C (3) exemptions in Ordinance 16-20.

Lisa Wimmer, YKHC Representative – Provided support to the inclusion of 501 C (3) exemptions in Ordinance 16-20.

Lorin Bradbury, spoke on behalf of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits. Requested the Council to consider adding 501 C (6) exemptions in the ordinance amendments.

Tom Hawkins, Bethel Community Services Foundation Representative – Provided support to the inclusion of 501 C (3) exemptions in Ordinance 16-20.

Raney Athanas, Bethel Council on the Arts Representative – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Steve Chung, Bethel Emergency Services Association Vice President – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Amber Jones, Shelter Manager for Tundra Women’s Coalition – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Pauline Baillie Representative – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Sergeant Teague Widmier, Alaska State Troopers – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits. Thanked the many nonprofits represented tonight for all of the services and their willingness to provide these services in the region.

Lieutenant Long Gonzales, Alaska State Troopers – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits. Thanked the many nonprofits represented tonight for all of the services and their willingness to provide these services in the region.

Anne Lee, Teen Advocate for Tundra Women’s Coalition – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Leonard Echarion, Teens Acting Against Violence participant – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Megan Moses, Tundra Women’s Coalition Representative – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Monica Leinberger, Tundra Women’s Coalition Representative – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Mary Nanuwak – Thankful for the applicant Joseph Morris and his appointment to the Marijuana Advisory Committee.
Thanked all of the representatives from Tundra Women’s Coalition for coming forward to express their views.
As a future candidate for the City Council, wanted to express to the public her interesting hearing from them to ensure their needs are being looked after.

Jon Cochrane, President of the Bethel Lion’s Club/Bethel Winter House – Provided support to the inclusion of all nonprofit organizations in Ordinance 16-20 amendments. The tax exemption status should be maintained for these nonprofits.

Dave Trantham Jr. – Encouraged the Council to release the City’s Administrative Investigation conducted two years ago.

Fritz Charles, Vice-President of Bethel Search and Rescue – Suggested the Council not adopt the suggested amendment which requires the qualification of the 1999 Revenue Sharing Provision, if this amendment carries, Bethel Search and Rescue would not qualify for the exemption.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – Regular City Council Meeting July 12, 2016.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Main Motion: Move the public hearing of Ordinance 16-20 to before the Reports of Standing Committees.

Moved by: Fansler

Seconded by: Weiss

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0

In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Fansler Welch Weiss

Opposed: -0

Mayor Robb opened the public hearing on Ordinance 16-20.

Tom Hawkins – Provided support to the ordinance as presented to the Council, stated opposition to the suggested modification to include the primary purpose language which mimics the 1999 Revenue Sharing Requirements.

Lori Bradbury – Provided support to the ordinance as presented to the Council, stated opposition to the suggested modification to include the primary purpose language which mimics the 1999 Revenue Sharing Requirements.

Fritz Charles – Provided support to the ordinance as presented to the Council, stated opposition to the suggested modification to include the primary purpose language which mimics the 1999 Revenue Sharing Requirements.

Shane Iverson – Provided support to the ordinance as presented to the Council, stated opposition to the suggested modification to include the primary purpose language which mimics the 1999 Revenue Sharing Requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 16-20: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 4.16.040 Sales And Use Tax, Exemptions.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 16-20.

Moved by: Fansler

Seconded by: Welch

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-2

In favor: Maczynski Fansler Welch Weiss

Opposed: Albertson Robb

Main Motion: Five minute break.

Moved by: Albertson
Seconded by: Maczynski
Action: Motion does not carry by a vote of 3-1
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson
Opposed: Fansler Hoffman Welch Weiss

Main Motion: Take a five minute break.

Moved by: Fansler
Seconded by: Maczynski
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Fansler Welch Weiss
Opposed: -0

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

*Council Representative, Mary Weiss –
No Report.*

Port Commission

*Council Representative, Alisha Welch –
A quorum of the body was not established, a meeting was not held.*

Planning Commission

*Ted Meyer, Planning Manager –
A meeting will be held this Thursday to consider marijuana zoning.*

Parks and Recreation Committee

*Council Representative, Richard Robb –
No Report.*

Finance Committee

*Council Representative, Leif Albertson –
Meeting tomorrow to discuss the pending changes to the sales tax code.*

Energy Committee

*Council Representative, Zach Fansler –
Code modification to allow for composting toilets.*

Public Works Committee

Council Representative, Byron Maczynski –
Institutional Corridor, sewer lagoon, boardwalks within the community, preventative maintenance of vehicles. Trails behind the collage options. Water treatment plan on Ridgcrest I beams are stressed and need to be fixed. Considered the composting toilets from the Energy Committee.

Marijuana Advisory Committee

Council Representative, Zach Fansler –
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting. The Planning Commission will be considering.

Non-Standing Committee

The City Clerk provided an update on the City Manager Recruitment Review Team, consisting of five City Council Members.

Transit Advisory Board Committee

No Report.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A – US Army Corps Of Engineers, Regulatory Division.
Agenda amended to move to before People to be Heard.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 16-20: Amending Bethel Municipal Code 4.16.040 Sales And Use Tax, Exemptions.
Agenda amended, this item was taken up after People to be Heard.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Baba’s Pizza & Sub Restaurant, Eating Place Liquor License Application Review.

Main Motion: Motion to suspend the rules to hear from Directors.

Moved by:	Fansler
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weiss
Opposed:	–0

Item B – Snack Shack, Restaurant, Eating Place Liquor License Application Review.

Item C – AM 16-48: Marijuana Advisory Committee Application For Joseph Morris.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D – AM 16-49: Bethel Landfill Salvaging Policy.

Main Motion: Approve AM 16-49.

Moved by:	Maczynski
Seconded by:	Welch
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weiss
Opposed:	-0

Main Motion: Amend to reflect the changes as proposed by the City Attorney.

Moved by:	Fansler
Seconded by:	Welch
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weiss
Opposed:	-0

Main Motion: Amend the effective date to strike effective immediately, and insert August 15, 2016.

Moved by:	Welch
Seconded by:	Maczynski
Action:	Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maczynski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fansler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weiss
Opposed:	-0

Item E – AM 16-50: Request To Amend DOWL Engineering Agreement For Institutional Corridor Project.

Agenda amended, this item was moved to after Special Orders of Business.

Item F – Personal Leave Request For City Manager, August 15-16, 18 A& 19, 2016.

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 public and the council for their hard work.
Wished everyone the best of luck in the silver fishing.

Vice-Mayor Byron Maczynski –
Thanked the VFW for honoring Billy McCann, Alaska Territorial Guardsman.
Opiate Taskforce will be meeting to consider policies at the State summit in a few weeks.

Council Member Leif Albertson –
Noticed to the public the vacancy for the City Manager.
New ambulance fundraising for the Fire Department.

Council Member Zach Fansler –
Thankful for the new Landfill Salvaging Policy.
Thankful to hear the City is going to be getting new trucks.
Great to see all of the activism that takes place with the nonprofit organizations; they are doing great work in many different fields.

Council Member Alisha Welch –
Thanked the members of the public for showing up to the Council meeting,
encouraged the public to continue to the interaction with the Council.
Encouraged people to continue to volunteer, there are many vacancies on the City's committees and commission.

Council Member Mary Weiss –
Thanked the members of the public for showing up to the Council meeting,
encouraged the public to continue to the interaction with the Council.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjourn.

Moved by: Welch

Seconded by: Weiss

Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0

In favor: Robb Maczynski Albertson Fansler Welch Weiss

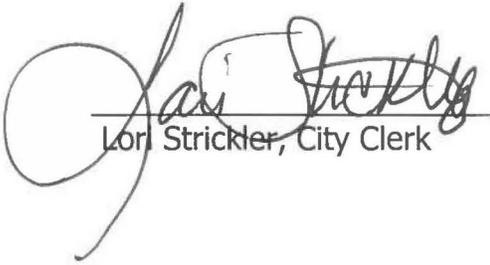
Opposed: -0

Council adjourned at 10:32 p.m.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk