City Council Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
September 23, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 23, 2014 at 6:30pm, in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Klejka called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:

Mayor Joseph Klejka, Council Member Leif Albertson, Council Member Sharon Sigmon, Council Member Eric Whitney, and Council Member Mark Springer

Those absent were:
Vice-Mayor Rick Robb, and Council Member Heather Pike

Also in attendance were the following:
City Clerk Lori Strickler, and City Attorney Patty Burley

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion:	To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Sigmon
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A - 9-9-2014 Regular City Council Meeting
Pass on the consent agenda.

Item B - 9-10-2014 Special City Council Meeting
Pass on the consent agenda.

Item C - 9-13-2014 Special City Council Meeting
Pass on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A - Port Commission –
Pete Williams, Port Director-
Rewrite of Chapter 14 of the Bethel Municipal Code.
The Port Office will be pulling out the floats from the harbor on October 6th.

Item B - Planning Commission –
No one available to provide a report.

Item C - Public Safety and Transportation Commission-
Sharon Sigmon, Council Representative-
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Item D - Energy Committee –
No one available to provide a report.

Item E - Public Works Committee-
Joseph Klejka, Council Representative-
A plan for how the City will handle customers who may face hardship due to the increased water and sewer rates.
Priorities for the next City Council's Consideration should be the sewer lagoon, metering water both the lines and the truck as well as the Housing Subdivision pipes.

Item F - Finance Committee-
Leif Albertson, Council Representative –
Revision to the sales tax code discussion.

Item G - Parks and Recreations Committee-
Eric Whitney, Committee Representative-
A meeting has not been held.

A Trails Committee Meeting was held; the group made a recommendation to the Administration for the continued maintenance of the existing trails.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 14-14 (d): Transferring Funds To Provide For The Potential Extension Of The Interim City Manager's Contract.

Mayor Klejka opened the Public Hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion:	Adopt Budget Ordinance 14-14 (d).
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	
Action:	Does not carry due to a lack of a second.
In favor:	
Opposed:	

Item B – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 14-23: Approving The Re-Acquisition Of City Building And Land Located At Tract H, Block 2, Turnkey 111 Housing Development, Bethel Alaska-Senior Center.

Mayor Klejka opened the Public Hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion:	Adopt Ordinance 14-23.
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Sigmon
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None

Item C – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 14-25: Amending BMC 3.04.010 Employment Of Relatives, Definitions.

Mayor Klejka opened the Public Hearing.
No one wished to be heard.
Mayor Klejka closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion:	Adopt Ordinance 14-25.
Moved by:	Sigmon
Seconded by:	Whitney

Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 4-1
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon and Springer
Opposed:	, Albertson,

Primary Amendment:	Strike the current language and insert "Immediate Family Member is as defined in Alaska Statues 39.52.960."
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 2-3
In favor:	Whitney and Springer
Opposed:	Klejka, Albertson, Sigmon

Item D – Approving The Draft Evaluation Form For The City Attorney's Annual Evaluation.

Main Motion:	Approving the draft evaluation form for the City Attorney's Annual Evaluation.
Moved by:	Sigmon
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction Of Ordinance 14-26: Approving The Disposal Of City Property In The Form Of A Lease Agreement With Alaska Village Electric Cooperative For The Temporary Placement Of A Tower And Wind Measuring Devices For The Purpose Of Evaluating The Site For Permanent Wind Turbine Installation.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B – Council's Strategy For The Continued Recruitment For The Full Time City Manager Vacancy.

Item C- Council's Appointment Of An Acting City Manager.

Main Motion:	Appoint Pete Williams as Acting City Manager.
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer

Opposed:	None

Item D – Directing Administration To Prepare A Request For Proposal For Lobbying Services.

Main Motion:	Direct Administration to Prepare a Request for Proposal for Lobbying Services.
Moved by:	Whitney
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None

Item E – Contract Negotiation Between The City Of Bethel And Patty Burley For City Attorney Employment Services.

Main Motion:	Approve the amended contract as presented.
Moved by:	Sigmon
Seconded by:	Springer
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None

Primary Amendment:	Under Section 10, Benefits, insert "not to exceed budgeted amount."
Moved by:	Sigmon
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None

Primary Amendment:	Under Section 5, amend to strike three months and insert two months.
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Springer-
Thanked Mayor Klejka for his leadership on the City Council.
The pool facility is a great facility; only question is if there will be enough parking over there.
Elections are coming up, there are a lot of candidate and a lot of issues; the voters should be informed.
It is getting dark out, be careful of the children on the road.
Don't spend your dividend all in one place.

Council Member Sigmon-
Was able to tour the Bethel Pool today, the facility will be great for the entire community.
Thanked the Council members for all of their hard work over the last few years, the Council has tackled some very hard issues. It has been a pleasure working with all of them.

Council Member Albertson-
Be sure to vote in the upcoming October Election.

Mayor Klejka-
Provided his condolences to the family of Gary Koester.
The pool facility is incredible; people will be very happy.
This will be the last City Council meeting for him; he has thanked everyone on the Council, the Council has been a great team to work with. Truly loves this community. There are a lot of really good things going on in this community.
Thanked the City staff.

Council Member Whitney-
It was a very nice tour of the pool today, it was an impressive facility.
Be sure to brush out your chimney.
Got a brief glimpse of the new fire truck.
As it is his last council meeting; he has learned a lot and it has been very rewarding.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A – Executive Session To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Attorney As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Personnel Matters (Unless the Person

Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public) Or Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person (Mayor Klejka)

Main Motion:	Move into Executive Session To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Attorney As Per Alaska Statutes 44.62.310: Personnel Matters (Unless the Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public) Or Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person. Those participating will be the City Attorney, Patty Burley.
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Sigmon
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion:	Adjourn
Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Whitney
Action:	Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0
In favor:	Klejka, Whitney, Sigmon, Albertson, and Springer
Opposed:	None.

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk