

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 26, 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 Mark Springer
Vice-Mayor Fred Watson	Council Member Leif Albertson
Council Member Naim Shabani	Council Member Michael Shantz
Members Absent:	
Council Member Alisha Welch	
Also in attendance were the following:	
City Manager Pete Williams	City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Attorney Patty Burley	

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Dennis Dishion, Representative of Yuut Elitnaurviat, asked the Council to support the transfer of the property, Yuut Elitnaurviat is located on, back to the City then back to Yuut Elitnaurviat in the form of a lease with an option to purchase the property in three years.

David E. Trantham Jr., Presented the Council with sealed envelopes, each of which contained a letter of the alphabet. Stated he has lived in Bethel for a very long time and has served on City Council for five terms. During his time in Bethel he has been challenged many times.

Mary Nanuwak, Provided the Council with statements of concern related to the wording of agenda items and lack of communication. Wished the council members who are seeking another term, the best of luck.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: Approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

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

Removal from the Consent: Removal of Resolution 17-17 from the consent agenda

Moved by: Springer

Removal from the Consent: Removal of Introduction of Ordinance 17-44 from the consent agenda.

Moved by: Robb

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – 9-12-2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Passed on the Consent Agenda

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Transportation Commission

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

Port Commission

Nothing to report.

Planning Commission

The Commission met to review the planning departments report.

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee

A special meeting was held to discuss the locations of the Kasayuli Park.

Finance Committee

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

Energy Committee

The Energy Committee is reviewing the long-term sites for the AVEC wind turbine.

Public Works Committee

Nothing to report.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A –Health Fitness Monthly Report On The YK Fitness Center.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 17-42: An Ordinance By The Bethel City Council Amending Fees And Charges Related To Electronic Records For The City Of Bethel.

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

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 17-42.

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

Item B – Public Hearing Of Ordinance 17-43: Amending The Bethel Municipal Code Section 4.04.020 Budget Estimate-Preparation.

Mayor Robb opened the Public Hearing.

David E. Trantham Jr., as a member of the Finance Committee but not representing the Finance Committee, provided some statements supporting the legislation.

Mary Nanuwak, suggested the Council always account for inflation in their annual budget.

Mayor Robb closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 17-43.

Moved by: Shantz
Seconded by: Shabani
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 4-2
In favor: Robb Watson Shabani Shantz

Opposed: Springer Albertson

Amend to read with new language in brackets:

4.04.020 [Operating] Budget estimate – Preparation.

The city manager shall prepare and submit to the council, not later than April first (1st) of each year, ~~the complete~~ [an] annual [operating] budget estimate for the following fiscal year, and a budget message. The [operating] budget submitted by the city manager must be balanced, as defined in this section as current year expenditures covered by current year revenues. The [operating] budget estimate shall cover and appropriate for all expenditures of money, including contract and other commitments, except appropriations for expenditures from bond construction funds and special assessment construction funds. The council may amend the budget estimate at any time prior to adoption.

Primary Amendment:

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

Item C – Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance 17-28 (b): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget-Increase in Gravel for Street Repairs.

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 (b).

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

Item D – Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance 17-28 (c): Amending The Adopted Annual FY 2018 Budget-Changes in line Items to YK H&F Center and Water/Sewer Utility 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 (c).

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – Introduction of Ordinance 17-44: Authorizing The Acquisition And Disposal Of Property To Yuut Elitnaurviat Pursuant To BMC 4.08.030(B): Reacquire Land From Yuut Elitnaurviat And Re-Dispose Of Property To Yuut Elitnaurviat.

Main Motion: Introduce Ordinance 17-44.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Shantz
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"/> Watson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shantz
Opposed:	-0

Council recessed for five minutes.

Item B – Resolution 17-17: Opposing The Implementation Of A State Sales Tax.

Main Motion: Adopt Resolution 17-17.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Shantz
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"/> Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shabani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shantz
Opposed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albertson

Item C – AM 17-60: Approving Administrative Leave And Travel Request For City Attorney To Attend AMAA.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D – IM 17-05: Problem Of City Water And Sewer Trucks Meeting DOT & PF Weight Requirements And Prospective Solutions.

Item E – Leave Request- City Attorney- Nov. 30 to Dec. 20, 2017

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item F – Leave Request- City Clerk- Jan. 18 to Feb. 2, 2018

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item G – Leave Request- City Manager- Oct. 9-11 and Nov. 13-15

Passed on the consent agenda.

XI. MAYOR’S REPORT

XII. MANAGER’S REPORT
XIII. CLERK’S REPORT
XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Richard Robb –
Provided condolences to Billy McCann’s family.
Thanked his fellow council members for their work.

Vice-Mayor Fred Watson –
Wished all of the Council Members the best of luck in the election. Thanked Mike Shantz for his service.

Council Member Leif Albertson –
Reminded the public it is getting dark outside, be cautious of the pedestrians on the roadway.

Council Member Mark Springer –
Thanked Mike Shantz for his service.
Provided condolences to Billy McCann’s family.
Provided condolences to Desa Jacobsson’s family.
Welcomed the delegates to the AVCP Convention this week.

Council Member Naim Shabani –
No comment.

Council Member Michael Shantz–
Thanked the Council and Administration for the hard work. Hoped that the voter turnout on the 3rd will be good. Wished the best of luck to everyone that is running.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A– In Accordance With AS 44.62.310 C 1 Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity- Union Negotiations.

Item B– In Accordance With AS 44.62.310 C 1 Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity- Court House Leased Property Contract.

Main Motion: Move into Executive Session- Item A- In Accordance With AS 44.62.310 C 1 Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon

The Finances Of The Public Entity- Union Negotiations. Those attending Item "A" were: City Manager Williams, City Attorney Burley, and City Clerk Strickler. Item B- In Accordance With AS 44.62.310 C 1 Matters, The Immediate Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Public Entity- Court House Leased Property Contract. Those attending Item "B" were: City Manager Williams, City Attorney Burley, and City Clerk Strickler.

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

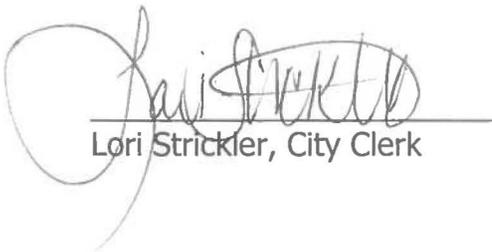
Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Shabani
Action: Motion carries by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Robb Albertson Watson Springer Shabani Shantz
Opposed: -0

Council adjourned at 9:45p.m.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk