

Introduced by: Acting City Manager William Howell
Introduction Date: October 29, 2019
Public Hearing Date: November 12, 2019
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance 19-11 (i)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BETHEL FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a non-codified Ordinance and shall not become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Fiscal Year Budget Amendments. The following estimated revenues and expenditures are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes and objects of the City of Bethel for Fiscal Year 2020.

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's resignation was effective August 2, 2019;

WHEREAS, Jermain, Dunnagan & Owens, P.C., the law firm on contract with the City to provide legal services, has been tasked with many legal matters that would normally have been handled by the City Attorney;

WHEREAS, various legal matters before the City include subdivision development, code enforcement, contract review, marijuana and alcohol issues, and USDA bond documentation;

WHEREAS, the high cost of legal services incurred to date demonstrate the need for additional funds to be appropriated to the Administration Legal Fees line item;

WHEREAS, one FY 2020 budget modification ordinance approved by the Bethel City Council moved \$45,000 from the City Attorney's salary to Administration (10-51) Legal Fees (642) to bring the balance to \$50,000, but most of this amount has been spent to date;

WHEREAS, City Administration requests that an additional \$75,000 be appropriated to cover the cost of legal services;

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Line Item	Description	Approved Appropriations	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Total Appropriations
10-51-642	Administration-Legal Fees	50,000	75,000	125,000
50-71-699	Undesignated Fund Balance		(75,000)	(75,000)

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 City Budget contains \$12,000 in Administration (10-51) Salaries for the temporary Risk Manager position;

WHEREAS, the City's Human Resources Manager possesses the skills, qualifications, and abilities to assume many of the risk manager duties and has been performing those duties as of August 2019;

WHEREAS, thus far, the HR Manager denied \$3,112 in damage claims against the City and only paid out \$877, while he is currently working to reduce or eliminate \$12,000 in claims;

WHEREAS, City Administration recommends changing the title and job description of the Human Resources Manager to Human Resources/Risk Manager and adjusting the compensation accordingly;

WHEREAS, the City's insurance firm, Alaska Public Entity Insurance, supports the duties of risk manager being undertaken by one or more City employees;

WHEREAS, Administration recommends the reallocation of the \$12,000 in Risk Manager Salary to the following line items in the Administration Budget: \$6,000 to Human Resources/Risk Assessment Manager Salaries, \$3,000 to Travel/Training, and \$3,000 to Supplies;

I-2				
Line Item	Description	Approved Appropriations	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Total Appropriations
10-51-501	Administration Human Resources/Risk Manager	94,760	6,000	101,760
10-51-545	Travel/Training	10,000	3,000	13,000
10-51-561	Supplies	6,700	3,000	9,700
10-51-	Administration Salaries-Risk Manager (Temporary)	12,000	(\$12,000)	0

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SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk