

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 10, 2015 at 6:30pm, in the council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Richard Robb 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 Rick Robb, Vice-Mayor Leif Albertson, Council Member Chuck Herman, Council Member Byron Maczynski (arrived after roll call), Council Member Zach Fansler and Council Member Mark Springer

Members Absent:
Council Member Heather Pike

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

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

David Trantham Jr. –
Governmental Officials from the Pentagon will be visiting Bethel and making a stop at the Alaska Territorial Guard Park.
Was contacted by Mr. Brook Marston, he would like to visit the Alaska Territorial Guard Park and donate a plaque.
A group of students from Brice University will be visiting the park to do community services at the Alaska Territorial Guard Park.
An Alaska Territorial Guard Metal which is the same metal given to many men and women who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, was given to the Alaska Territorial Guard Park Board Members. This metal will in some way be displayed at the Park.

Spoke at the last meeting on the letter from the City in the summer of 2014, describing some procurement issues the City would like to see changed by the Alaska Territorial Guard Board.

Council Member Maczynski arrived at 6:35 pm.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

Main Motion: To approve the Consent and Regular Agenda.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Fansler
Action:	Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed:	None

Main Motion: Postpone Unfinished Business Item C, KYUK Appeal Hearing On The Denial Of A Public Request For Information.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Herman
Action:	Passes by a vote of 5-1
In favor:	Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson and Maczynski
Opposed:	Robb

Main Motion: Remove from the consent agenda Ordinance 15-05.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Fansler
Action:	Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed:	None

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A – Regular City Council Meeting February 24, 2015.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B – Special City Council Meeting March 2, 2015.

Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A - Public Safety and Transportation Commission

Council Representative, Chuck Herman –

A meeting has not been held due to a lack of a quorum.

Item B - Port Commission

Port Director, Pete Williams –
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council meeting.

Item C - Planning Commission

No one present to provide a report.

Item D - Parks and Recreations Committee

Council Representative, Richard Robb –
A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Item E - Finance Committee

Council Representative, Leif Albertson –
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council meeting.

Item F - Public Works Committee

Council Representative, Byron Maczynski –
A meeting has not been held since the last City Council meeting.

Item G – Energy Committee

Council Representative, Zach Fansler –
Was unable to attend the last meeting, nothing to report.

Item H – Non Standing Committee –

Nothing to report

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item A- USA Pool Update On The YK Regional Aquatic Training and Health Center.

Raunika Ray, USA Pool Representative –
Received an update on the pool cover, it should be installed in April.
Provided an oral report on finance revenues received.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A-Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance 14-14(h): Amending The FY15 Budget –
Water Treatment Equipment And Ladders Of Opportunity Grant.

Mayor Robb opened the public hearing.
No one present to be heard.
Mayor Robb closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: Adopt Ordinance 14-14 (h).

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Maczynski
Action: Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed: None

Subsidiary Motion : Suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director, Hansel Mathlaw.

Moved by: Herman
Seconded by: Fansler
Action: Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed: None

Primary Amendment: Amend the main motion to strike under 10-73-692, \$10,624 and insert \$4,924.

Moved by: Fansler
Seconded by: Herman
Action: Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed: None

Subsidiary Motion : Suspend the rules to hear from the Public Works Director, Muzzafar Lakhani.

Moved by: Fansler
Seconded by: Maczynski
Action: Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed: None

Item B-Introduction Of Ordinance 15-05: Amending The City Of Bethel Terminal Tariff.

Main Motion: Postpone indefinitely.

Moved by: Springer
Seconded by: Herman
Action: Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor: Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed: None

Item C-KYUK Appeal Hearing On The Denial Of A Public Request For Information.
Item postponed until the next regular City Council meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A – AM 15-11: Alisha Welch To The Public Safety And Transportation Commission.

Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B – Personal Time Off Request For City Manager Capela, April 17 Through May 1, 2015.

Passed on the consent agenda.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

XII. MANAGER'S REPORT

XIII. CLERK'S REPORT

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Zach Fansler –

Sad that the Swanson's store is closing; thoughts go out to the employees. Encouraged the public to contact him with any concerns they may have.

Council Member Chuck Herman –

Congratulations to the BRHS Basket ball teams who both made it to State. Hope Pete Kaiser wins the Iditarod.

Council Member Mark Springer –

Condolences to the family and friends of Paul John, a great Yup'ik leader for this region.

Personally very upset about the Swanson's store closing. It is a tragedy and a blow to the economy. Any employers out there should be welcoming to the Swanson's employees, they are hard working individuals.

The community is facing large economic development issues; hopes the City Manager is able to reach out to the Native Corporations to help market that space at the BNC building when the store closes this Friday.

Congratulated Earl Samuelson on his retirement from the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety.

Council Member Byron Maczynski –

No comments.

Vice-Mayor Albertson –

Thoughts go out to the employees at Swanson's. The closing of the store is going to be difficult for our community.

The weather is cold, be safe out there.

Mayor Richard Robb –

Very concerned about the closing of the Swanson’s store, approximately 80 people will be out of a job. Also hopes that AC does not take advantage of this situation. Wished the best to Pete Kaiser in his Iditarod run and also Joan Klejka for the Jr. Iditarod run.

Joint Task Force Meeting was held with ONC last night. The Councils will be focusing on domestic violence prevention measures.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item A - Executive Session To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Clerk 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.

Move into Executive Session To Discuss The Annual Evaluation Of The City Clerk 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 included in the Executive Session will be the City Council Members and City Clerk.

Main Motion:

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Fansler
Action:	Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed:	None

Main Motion:

In accordance with Section 4 of the Employee Contract 3% salary increase.

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed:	None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion:

Adjourn

Moved by:	Springer
Seconded by:	Albertson
Action:	Passes by a vote of 6-0
In favor:	Fansler, Herman, Springer, Albertson, Maczynski and Robb
Opposed:	None

Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk