

Introduced by: Mayor Michelle DeWitt
Date: October 27, 2020
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution 20-17

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, EXTENDING RESOLUTION 20-13 FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2020 UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCES WHICH EXTEND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-08

- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to an anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska, and that emergency remains ongoing;
- WHEREAS,** the increase in COVID-19 cases in our community presents a health and safety concern; to mitigate the impacts, the City Council passed Resolution 20-13 which held all public meetings of the Council, committees, commissions, and boards, through virtual means until November 1, 2020 and allowed for extension of the Resolution by Council;
- WHEREAS,** Emergency Ordinance 20-08 by the Bethel City Council temporarily authorized the City Manager and/or City Council to modify or suspend sections of the Bethel Municipal Code regarding public meetings and participation to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the City during a state-declared public health emergency;
- WHEREAS,** with a mandate for virtual participation for our elected and appointed officials, the costs borne by our municipal volunteers shall be offset by vouchers funded by CARES Act funds;
- WHEREAS,** the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known; therefore it remains vital for the City of Bethel to be prepared and take all needed precautions until the pandemic no longer presents a threat;

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

Section 1. The Bethel City Council extends Resolution 20-13 which implements virtual meetings for all committee, commission, board and council meetings of the City of Bethel. Further, exemptions for in-person participation will be provided to the Chair, Recorder, Ex Officio member, and the City Clerk,

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City Manager and Mayor of each respective body, board, commission, committee, or council

Section 2. The Bethel City Council extends Resolution 20-13 which authorizes the distribution of \$10 vouchers to appointed and elected officials (members) for each meeting attended virtually, however the member must be present for at least 75% of the meeting, and be appointed or elected to the body.

Section 3. Effective and Expiration Date. This Resolution is effective November 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect until Emergency Ordinances which extend Emergency Ordinance 20-08 expire.

ENACTED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk