

Introduced by: Alan Lanning, Interim City Manager
Introduction Date: September 12, 2023
Public Hearing Date: September 26, 2023
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance 23-11 (a)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BETHEL FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING 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 2024.

WHEREAS, the City is responsible for complying with the State of Alaska Public Records Act (AS 10.25.100-40.25.295) which states generally, a person may request a public agency's public records, and the agency must disclose the requested record unless they are protected from disclosure;

WHEREAS, the city's social media posts and the public's comments and messages (amended and deleted) on the City's social media accounts fall under this public record disclosure requirement;

WHEREAS, after an audit and reevaluation of the current archival services, it was determined the current provider does not meet the performance standards required by the City Clerk's Office, the requested additional funds will be used to amplify the City's archival ability, maximizing our search and retrieval processes to help ensure the City is able to effectively respond to public records requests;

A-1 City Clerk				
Line Item	Description	Approved Appropriations	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Total Appropriations
100-52-6335	Other Purchased Svs.	\$23,800	\$5,500	\$29,300
100-10100	Cash in Combined Funds	\$8,352,397	(\$5,500)	\$8,346,897

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WHEREAS, the City of Bethel entered into an agreement with community partner, Bethel Friends of Canines, in April of 2023, which stipulates, the City's payment of \$85,000 annually through June 30, 2024, in exchange, Bethel Friends of Canines agreed to: manage and operate the animal shelter; provide care and impoundment of animals; provide redemption, adoption, and disposition services; promote education on care and treatment of animals; enforce animal control ordinances; collect fees and keep associated animal control records;

WHEREAS, IM 23-09, presented to the Council during the FY24 budget amendment special meetings, outlined two possible amendments to the City's agreement for additional services that could be performed by Bethel Friends of Canines for additional fees, although discussed, an amendment to the city's operating budget was never presented for consideration;

WHEREAS, the proposed \$30,000 increase to the annual budgetary expense listed in A-2, is associated with an amendment to the agreement (presented through AM 23-xx) increasing the City's fees for the partnership to \$115,000 and include the following additional services:

- Agents of the Contractor are hereby deputized by the Bethel Police Department as volunteer animal control officers to write citations.
- All dogs released from the shelter will be verified for rabies vaccination or vaccinated by Contractor before release.
- Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Contractor will respond to calls to pick up owner surrenders and stray dogs.
- Contractor will respond to and aid the Bethel Police Department in picking up animals related to arrests or other enforcement actions conducted by law enforcement.


A-2 Community Services				
Line Item	Description	Approved Appropriations	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Total Appropriations
100-72-6171	Bethel Friends of Canines	\$85,000	\$30,000	\$115,000
100-10100	Cash in Combined Funds	\$8,346,897	(\$30,000)	\$8,316,897

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

ENACTED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST: 
Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Rose Henderson, Mayor

