

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on August 6, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Edna DeVries, Mayor	Linda Combs
Julie Berberich	Sabrina Combs
Steve Carrington, Deputy Mayor	David Fuller (participated telephonically)

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk	Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	6 Yes/1 (Vacant)
Action:	Motion Carried

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Lee Henrikson testified that members of the Council voting for Richard Best were going against the voters' opinion at the October 2018 election.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Committee of a Whole:
 - a. Review of Council Member Applicants

Hearing no motion to enter into a Committee of the Whole, Mayor DeVries closed the agenda item.

2. Selection and Appointment of City Council Member

Mayor DeVries recapped the selection and appointment process and stated expectations for the evening's process. Mayor DeVries opened the floor for nominations.

Deputy Mayor Carrington nominated Richard Best.

Council Member S. Combs nominated Jill Valerius.

Hearing no further nominations Mayor DeVries closed the nominations and called for a vote.

Vote on Nomination: Richard W. Best

In favor:	Carrington, L. Combs, DeVries
Action:	Not Appointed

Vote on Nomination: Jill Valerius

In favor:	Berberich, S. Combs, Fuller
Action:	Not Appointed

City Attorney Michael Gatti was asked to provide legal opinion on interpretation of the Code regarding the appointment vacancy and tie vote. Mr. Gatti advised the Council to follow the Code and appoint someone.

Main Motion: To Move the City Council Nomination to August 13, 2019

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	
Action:	Motion Failed for Lack of Second

Council Member S. Combs requested legal counsel on consequences of leaving the seat vacant. Mr. Gatti stated that the Council needed to follow the Code.

Main Motion: Decide Nomination by Coin Toss

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	
Action:	Motion Failed for Lack of Second

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 6:43 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Discussion ensued on nominating Imran Chaudhry.

Deputy Mayor Carrington nominated Imran Chaudhry.

Council Member S. Combs nominated Jill Valerius.

Vote on Nomination: Imran Chaudhry

In favor:	Carrington, L. Combs, DeVries
Action:	Not Appointed

Vote on Nomination: Jill Valerius

In favor:	Berberich, S. Combs, Fuller
Action:	Not Appointed

Council Member S. Combs nominated Imran Chaudhry and requested the city clerk call Imran to see if he was available for an interview.

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

City Clerk Alley announced Imran Chaudhry was not available for a phone interview due to being out of state on business.

Main Motion: To Recess and Reconvene on August 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. for Further Discussion on the Applicants

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	DeVries
Vote:	2 Yes/4 No (Berberich, Carrington, S. Combs, Fuller)/1 Vacant
Action:	Motion Failed for Lack of Majority

Vote on Nomination: Imran Chaudhry

In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, S. Combs, Fuller
Action:	Appointed

G. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported there were no Items Placed on the Table.

H. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

No direction was given to staff for legislation to be placed on a future agenda.

I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of August, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor