

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on August 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Due to COVID-19 Mayor DeVries was present in the Council Chambers while the Council Members participated in the meeting by teleconference.

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

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Julie Berberich (participated by teleconference)

Richard W. Best (participated by teleconference)

Steve Carrington (participated by teleconference)

Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor (participated by teleconference)

Sabrina Combs (participated by teleconference)

Jill Valerius (participated by teleconference)

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated by teleconference)

Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

~~a. Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing to a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, for **Ordinance No. 20-008**: Repealing Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 5.32 Marijuana Businesses, Prohibiting the Operation of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities, Marijuana Manufacturing Facilities, Marijuana Testing Facilities, and Retail Marijuana Stores Pursuant to AS 17.38.110 Local Control, but Not Restricting Industrial Hemp as Defined Herein~~

b. **Resolution No. 20-021**: Appointing Election Officials for the City of Palmer Regular Election on Tuesday, October 6, 2020

c. **Action Memorandum No. 20-055**: Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase One International Sand Truck Chassis in the Amount of \$102,657.12 Under the Governmental and Proprietary Procurements Section of Palmer Municipal Code 3.21.230 by Attaching the Purchase to the Sourcewell Vehicle and Chassis Contract#081716-NAVS Awarded to Navistar Inc. for New International Trucks

2. Approval of Minutes

a. July 14, 2020, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda, Consent Agenda, and Minutes

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	Berberich

Primary Amendment #1: To Move D. 1. a. on the Agenda to New Business H. 1.

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

Vote on Motion: To Approve the Agenda, Consent Agenda, and Minutes, as Amended

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

E. REPORTS

1. City Manager’s Report
 - a. Cares Act Grant Program and Conflict of Interest

City Manager Moosey reported on the following:

- Cares Act funding;
- Cares Act grants and potential conflict of interest;
- Audit review of Cares Act rulings;
- Title 4 updates;
- Request for Proposal updates;
- Traffic study and speeding in town;
- Annual staff training requirements; and
- COVID-19 impacts for staff.

Council deliberation commenced on the potential conflict of interest for Cares Act grants.

2. City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Alley reported on the following:

- Absentee By Mail Ballot requests;
- Location move of Precinct 11-075 to the Mat-Su Borough Gym;
- Available means of voting;
- Important Election dates; and
- Initiative Petition update.

3. Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report.

4. City Attorney’s Report

None.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Janelle Gagnon spoke in regard to Ordinance No. 20-007.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

City Clerk Alley read written testimony into the record (see official meeting packet for written testimony).

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Resolution No. 20-019:** Issuance of Utility Revenue Bonds in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$8,000,000.00 to Finance Wastewater Utility Improvements, as Required by Federal Consent Decree, and to Submit the Question of the Issuance of such Bonds to the Qualified Voters of the City at the October 6, 2020 City Election (2nd Public Hearing) (Pending Motion)

City Manager Moosey presented the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-019. Hearing no objections from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

Vote on Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-019

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Resolution No. 20-005-A:** Amending the 2020 City of Palmer Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-005-A.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

Hearing no objections from Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-005-A

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Berberich
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing to a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, for **Ordinance No. 20-008:** Repealing Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 5.32 Marijuana Businesses, Prohibiting the Operation of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities, Marijuana Manufacturing Facilities, Marijuana Testing Facilities, and Retail Marijuana Stores Pursuant to AS 17.38.110 Local Control, but Not Restricting Industrial Hemp as Defined Herein

Main Motion: Ordinance No 20-008 To Support Cancelling the Public Hearing and Send Petition Measure to the October 2020 Ballot

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	4 Yes/3 No (Berberich, S. Combs, Valerius)
Action:	Motion Carried

Council Member Carrington left the meeting at 8:43 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m.

I. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported written testimony were Items Placed on the Table.

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

Mr. Mike Chemeleski spoke on Ordinance No. 20-007.

K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of September, 2020.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor