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Council Member Joshua Tudor

City Manager John Moosey City Clerk Shelly M. Acteson, CMC City Attorney Sarah Heath, Esq. City of Palmer, Alaska Regular City Council Meeting March 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM

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Palmer Mayor's Report

Timeline of the Palmer Public Library:

- 1935 Colonist's collected books in a colony tent, later moved to Rev. Bingle's basement.
- 1945 First meeting of the Palmer Library Association. Articles of Incorporation filed with Territory of Alaska.
- 1945 Books moved to the Barber Shop of the Rec. Hall of the Matanuska Maid
- Co-op.
- 1946 Office of the Auditor issues Certificate of Incorporation.
- **1947** First Story Hour March 1947.
- 1948 Books moved to Al King's heated (but dim) garage on South Alaska (Mat. Maid started charging rent).
- 1949 ARRC donated land west of Kosolosky's store for a library.
- 1951 New red chicken coop was opened for checking out books. Oil heater was
- temperamental. No running water and willow bushes out back often served as bathroom.
- 1967 Library moved to new addition to City Hall and fire station. City officials and library board obtained federal funding for larger, modern building.
- 1979 Sally Attwood Gwin is first professional librarian for Palmer Public Library. Library has been run by volunteers from 1935 to 1979. Borough and City tax money and grants support the library.
- 1985 Current building is dedicated and the 18,000 books are moved into spacious setting.
- 2010 Palmer Public Library has 60,000 books, 15 public access computers, children's section and bathrooms with running water.