

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 23, 2021, 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

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

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| Edna DeVries, Mayor | Sabrena Combs, Deputy Mayor |
| Julie Berberich (participated telephonically) | Brian Daniels |
| Richard W. Best (participated telephonically) | Jill Valerius (participated telephonically) |
| Steve Carrington | |

Staff in attendance were the following:

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| John Moosey, City Manager | Chad Cameron, Fire Chief |
| Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk | Shayne LaCroix, Police Commander |
| Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated telephonically) | Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk |
| Cynthia Cartledge, Bond Counsel (participated telephonically) | |

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 1. **Action Memorandum No. 21-018:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection for the Renewal of Liquor License No. 4064 for the Palmer Municipal Golf Course Located at 1000 E. Lepak Avenue
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. February 9, 2021, Regular Meeting
 - b. February 23, 2021, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels
Vote:	6 Yes/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation of a Proclamation for Honoring Education and Sharing Day

Mayor Devries read and presented the proclamation to Rabbi Mendi Greenberg recognizing Education and Sharing Day. Rabbi Greenberg spoke on the importance of education, character building, and communities supporting the young people.

2. Update from Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) Director of Public Relations Julie Estey

Ms. Julie Estey, Matanuska Electric Association Director of Public Affairs, spoke on their upcoming elections, annual meeting to be held virtually, a future Board Meeting to discuss carbon reduction, how to report danger trees, and funding to help offset utility bills due to COVID-19.

3. Update from Rodeo Alaska Executive Director Frank Koloski Regarding the 2021 Professional Bull Riding Event

Mr. Frank Koloski, Rodeo Alaska Executive Director, gave an update on how the 2021 Professional Rodeo Event was progressing.

F. REPORTS

Council Member Best joined the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

1. City Manager's Report

Police Commander LaCroix introduced new Police Officer Nick White.

City Manager Moosey reported on the MSB looking to do a sewer feasibility study, federal government doing financial earmarks of one percent of state's annual budgets provided to each state representative, upcoming meeting with the mayor and Senator Hughes, and the Strategic Planning Meeting report to be available at the next Council Meeting.

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley reported on two Senate Bills regarding elections, redistricting and the impact on election precincts, and thanked the Council for signing and returning the Code of Ethics and Conduct so quickly.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries reported on recent meetings and spoke on an upcoming meeting with city manager and Senator Hughes.

4. City Attorney's Report

None.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mike Chmielewski spoke on tourism and the rising COVID-19 numbers in the Valley.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 21-011:** Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for an Alaska Clean Water Fund (State Revolving Fund) Loan ("State Financing") in the Principal Amount not to Exceed \$8,052,000.00 to Provide Interim Funding as Required by the United States Department of Agriculture, to Finance the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of Two Secondary Clarifiers at the Palmer Wastewater Treatment Facility

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 21-011. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 21-011

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 21-019:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Sign an Agreement for Mutual Aid Emergency Assistance with the Municipality of Anchorage

Fire Chief Cameron provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-019

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of Which Would Clearly Have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Public Entity and Matter which by Law, Municipal Charter, or Ordinances are Required to be Confidential – Potential Litigation Attorney Client Communication: State of Alaska City of Palmer Dispatch Agreement (note: action may be taken by the council following the executive session)

Main Motion: To Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of Which Would Clearly Have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Public Entity and Matter which by Law, Municipal Charter, or Ordinances are Required to be Confidential – Potential Litigation Attorney Client Communication: State of Alaska City of Palmer Dispatch Agreement (note: action may be taken by the council following the executive session)

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

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. and exited at 8:32 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon exiting the Executive Session consensus, of the Council, was to keep the dispatch agreement on the agenda as an Executive Session until the matter is resolved.

K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported no items were placed on the table.

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Berberich and Council Member Valerius sponsored legislation for a future agenda regarding a vote from home feasibility study.

N. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of April, 2021.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor