

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on May 11, 2021, at 7:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Mayor DeVries requested it be recorded, that due to the preceding special meeting adjourning at 6:56 p.m. the regular meeting was delayed in starting.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Julie Berberich (participated telephonically)

Richard W. Best (participated telephonically)

Steve Carrington

Sabrena Combs, Deputy Mayor

Brian Daniels

Jill Valerius (participated telephonically)

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk (participated telephonically)

Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated telephonically)

Cynthia Cartledge, City Bond Attorney (participated telephonically)

Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Council Member Best joined the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing for May 25, 2021, for **Ordinance No. 21-005:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 17.36 Industrial District, 17.58 Business Park and Enacting 17.28.020 Palmer Commercial Land Use Matrix
- b. Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing for May 25, 2021, for **Ordinance No. 21-006:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 17.64.050 Central Business District Boundaries, Deleting Section 17.64.055 Fee-in-Lieu, and Amending Section 17.64.080 Landscaping Requirements
- c. Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing for May 25, 2021, for **Ordinance No. 21-007:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 18.05.067 Pertaining to Election Proposition and Questions Referral Deadlines
- d. **Action Memorandum No. 21-030:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Pioneer Door Inc. for Procurement and Installation of a New 12' x 12' Rolling Steel Garage Door at the WWTP in the Amount of \$15,360.47
- e. **Action Memorandum No. 21-031:** 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. 2098 for the Oaken Keg 1739 Located at 664 East Palmer-Wasilla Highway

- f. **Action Memorandum No. 21-032:** 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. 39 for the Alaska State Fair Located at 2075 Glenn Highway
- 2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. April 13, 2021, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius

Primary Amendment #1: To Postpone I.6 to May 25, 2021, City Council Meeting and Remove J.1 From the Agenda

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

Primary Amendment #2: To Move I.1 and I.2 on the Agenda to Consent Agenda

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	Combs
Vote:	4 Yes/3 No (Best, Carrington, DeVries)
Action:	Motion Carried

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

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

- 1. Presentation on Redistricting from Alaska Redistricting Board Executive Director Peter Torkelson

Mr. Peter Torkelson Alaska Redistricting Board Executive Director, spoke on the timeline of the upcoming changes to voter redistricting due to the 2020 Census.

- 2. Presentation on Police Task Force by Mat-Su Moms for Social Justice Representatives Andrea Hackbarth, Meggie Aube-Trammel, and Laura Ojeda-Melchor

Withdrew from Communications and Appearance request at Special City Council Meeting on May 11, 2021.

- 3. Presentation of Proclamation Declaring May 16-26, 2021, as Public Works Week

Mayor Devries read and presented a proclamation to the Palmer Public Works Department recognizing their outstanding service to the community.

F. REPORTS

- 1. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Moosey requested to have City Attorney Gatti represent the city going forward in all matters regarding Cedar Park Subdivision.

Main Motion: To Allow the City Manager to Move Forward with Cedar Park Using Representation of City Attorney Mike Gatti

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

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley thanked the city council in their support of her achieving her Athenian and being able to represent the city at the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Conference in Michigan.

3. Mayor's Report
a. Memorial Day Proclamation

Mayor DeVries postponed Memorial Day Proclamation to May 25, 2021 City Council Meeting.

b. City of Palmer Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week

Mayor Devries read and presented a proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week to the family of fallen city of Palmer Police Officer Jim Rowland.

4. City Attorney's Report

None.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Noel DeVries spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Mike Coons spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Lloyd Thurman spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Karen Crandle spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Nick Brockett spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Beth Fread spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Burt Houghtaling spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Debbie Richards spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

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

Mr. Dave Maxwell spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Angie Hutching spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Dickey Hudgins spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Cindy Hudgins spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Sarah Heath spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Linda Spohn spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Mark Spohn spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. John Loew spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. James York spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Robyn Bjork spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. John Vinduska spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Steve Faulkner spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Garret Nelson spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Gordon DeVries spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Corie DeVries spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Don Maupin spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Earl Lalkey spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Heather Orzalli spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Richard York spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Tony Tabor spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Madison Hutching spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Amanda Pagaran spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Douglas Nelsen spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Jack Lorrigan spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. David Miller spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. L.D. Howard spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Sawyer Grader spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Michelle Zorbe spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Lucy Klebesadel spoke establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Andy Kosachuk spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Wendy Palin spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mr. Erik Anderson spoke regarding city variances, and the appointment of the city attorney for future city contact with Cedar Park.

Ms. Kim Swanson spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Jack Goforth spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Lara Losure spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Betty Doggett spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Ms. Cheri Crippen spoke against establishing a Police Department Advisory Board.

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 9:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Resolution No. 21-018:** Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a Utility Revenue Bond by the City in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$8,052,000.00 for Purposes of Financing Costs of Wastewater Utility Capital Improvements; Establishing the Terms of the Utility Revenue Bond; and Related Matters

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 21-018.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman requested a motion to continue the public hearing at another time and spoke on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

Hearing no objection from Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 21-018

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

2. **Resolution No. 21-019:** Amending the 2021 City of Palmer Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021 by Appropriating \$1,580,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water/Sewer Fund for Payment of Costs of the Engineering, Constructing and Installing Secondary Clarifiers at the Palmer Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 21-019.

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

Mr. Erik Anderson spoke on how this would affect the city's infrastructure, funding for future projects, and future city growth.

Hearing no objection from Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 21-019

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

I. NEW BUSINESS

- ~~1. **Action Memorandum No. 21-031:** 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. 2098 for the Oaken Keg 1739 Located at 664 East Palmer Wasilla Highway~~
- ~~2. **Action Memorandum No. 21-032:** 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. 39 for the Alaska State Fair Located at 2075 Glenn Highway~~

Action Memorandum No. 21-031 and Action Memorandum No. 21-032 was moved to the Consent Agenda.

3. **Action Memorandum No. 21-033:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$250.00 to Alaska Farmland Trust for the Drive Your Tractor to Work Day Event

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-033

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

4. **Action Memorandum No. 21-034:** Approving the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with Resource Data, Inc., for Vote from Home Feasibility Study Services for the City of Palmer in the Amount of \$3,000.00

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-034

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	4 Yes/3 No (Best, Carrington, DeVries)
Action:	Motion Carried

5. **Action Memorandum No. 21-035:** Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase One Case CX37C Mini Excavator with Attachments in an Amount Not to Exceed \$69,947.50, Under the Governmental and Proprietary Procurements Section of Palmer Municipal Code 3.21.230 by Attaching to the Sourcewell Contract#32119-CNH Awarded to CNH Industrial America LLC

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-035

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

6. ~~**Committee of the Whole:** Discussion Regarding Annexation~~

Postponed to May 25, 2021 City Council Meeting due to time constraints.

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)~~
- 2. Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Evaluation (Note: action may be taken following the executive session)

Mayor DeVries announced the council was going to enter into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person – City Manager.

Main Motion: To Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Subjects that Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager

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

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 10:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 10:17 p.m. and exited at 10:46 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Upon exiting the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting, the following motions were made:

Main Motion: To Increase Salary by 3% Following a Satisfactory Evaluation and Have Increase Take Effect on June 15, 2021

To Show a Vote of Confidence in the City Manager

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

K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Deputy City Clerk Johnson reported written public testimony and Resolution No. 21-018 were Items Placed on the Table (see official meeting packet for items placed on the table).

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Erik Anderson thanked City Clerk Alley for all the help she has given in answering his questions regarding city variances.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Berberich and Best requested the Connectivity of Palmer Study, that previous Council Member LaFrance had done be brought back for the council to study.

Council Member Valerius requested a review of the process of setting the Agenda due to concerns with the process.

N. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of June, 2021.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor