

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 8, 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:

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

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager	Brad Hanson, Community Development Director
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk	Kimberly Green, Human Resources Specialist
Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated telephonically)	Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Consent Agenda
  - a. ~~Action Memorandum No. 21-037: Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services to Receive Funding to Encourage and Increase Access to Support Covid-19 Activities~~
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. May 11, 2021, Special Meeting
  - b. May 11, 2021, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels

**Primary Amendment #1: To Move D.1.a. to H.3. on the Agenda**

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

**Primary Amendment #2: To Remove the Executive Session**

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	Best
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

City Manager Moosey reported on the meeting with Mayor DeVries and State of Alaska Department of Public Safety Commissioner Jim Cockrell. Stated he is waiting on an answer from Governor Dunleavy since the Troopers are stating that it will possibly be another 2 to 3 years before the city will have service.

2. City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Alley requested Council to accept her resignation and to make a decision on how to go forward in the recruitment process of a new City Clerk.

Ms. Kimberly Green City Human Resources Specialist provided clarification on the City Clerk recruitment process.

**Main Motion: To Schedule a Special Meeting at 6 p.m. on June 22, 2021, for City Clerk Recruitment with a Possible Executive Session to Follow**

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

3. Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries requested Council to have nominations for Palmer Pride for next council meeting.

4. City Attorney’s Report

None.

**F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Jackie Goforth Concerned Citizens of Palmer spoke on communism within the community.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski spoke on much City Clerk Alley will be missed.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **Ordinance No. 21-008:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.20 Regarding Garbage Collection and Disposal

City Manager Moosey provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-008. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 21-008**

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels

**Primary Amendment #1: To Approve City Attorney Gatti Suggested Changes**

Moved by:	Best
Action:	Failed for Lack of Second

**Motion to Postpone: To Postpone Until June 22, 2021 City Council Meeting for City Manager Moosey and City Attorney Gatti to Provide Additional Clarification on Proposed Amendments**

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

2. **Ordinance No. 21-009:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 13.16.025 Water Supply System

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-009. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 21-009**

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

3. **Resolution No. 21-020:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate the Reversion of Tract E-2 of the Replat of Tract A, B, E and H-2 Palmer Industrial Park Subdivision to the City of Palmer and Prepare a Resolution Authorizing the Sale to Northland Hangers LLC for Industrial Purposes per Palmer Municipal Code 3.20.080

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-020. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 21-020**

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

4. **Resolution No. 21-021:** Authorizing the City Manager to Conduct a Public Land Sale for 1891 S. Chugach (17N02E04C004) as Authorized by Palmer Municipal Code 3.20.080

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-021. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 21-021**

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

## H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 21-038:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection to Grant a Marijuana License to Connoisseur Lounge, LLC Located at 226 West Evergreen Avenue, Suite 2, Marijuana License No. 27522

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-038**

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

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 8:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

2. **Committee of the Whole:** Discussion Regarding Annexation

**Main Motion: To Enter Into Committee of the Whole**

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

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 8:17 p.m.

Topics addressed in the Committee of the Whole included:

- Location of areas to include of annexation;
- Areas that would benefit the most;
- Redrawing of annexation lines on proposed map;
- Most feasible way to move forward;
- How long the process would take;
- Cost of moving forward with annexation; and
- Projected timeline.

The Mayor adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

Upon exiting the Committee of the Whole the following motion was made:

**Main Motion: To Direct the City Manager to Prepare a Feasibility Study and Timeline for Annexation**

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

3. **Action Memorandum No. 21-037:** Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services to Receive Funding to Encourage and Increase Access to Support Covid -19 Activities

*Action Memorandum No. 21-037 was moved from the Consent Agenda.*

City Manager Moosey provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-037**

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

**I. 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)~~

**J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**

City Clerk Alley reported no Items Placed on the Table

**K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Dicky Hudgins spoke against Action Memorandum No. 21-037.

Ms. Cindy Hudgins spoke against Action Memorandum No. 21-037.

Ms. Jackie Goforth spoke against COVID-19 vaccine.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski spoke on people being able to have diverse choices.

**L. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

**Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.**

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Nichole Degner, Interim City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor