

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on December 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Steve Carrington, Mayor
Richard W. Best (on Zoom)
Sabrena Combs

Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor
Brian Daniels
Jill Valerius (on Zoom)

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk

Michael Gatti, City Attorney (on Zoom)

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda as presented

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

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3 minutes per person)

Julie Estey, Matanuska Electric Association Representative, presented the City with a capital credit check in the amount of \$9,405.17.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Committee of the Whole:** Presentation of the 2022 Budget (Note: action may be taken by the Council following Committee of the Whole)
 - a. City of Palmer Budget
 - b. City of Palmer Pay Plan
 - c. City of Palmer Fee Schedule
 - d. City of Palmer Fine Schedule
 - e. City of Palmer Capital Improvement Program

Main Motion: To Enter Into Committee of the Whole

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

City Manager Moosey discussed proposed personnel changes to the 2022 budget.

Finance Director Gina Davis and Public Works Director Jude Balifer were in attendance to respond to Council questions.

The council exited the Committee of the Whole at 7:02 p.m.

Main Motion: To Approve a 2021 bonus of \$1,000 to all full-time employees and \$500 bonus to all Part Time Employees

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

Discussion followed, and Finance Director Gina Davis provided information concerning the financial impact of the motion.

G. RECORDS OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

- Memo from Manager Moosey regarding 2022 budget amendments

H. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Daniels:

- Thanked MEA for the capital credits check to the city.
- Thanked staff for the informative budget presentations.
- Read aloud the Findings of Ethics Investigation 10-13-21 memo from Police Chief Dwayne Shelton.
- Respectfully requested that Council Member Best resign.

Council Member Best:

- Questioned Council Member Daniels' assertions.
- Recapped the City Code of Ethics document.
- Requested a review of the situation.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked MEA for the check to the city.
- Expressed excitement for the upcoming Colony Christmas event.

Council Member Combs:

- Looking forward to further discussion concerning the report from Chief Shelton.
- Commented favorably on proactive planning for city projects.
- Remarked on the fun filled Colony Christmas event.
- Spoke in favor of the employee bonus approved earlier in the meeting.

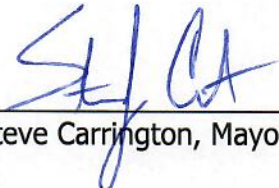
Council Member Valerius:

- Commented favorably on planning out future city projects and the Colony Christmas event.
- Spoke in favor Council exhibiting decorum, professionalism, and "doing the right thing".

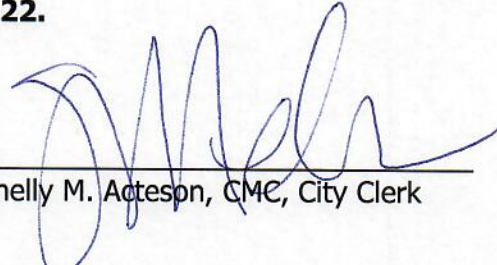
I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Approved this 8 day of January, 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Aateson, CMC, City Clerk