

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on November 10, 2020, 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 (participated telephonically) | |

Staff in attendance were the following:

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| John Moosey, City Manager | Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated telephonically) |
| Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk | Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk |

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing for November 24, 2020, for **Ordinance No. 20-015:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 2.04.160 Regarding Council Community Grants
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 20-078:** Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase One Stainless Steel Sander, Belly Blade, and Hydraulic Controls with Installation from Bob’s Services, LLC, in the Amount of \$78,216.00 Under the Palmer Municipal Code Section 3.21.230 Section Governmental and Proprietary Procurements by Attaching to the State of Alaska Equipment Fleet Bid
 - c. **Action Memorandum No. 20-079:** Accepting Commission Member Richard Benedetto’s Resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. October 12, 2020, Special Meeting
 - b. October 13, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

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

Council Member Best joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

- 1. Presentation from Rodeo Alaska Executive Director Frank Koloski Regarding the 2021 Professional Rodeo Cowboy Event at the Palmer Fairgrounds

Mr. Frank Koloski spoke on the 2021 Professional Rodeo Cowboy Event and requested for the city’s support of \$7,500.00

City Council directed the city manager to prepare legislation to provide a Council Community Grant.

F. REPORTS

- 1. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Moosey reported he would be attending the Alaska Municipal League Conference.

- 2. City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Alley provided an update on the CUP Appeal Hearing No. 20-004, City charter amendments, and the upcoming Alaska Municipal League Conference.

- 3. Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report, requested changes to proposed Alaska Municipal League resolutions, and stated she would be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at Matanuska Brewing Company.

- 4. City Attorney’s Report

None.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Julie Estey, Matanuska Electric Association Senior Director of External Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke on the Capital Credit Program and informed Council of current district seat is open.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. **Ordinance No. 20-014:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 18.27.020 Voting Methods Relating to Absentee Voting – By Mail

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-014.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 20-014.

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

City Clerk Alley provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 20-014

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius

Primary Amendment #1: To Remove D.1. and D.2. and Replace with "in the presence of one witness who is at least 18 years of age if an authorized official is not reasonably accessible"

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	6 Yes/1 No (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

Secondary Amendment #1: To Remove "if an authorized official is not reasonably accessible" in D.2.

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

Vote on Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 20-014, as Amended

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- Resolution No. 20-028:** Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for Both a Loan and Grant from the United States of America, Acting Through the Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility Service, to Finance Improvements to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$8,000,000.00

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-028. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

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

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-028

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

- Resolution No. 20-029:** Authorizing the Sale of 12.65 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 2390 S. Glenn Highway to Alaska Frontier Fabrication, LLC, in the Amount of \$408,300.00 in Accordance with Palmer Municipal Code Section 3.20.080(M)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-029.

Mr. Seth Grove, owner Alaska Frontier Fabrication, LLC, spoke in favor of Resolution No. 20-029.

City Clerk Alley read written testimony into the record (see official meeting packet for written testimony).

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

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

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-029

Vote:	Combs
Action:	Valerius

Motion to Postpone: To Postpone Resolution No. 20-029 Until a Current Property Appraisal is Completed on 2390 South Glenn Highway

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

- Resolution No. 20-030:** Approving the Disposal of City Property by Vacation to Garic Hayes General Contractor LLC and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Required for the Vacation of the Property to Garic Hayes General Contractor, LLC

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-030. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 9:09 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

City Manager Moosey and Community Development Director Brad Hanson provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-030

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

- Resolution No. 20-031:** Authorizing Round III of the City of Palmer Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) CARES Grants

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-031. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

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

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-031

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

I. NEW BUSINESS

- Committee of the Whole:** Presentation of the 2021 Budget

Due to lack of Motion, Council did not enter into Committee of the Whole.

J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported the supplemental material for the Mayors Report, written public testimony, and supplemental material for Resolution No. 20-029 were Items Placed on the Table.

K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mike Chmielewski testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

L. COUNCIL MEMBER 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 9:43 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of January, 2021.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor