

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 25, 2022, 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	Sabrena Combs (participated telephonically)
Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor	Brian Daniels
Richard W. Best (participated telephonically)	Jill Valerius (participated telephonically)

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager	Sarah Heath, City Attorney
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk	Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) **Action Memorandum No. 22-007:** To Authorize the City Manager to Execute a New Lease with Birdhouse Holdings, LLC on Helipad Lease Lot's 1 and 2 Block 3, Palmer Municipal Airport for the Purpose of Constructing a New Aircraft Hangar
 - b) **Action Memorandum No. 22-008:** Authorize the City Manager to Purchase One TR310 Case Compact Track Loader and Attachments 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
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a) December 14, 2021, Regular Meeting

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

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUEST

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report
City Manager Moosey reported the following:
 - Letter of Support for the Governor's 2023 Bond Program.
 - Met with Mayors & Murkowski on Making America Better partnership.

2. Mayor's Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Interviews conducted for the open council member position.
- Attendance in the Arctic Symposium Program via zoom.
- City of Palmer hosted a Managers and Mayor meeting in Council Chambers.

3. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Acteson reported the following:

- Recall petition has sufficient number of signatures.
- Official notification of timeline will be at February 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.
- Introduction of Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk.

4. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Heath reported the following:

- Asked for clarification from Council on how they would like the process and updates on Council Members seeking Attorney insight.

G. OATH OF OFFICE NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Council Member Carolina Anzilotti was sworn in as a new Council Member by City Clerk Acteson.

H. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Diane Firmani:

- Addressed the removal of her late husband Dave "The Hammer" memorial plaque removed from the MTA Events Center

Mike Coons:

- Asked where the money for the special election comes from.
- Asked for the resignation of Council Members Combs, Daniels and Valerius.
- Commented in favor of opening the Alcan Highway for food to come into Alaska.

Brice Burkhart:

- Provided clarification on Council grant for Who Let the Girls Out.

Dickey Hudgins:

- Commented unfavorably on Moms for Social Justice Matter Facebook group.

Kerry Saunders:

- Encouraged Council to rehang plaque for "The Hammer".

Mike Chmielewski:

- Expressed confusion about process of discussion that happened among Council Members concerning rehangging the plaque.
- Encouraged new staff and Council Member to speak up and ask questions.

Jackie Goforth:

- Provided open meetings act info from the City of Fairbanks.
- Commented on the City's Ethics Policy.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings were held.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 22-009:** Approving a Council Community Grant to United Way of Mat-Su

Main Motion: AM 22-009, CC Grant to United Way, requested \$2,500

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Tabled

Council Member Best questioned the use of the funds. Manager Moosey and Council Member Combs provided additional information.

Primary Amendment #1: To Amend amount from \$2,500 to \$1,500

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	N/A
Vote:	No vote
Action:	Motion Failed for Lack of a second

Primary Amendment #2: To Table Action on AM 22-009, until the next meeting, awaiting more information from United Way of Mat-Su

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion carried

2. Action Memorandum No. 22-010: Approving a Council Community Grant to Who let the Girls Out

Main Motion: Action Memorandum No. 22-010: Approving a Council Community Grant to Who let the Girls Out

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

Primary Amendment #1: To Amend amount from \$2,500 to \$1,500

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

3. **Action Memorandum No. 22-011:** the Authorizing City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Three-year Brand License Agreement with Matanuska Telephone Association for the MTA

Main Motion: Action Memorandum No. 22-011: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Three-year Brand License Agreement with Matanuska Telephone Association for the MTA Events Center

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Acteson reported correspondence pages and white paper were Items Placed on the Table.

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- Correspondence from Mike Coons.
- White paper from Economic review from John Moosey.
- Correspondence from Sammie Pokryfki.

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Coons:

- Encouraged the Council Members to write a letter to Joe Biden to lift vaccine mandate to allow truckers into Canada.

Dickey Hudgins:

- Spoke regarding United Way allocations and his disapproval of some of the ways that money is used in the city.

Eric Anderson:

- Spoke regarding plaque placement discussion and the great character of "The Hammer".
- Encouraged Council to do their homework on ordinances and policies prior to meetings.

Jackie Goforth:

- Recited from the City code of ethics.
- Demand of resignation of Council Members that are the subject of current recall petitions.

Brice Burkhardt:

- Gave appreciation for grant approval for the Who Let The Girls Out event.

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Daniels:

- Welcomed New Council Member Carolina Anzilotti.
- Apologized to the family of Dave "The Hammer" and requested support for directing the City Manager to find an appropriate place to put up the memorial plaque while the Council revisits the memorial/donation policy. Deputy Mayor Melin offered support in the form of a second.

Council Member Best objected and requested a formal vote of the body.

Main Motion: To Direct the City Manager to find a temporary place to hang the plaque while the Council works on the donation/memorial policy.

Moved by:	Daniels
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	3-Yes/ 4-No; opposed – Valerius, Best, Combs, and Anzilotti
Action:	Motion Failed

Council Member Best provided a detailed explanation for his objection, noting that it would not be fair to the Hammer family to temporarily put the plaque up and then possibly having to remove it based on the revised policy. Discussion followed.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Apologized to the Hammer family and looks forward to moving forward with a revised policy.

Council Member Combs:

- Spoke in favor a permanent solution versus a quick fix for the donation policy issue.
- Welcomed the new Deputy City Clerk.

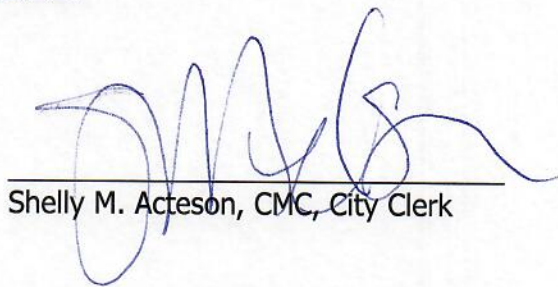
O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved this 2nd day of January, 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk